

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 19th November 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th Sun 19th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Margaret Owens (A) Peter & Helen Kane (A) Parishioners
Mon 20th		7.00 pm	Pious List
Tue 21st	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	Pious List
Wed 22nd	St Cecilia	12 noon	Pious List
Thu 23rd	St Clement I, Pope and Martyr	12 noon	Pious List
Fri 24th	Ss Andrew Dunglac and Co.	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 25th		10.00 am	Maura & Shaun Leslie (A)
Sat 25th Sun 26th	<b>Vigil Christ the King</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Alice, Hugh & David Larkin (A)

WORK FOR THE LORD!



*You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.*

*Matthew 25:23*

### Confessions:

Mon 6.15 - 6.45 pm

Sat 9.30.-9.45 am

4.30 - 4.45 pm

**REVISED TIMES**

**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:** Lilian Moran, Martha Wallace, Henry Gerard Mason, John Joseph Healy, John Dennis Douglas, David Christopher Larkin, Alice and Hugh Larkin, Irene Margaret Mannion, Doreen Lynskey, Anthony Paul Cooney, James Stewart Oates, Mary Elizabeth Philburn, Mary Wilcox, Mary Margaret Owens, Peter and Helen Kane, Maura and Shaun Leslie.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Harry Sheridan

**LATELY DEAD:** Ray Carroll, Derek and Alicja Cowell, Alice Adams



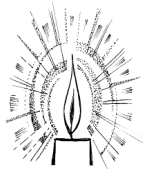
to any visitors and new parishioners.

### PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

A book is placed near St. Anthony's statue in which to write your prayer requests which will be offered to God at the week-end Masses.

**Please remember all those on the Pious List in your prayers.**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **The Holy Souls** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Paul McNicholl**



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Hektor de Villiers Brett** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



## 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.

## 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**

## In this season of Remembrance, James

Finnegan, who is living here in the House of Discernment, will deliver a talk on the role of British Christianity in the commemoration of those who have died in war. This will take place in the Hall after the 7pm Mass on Monday 20th November. Refreshments will be provided.

## The annual **CAFOD Liverpool Memorial**

**Mass** for the relatives and friends of deceased supporters of CAFOD will take place as the normal Saturday Vigil Mass on **Saturday 25 November at 5.30pm at Sacred Heart, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 3BP** and you are most welcome to attend. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available afterwards.



## New Altar Servers

We currently need more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses. If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to serve at Mass, please bring him/her along 15 minutes before Mass begins and they will start to receive training.



## MUSIC ON 26 November

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



## 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.



## OFFERTORY 11/12 November

Plate: £589.05 Envelopes: £627.43 S/O: £411.25

**Total: £1627.73**

**Boiler £93.32**

**York Raffle (boiler) £42.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Christmas Day Mass Intentions.

Many parishioners ask for a Mass to be said on Christmas Day. To try to accommodate everyone, as in previous years, we will have a Novena of Masses. If you wish someone to be remembered please put their name and a donation in an envelope and hand it in to the parish office.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 11/12 November

5.00pm: 151 9.30am: 129 11.00am: 169

**Total: 449**

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks (**NO CLOTHES**) 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.

## Christmas Fair

After all Masses, Saturday & Sunday, 2nd & 3rd December

in St Charles Meeting Rooms.  
Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.  
Admission adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, or bottles for the Tombola (**NO BRIC-A-BRAC or TOYS**) 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

If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 1.30-3.00pm in Parish Meeting Hall  
All are welcome! Come and meet us!

This month's activities:

Thursday, 23rd November - Quiz  
Thursday, 30th November - Christmas Crafts

Please pray for **Carl Mugan** who will be ordained a Deacon by Archbishop McMahon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon in our Church. All parishioners welcome to attend the ordination.



**Thought for the Week:** If you bring strength and support to another person you are an angel to that person... "a messenger of God".

## EMBRACE LIVERPOOL - CALLED – “COME YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED”

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral  
25 November 9.30 – 6pm



An exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool. Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic workshops! Bring your friends, let's pack out the Cathedral and show that the Church is ALIVE.

Register now [EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK](http://EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK)

## LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

The weekend of the 25/26<sup>th</sup> November is to be the beginning of the LiveSimply journey for all of us in the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More. As a parish and as individuals we are already doing many things to live more simply. To recognise what we do and to develop it further, the Justice and Peace Group has applied to CAFOD to become a *LiveSimply Parish*



**CAFOD**  
just one world

We are hoping that many of you will become involved with this Parish initiative. *Watch this space!*



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

- 1st Prize - Food Hamper
- 2nd Prize - Wine Hamper
- 3rd Prize - Bottle of Whisky



Tickets on sale after Mass.

## Carol Service 7.30 pm Thursday 21st December

### Calling all choristers!

Rehearsals have started for our annual carol service each Wednesday in the church starting at 7.00 pm and lasting about an hour. All ages and levels of ability welcome. Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson for more details.



## WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

## A Vocation Prayer

Almighty God,

You have given me the gift of life and the gift of your Holy Spirit. For these incredible gifts, I thank you. Help me to use them well. Deepen within me a desire to do your will.

Help me to hear and answer your call to serve you.

Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me.

As a loving spouse and parent in the Sacrament of Marriage. As a single person living a life of generous service, or through a special call to serve you in Religious life or the Priesthood.

May your Holy Spirit keep me close to your Son, Jesus, and help me to say Yes to Him with the gift of my life.

## PIZZA AND PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP

Exciting new start for the **Pizza & Prayers youth group** working as a team to discuss what 'Church' means to us. We were thinking about all the people who support our church in the many diverse ways that keep us together as a church family. Our next meeting will be this Sunday **19th of November 6.30-8 pm in the meeting room**. All secondary school age pupils welcome.

*He Comes to make all things new*



**A Penitential Service For Advent**

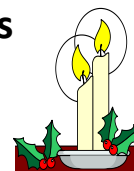
**18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

## Christmas Services



**Sunday 17th December**

3.00 pm Children's Nativity



**Thursday 21st December,**

7.30 pm Carol Service

**Saturday 23rd December, Vigil Mass**

5.00 pm Mass

**Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve**

9.30 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

4.30 pm Carols

5.00 pm Family Mass

(First Mass for Christmas for children and young families)

12.00 Midnight Mass

**Monday 25th December, Christmas Day**

9.30 am and 11.00 am

**Tuesday 26th December, Boxing Day**

12.00 noon

## ADVENT TAIZE SERVICES

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.30pm**



There will be a Taize Service of Prayer and reflection, complete with beautiful hymns from the Taize Community to prepare ourselves to welcome the Infant Jesus at Christmas.

Let us wait for the Lord with prayer on our lips and a song in our heart.