

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 13 November 2016



Men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Luke 21:12

Confessions:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm
 Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 12th Sun 13th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	William Brady & Betty Webster (RIP) Mary Margaret Owens (A) Parishioners
Mon 14th		10.00 am	Requiem: Rhona Cullen
Tue 15th		7.00 pm	Pious List
Wed 16th		12 noon	Pious List
Thu 17th		12 noon	Pious List
Fri 18th	Funeral Service	11.30 am	Bernard Leech
Sat 19th Sun 20th	Vigil Christ the King	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Helen and Peter Kane (A) David Larkin (A)

PLEASE PRAY for all who are sick and housebound or in hospital, for all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



ANNIVERSARIES: Christopher Kelly, Patricia Burns, Ellen McCann, John Patrick Connolly, Elizabeth Edwards, Frederick Williams, Jim Charles, Mary Margaret Owens, Phil Thompson, Dorothy Margaret Cowan, Mary Anne Byrne, Lilian Moran, Martha Wallace, Henry Gerard Mason, John Joseph Healy, Helen and Peter Kane, David Larkin.

LATELY DEAD: Monsignor Canon James Commins, Brenda Cotter (nee Roberts), Rhona Cullen, Bernard Leech.

PIETY SHOP. We now have a selection of Christmas Cards and gifts for sale in the Piety Shop.

TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



TEA AND COFFEE will be served after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

IF SOMEONE IS ILL

If you, or someone you know of, becomes ill, goes into hospital, or is no longer able to get to Mass, please contact the parish office 0151 727 2493.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Harry and Vera Mason** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mary Margaret Owens (A)**



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass to discuss it. A date can be arranged, for a Sunday, after completion of a three-week course.

Courses are held in:

January for baptisms in **Feb, March and April**

April for baptisms in **May, June and July**

July for baptisms in **Aug Sept and Oct**

October for baptisms in **Nov, Dec and Jan.**

Retreat Weekend Away for Parish Young People

(of secondary school age 11-18)

17- 19 March 2017 in Keswick.

Transport to Keswick by parish minibus leaving the parish Friday, 17 March to arrive in time for supper in Keswick. Minibus returns to the parish in the afternoon of Sunday, 19 March. Cost is £45 per young person or £80 for two siblings.

All details will be confirmed closer to the date. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.

SATURDAY MASS TIME

As a result of the recent vote, from 26th November (1st Sunday of Advent) the new Mass time will be **5.00pm.**

MUSIC ON 20 NOVEMBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 5/6 November

Plate: £408.44 Envelopes: £676.08 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1482.77

LAMP: £186.30

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 5/6 November

6.00pm: 109 9.30am: 188 11.00am: 186

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.



Today, we remember all service men and women who have died defending our country in the two world wars and all recent conflicts.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome to God's family **Mason John Smyth** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

ASSIN FOSO, GHANA FUNDRAISING PAINTINGS

This Sunday (13th November) there will be a sale of pictures painted by Ossie Jones including scenes from Liverpool and Ghana. The pictures are £20 each.

TWIDDLEMUFFS AND KNITTED HATS will be on sale at the back of church throughout Advent.

A **Twiddlemuff** is a double thickness hand muff with bits and bobs attached inside and out. It is designed to provide warmth and stimulation for restless hands particularly for people suffering from dementia.



SAMUEL GROUP for YOUNG ADULTS

starting in Liverpool

Samuel Group is an experience of reflection and prayer for young adults aged between 18 and 30 who are seeking to discern God's will for their lives.

The programme includes:

- * Monthly meetings in Liverpool
- * Sharing with other young adults
- * Guest speakers sharing their story
- * Time of Silent Prayer (Adoration)
- * One to one spiritual direction

The first meeting is on the 27th November at 4pm in **St Charles' Church Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 9PG**

For more information and an application form, contact SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass and a meal on **Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm**. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to the Missionaries of Charity. The Mother Teresa sisters in Seel Street will give these items to the very poor and homeless in Liverpool over the Christmas period. Please leave items in the box at the back of church. Your generous donations are gratefully received.

PARISH MINIBUS



The minibus has become a reliable asset of our parish. It enables elderly parishioners to get to Sunday Mass, provides supplementary transport for our school, takes parish and youth groups to various activities and facilitates the work of the SVP with furniture deliveries. It has been a way of turning the framework of the Beatitudes into practical outcomes.

However, the parishioner who has undertaken the maintenance management is no longer able to do so. No particular mechanical aptitude is required but volunteers should be capable of patience, thoughtfulness and consistency: standard drivers' qualities!

More details of what's entailed via the Parish Office.
It is too useful an asset to lose . . .

MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve, and during Christmas week, oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. Each candle will have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.

If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones please place £5 in an envelope along with their name. Write 'Memorial Candle' on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



SAFEGUARDING

This month our parish is to be audited by the Archdiocese. The purpose of the audit is to ensure our safeguarding procedures are in place. All volunteers are required to be DBS checked before undertaking roles involving children and vulnerable adults. Please check that your DBS certificates are up to date. (Renewal every 3 years) If necessary, self declaration forms can be collected from the office.


Christmas Fair
Sunday 20th November
10.30am
in St Charles Meeting Rooms. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.
If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, then please bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

If you can help at the Christmas Fair please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

1st Prize - Food Hamper
2nd Prize - Bottle Bourbon
3rd Prize - £10.00

Tickets on sale after all Masses.



HOSPICE AFRICA - A HUGE THANK YOU

Dr Anne Merriman who spoke about her work with Hospice Africa on 2nd October wishes once again to thank Fr James and the parishioners for their enormous generosity - a further donation of £700 has been received bringing the total raised to over £1644.

MARRIAGE ENQUIRERS

For all enquirers about weddings please see Fr. Preston after one of the weekend Masses. Wedding bookings and preparation cannot be arranged by email. If you are getting married at St. Charles and St. Thomas More, or abroad, six months notice is required for the necessary paperwork to be completed.



**St Charles and St Thomas More
Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
& Assisi
Led by Fr James Preston
Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017**

For further information and booking form contact:

Fr James Preston - Tel 0151 727 2493 or
Gill Didino - Tangney Tours, Pilgrim House,
Station Court, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8AF.
www.tangney-tours.com Tel: 01732 88 66 66
Email: gill@tangney-tours.com

PARISH BINGO every Friday evening at 7.30pm
in the Meeting Room.

SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.

MESSY CHURCH Last Saturday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

CUPPA AND CHAT each Monday 10.30am - 12 noon. Young and old are invited, bring your toddler or baby along if you wish.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

PENSIONERS CLUB Mondays at 2pm.

PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 – 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP for children in Years 4- 6 meets on Monday evenings 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

BINGO Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

TEA AND COFFEE is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

SOUP AND A ROLL is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35) meets on the third Wednesday of every month for Mass and a Meal.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS. There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available at the back of church before Mass.