

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 22nd January 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John & Maria McCarthy (A) Parishioners Thomas and Mary Cleary
Mon 23rd		10.00 am	Coelho and Fernandes Family
Tue 24th	St Francis de Sales	7.00pm	Special Int (PG)
Wed 25th	Conversion of St Paul	12 noon	Kath Hamilton (SI)
Thu 26th	SS Timothy & Titus	12 noon	Kathleen Margaret Roberts (A)
Fri 27th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 28th Sun 29th	Vigil 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John Wilcox (A) Veronica Corcoran (A) Parishioners



And he said to them: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Mt 4 : 19-20

Confessions:

Tue. 6.15pm—6.45pm
 Sat. 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

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: Pat Taylor, John & Maria McCarthy, Ronnie Gray, Margaret Langhorn, Sheila Morgan, Alcuin Feeney, Francis Chapman, Martha Wills, Catherine Evans, Leroy Walker, Elizabeth Quinn, Bridie Davies, Nonnie Codd, Thomas Ware, Ellen Kearney, Kathleen Roberts, John Wilcox Veronica Corcoran.

LATELY DEAD: John Meade, Kathleen Rae, Stephen Harndon, Margaret Patricia Kay.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

PIETY SHOP open before, and after, all week-end Masses.

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in this section of the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested. Please contact the Parish Office.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for a **Special Intention (DM)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Daisy McAndrew**



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AND THE MARIAN CANDLE can be requested for many reasons. A dedication to a member of your family, young or old, living or dead. For a friend who is in need of prayer. An anniversary, or for yourself for a private intention. Choose a particular week throughout the year, put the name and date on an envelope together with a donation and give it to Fr James or bring it to the parish office.

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.**

CAN YOU HELP? There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

MUSIC ON 28 JANUARY

9.30 am MUSIC GOUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 14/15 Jan

Plate: £513.27 Envelopes: £644.98 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1556.50

Tea money (Lourdes): £20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 14/15 Jan

5.00pm: 162 9.30am: 187 11.00am: 187

Happy New Year from the Ghana Committee!

We have had our first meeting of the year and we have some exciting fundraising ideas planned for the coming year. We are looking to set up a 50 – 50 Club hopefully around Easter; we will let you know more about this soon.

Our first event is a quiz, which will take place in the parish hall on **Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm.** Tickets will be available soon at the back of church after Mass or through the parish office. If anyone is able to donate a prize for the raffle, we would be very grateful if you could drop it into the office please.

Another idea is to hold car boot sales on the new car park when the weather is a bit warmer. We are looking for volunteers to run this. If anyone is interested please let us know. If anyone has any other suggestions or could offer any support with fundraising please do let us know by emailing sooziemurray@hotmail.com.

Thanks for all of your support.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

St Charles and St Thomas More

Come and join us here at 6.00pm on Tuesday 31st January 2017 for our first monthly meeting of the New Year. Thank you for all your support .



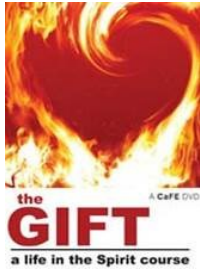
St Charles and St Thomas More Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

**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

'The Gift'

In response to Proclaim 15 and Pope Francis' call for 'spirit-filled evangelisers', CaFE have been invited to run a pilot course of the very powerful new GIFT DVD series for the whole Diocese in **Christ The King Parish Club, Score Lane** (Pedestrian access via Queens Dr), Liverpool L14 6AW



The whole course will be shown and led by CaFE with a local team, over two Saturdays, **4th and 25th February 2017**. Tea /coffee from 9.30am finishing at 4.00pm.

Mass with the Archbishop will complete the second Saturday.

'We need to be fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit'.

www.faithcafe.org

OTHER PASTORAL FORMATION EVENTS

Children's Liturgy afternoon

with Jo Boyce and Friends of CJM Music, Sun 5 February, 2-5pm, LACE, Croxteth Drive L17 1AA. £10.

For info 0151 522 1040 or email m.knight@rcaol.co.uk.

Save the date for this joyous occasion:

Blessed Oscar Romero

Centenary Celebration

19 March, 11am in the Cathedral. More details to follow!



PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

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

PIZZA AND PRAYERS meets this Sunday evening 6:30-8.00pm in the parish meeting room. This group is for all young people in Year 7 to sixth form. Everyone welcome!

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 1st February at 7.30pm**. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk.



FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm
in the Parish Meeting Room.

"Woman in Gold"

starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds, based on the incredible true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family in Vienna during World War II.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

Call the Parish Office 727 2493. Proceeds to Ghana.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

If you haven't already done so please contact the parish office and make an appointment for the next parents' meeting with Fr James.



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.

“Good News from the Messy Church Team



We would like to say ‘Thank You’ for your support over the last year. We have had donations of Time, Materials and Money which mean Messy Church is thriving. Particularly, we would like to thank the kind parishioner who made a generous donation at Christmas time.

Our first Messy Church of 2017 is themed a ‘Winter Wonderland’ and is on 28th January 11-1pm in the church hall. All are welcome, so feel free to come along and join us or pop in to see what we get up to.

The Messy Church team is a healthy mix of individuals with different skills and strengths, aged from 13 upwards, who make each event interesting, fun and safe. If you like crafts and messiness and would like to get involved regularly, or occasionally, please get in touch.

For more information follow us on Facebook L17 – Messy Church or call Nickie on 07545 613590.”

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.

Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ Sisters) Discernment & Vocation

A weekend retreat for young women, reflecting on the vocation to religious life 27th – 29th January, FCJ Community, New Cross, London.

For more information see poster in porch.

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 9.30 am - 11.30 am 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.