

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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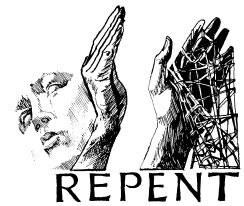
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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 24th January**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 21st January 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 20th Sun 21st	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen Welsh (bd) Parishioners Diane Scanlon (Enright) (A)
Mon 22nd		7.00 pm	Brian Brookes (bd)
Tue 23rd		9.30 am	Pat Gilbert
Wed 24th	St Francis de Sales	No Mass	
Thu 25th	Conversion of St Paul Requiem	12 noon	Dorothy Mary Kean
Fri 26th	Funeral Service	10.45am	Catherine Angell
Sat 27th Sun 28th	Vigil 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners Mary & Thomas Cleary



"The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News"

Mark 1:15

Confessions:

Mon No Confessions
 Sat 4.30 - 4.45 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: Vincent Higgins, Kathleen Roberts, Diane Scanlon, Marie Ferguson, Patricia Taylor, Ronnie Gray, Margaret Langhorn, Sheila Morgan, Alcuin Edward Feeny, Francis Chapman, Martha Wills, Catherine Evans, Leroy Walker, Elizabeth Ann Quinn, Bridie Davies, Nonnie Codd, Thomas Ware.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams,

LATELY DEAD: Dorothy Kean, Rosalind Rita Connor, Catherine Angell, Eithne Byrne, Philip McGovern

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.

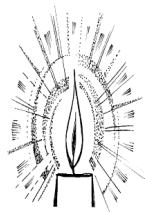
DAILY MASS

Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall on **Monday and Tuesday** this week and both funerals on **Thursday and Friday** will take place in Church. Thank you for your co-operation.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Jimmy Stephen & Eileen Burns** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Cali Ledgeway (bd)**.



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.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The next meeting for the First Holy Communion Preparation is on Thursday 25th January and Saturday 27th January in the Parish Hall.



MUSIC ON 28 JANUARY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

OFFERTORY 13/14 January

Plate: £549.87 Envelopes: £544.27 S/O: £426.25
Total: £1520.39

Boiler Fund	£ 5.00
Lourdes Tea Money	£35.30

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 13/14 January

5.00pm: 158 9.30am: 181 11.00am: 185
Total: 524

Thought for the Week:

Silence is an opinion. Inaction is an action.

Divorced and Separated Catholics

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics starts in February 2018. This course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce, or those who are already divorced, whether recent or at any time in the past. The small groups are informative, affirming, free & confidential.

To book a place on the course held in Aintree:
Contact Maureen O'Brien 07967753371.

To book a place on the course held in South Liverpool:
contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195

WANTED: USED STAMPS



Please cut out stamps leaving a wide border before throwing the envelope away. There is a box at the back of church to collect them for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

If anyone can help serve in the Piety Shop after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9.30am Mass on Sunday please contact the Parish Office.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

Just to remind all volunteers who were DBS checked in 2015, or before, they will need to renew their certificates during 2018. Thanks in anticipation for your co-operation.

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.



Pizza & Prayers would like to thank the Friends of The Assin Foso church group for an excellent talk on their fundraising and the history of the Assin Foso church and school in Ghana last week! We aim to start a friendship via letter writing with the school as a result! A very inspiring talk! Thankyou once again from Pizza & Prayers



CASTLERIGG MANOR—Youth Retreat

The Pizza and Prayers Youth Group will be going on retreat to Castlerigg Manor youth retreat centre in Keswick 23-25 February. Please return the paperwork, permission forms and your payment for this weekend which is £45 per person and £80 for two children from one family.

If you are interested in going but do not attend the youth group, please contact Fr James.

Friends of Assin Foso Parish and School

We welcome your support through the lucky numbers draw, which 90 people have signed up for and which provides a regular monthly income. It is still possible to sign up for a number so if you are interested please pick up a form from the back of church and drop it off to the office or the sacristy

We have also set up a Just Giving page where donations can be made, this is available at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anthony-wardale>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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



Afternoon Tea

All are welcome – Thursdays 1.30-3pm in the Parish Meeting Room

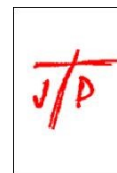
This terms topics and activities are:



25 th January	Herbs for health
1 st February	Holy Land PowerPoint
8 th February	Fun Quiz
15 th February	HALF TERM BREAK
22 nd February	Tai Chi
1 st March	South Africa PowerPoint
8 th March	My favourite poem
15 th March	Moscow PowerPoint
22 nd March	Children's Voices of the Second World War
29 th March	EASTER BREAK

St Charles & St Thomas More Justice & Peace Group

Interested in the Christian and humanitarian work of welcoming a Syrian Refugee family resettle in a new home and begin a new life here?



Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked churches to help welcome Syrian refugees, after the Government decided to end its scheme for resettling refugee children.

Cardinal Vincent has urged parishes to join the **Community Sponsorship Scheme**, in which local groups can take responsibility for finding a house for a refugee family, and offering training, basic goods, and other help.

Dr Phil McCarthy, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, said "The UK has a duty to play its full part in providing sanctuary for such children."

With this Christian duty of "sanctuary" in mind we are inviting you to -

an Open Meeting at St Charles on Tuesday 30th January 7.30PM – 9.00PM.

This is to explore the Community Sponsorship Scheme with a positive view of taking forward an application to resettle a family within the shelter of parish communities of St Annes, Overbury St, St Charles, Aigburth and Anglican parishes already interested in the area.

The **Annual 'Peace' Lecture** is on at LACE , 4pm this Sunday afternoon

LENT

Ash Wednesday 14th February.

Mass will be at 12noon and 7.00pm.

Mass times during Lent are as follows.

Monday	7.00pm
Tuesday	7.30am
Wednesday	8.15am in St Charles School Hall
Thursday	12.00noon
Friday	7.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

are at 7.30pm on Friday Evenings

LENTEN HOUSE MASSES

During the Season of Lent, I would like to offer the opportunity for families and individuals to host house Masses in their homes. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, we could gather in a different home and celebrate Mass with hymns followed by a time of fellowship. These Masses prove a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbours, especially the lapsed. It is a great way of sanctifying the season and hopefully help build a community in different neighbourhoods across the parish. Please ring the office if you wish to host a Mass in your home.

Jesus is Truly in the Blessed Sacrament.

Alive and Present.

The most exciting DVD of our time.

This will be shown on **Thursday 15th February at 7pm**

in the Parish Hall.

Everyone welcome

THE REAL PRESENCE



"Keep close to Me,
and in Me you will find peace."

~ Jesus Christ

A New Year Resolution

In November 2017 Pope Francis remarked, "And when we go to Mass, maybe we come five minutes before and we start to chit-chat with those beside us. However it is not time to talk, it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for dialogue. It is time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said... the Mass is not a show, but a place where we go to meet with the Lord and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Stay silent together with Jesus. And from the mysterious silence of God comes his Word that resounds in our heart. Jesus himself teaches us how it is really possible to "stay with the Father and demonstrate it with his prayer." There have been some comments that our Church is far too noisy before Mass. We could do well to follow the recommendation of the Holy Father and have some very quiet time before Mass to speak to God, and then to everyone else afterwards.



An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament.

St Charles', (Aigburth Rd, Aigburth, L17 9PG) will hold an evening of praise and worship music with scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday 23rd January** starting at 7:00pm and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. The evening will be led by Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team. **All are welcome to attend.**



Film Night

HIDDEN FIGURES

Monday 5th February at 7.30pm.

Hidden figures tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. This visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.

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.

