

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter (C) - 10th April 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th Sun 10th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Geoffrey Pellegrini Snr (A) Parishioners Tommy Brown & Tommy Smith
Mon 11th	<b>Requiem</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sheila Joy</b>
Tue 12th		7.00 pm	Mary Wilcox (Id)
Wed 13th	<b>Requiem</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Eleanor Draper</b>
Thu 14th		12 noon	Marie Mulhearn (A)
Fri 15th		<b>No Mass</b>	Church open for private prayer
Sat 16th Sun 17th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Marie Celeste Hanlon (A) Parishioners Stanley Fearn (RIP)



*Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.*  
 John 21:14

**Confessions:**

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

**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:** Denis John Reid, Margaret Mary Symons, Geoffrey Joseph Pellegrini, Josephine Mellon, Veronica Bryan, James Edward Bailey, Margaret Mary McAteer, Mary Sexton, Margaret Fealey, Elsie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Lafferty, Owen John Connor.

**LATELY DEAD:** Sheila Joy, Eleanor Draper. Margaret Kirby, Winifred Curley, Kathy Furey, Jean Jones.

There will be tea and coffee after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.

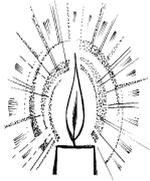


**There will be an obligatory collection after all Masses next week for the Priests' Training Fund.**

**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 **Scott Leng** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Irene Grant**.



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Heidi Victoria Meredith** who will be baptised today. We ask you to pray for her and her family.



## 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.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church [stcharles@church.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@church.org.uk) or Joe Champion-Williams [champij@hope.ac.uk](mailto:champij@hope.ac.uk).

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their baby/child baptised are required to attend a preparation course of 3 sessions, after which you can arrange a date for Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass.

## OFFERTORY 2/3 April

Plate: £680.97 Envelopes: £ 530.77 S/O: £368.50  
**Total: £1580.24**

### Lourdes Fund

Tea Money £ 23.38

Cuppa & Chat £ 60.00

Donation £ 20.00

Restoration fund £ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 2/3 April

6.00pm: 147 9.30am: 159 11.00am: 185

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Are you interested in journeying with parents as they prepare for their child to be baptised?



The Baptism Preparation Team accompanies parents as they approach the Sacrament which welcomes their child into the Church. It is a wonderful way to participate in, and sustain, the life of the Parish. If you think you might like to join in, come along to the Presbytery [on Monday 11th April at 7.00pm](#) to meet Fr. James and the team. All are welcome! No prior experience needed!

## TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

At the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane  
Liverpool L15 6WT

Apr 12th, May 10th, Jun 14th, Jul 12th, Sep 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th

These days are for anyone involved in ministry or the service of others. With time for silence and personal reflection they help to re-charge our energies. Days begin at 10am, with coffee, and end about 4pm. Please bring your own food, tea and coffee provided. Offering for the day is £10 per person.

For further information contact Sr Winnie Morley, 0151 722 2271, [winniecenacle@mail.com](mailto:winniecenacle@mail.com)

## PATHWAYS

Four weeks on different ways of praying. The remaining dates are **April 12, 19, and 26th** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. The meetings will last about an hour and hopefully we'll have time for a cup of tea as well.

Prayer is one of the ways we develop our own relationship with God. He speaks to us in a language we understand, so different ways of praying appeal to different people. Someone said, "Pray as you can, not as you can't."

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still an number of envelopes that have not been collected. **If anyone else would like to use envelopes please put your name and address on the list at the back of church.**

In order that we can budget for the financial needs of the parish it is helpful to have offertory envelopes so that we can estimate our yearly income.

## MUSIC ON 17th APRIL

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP

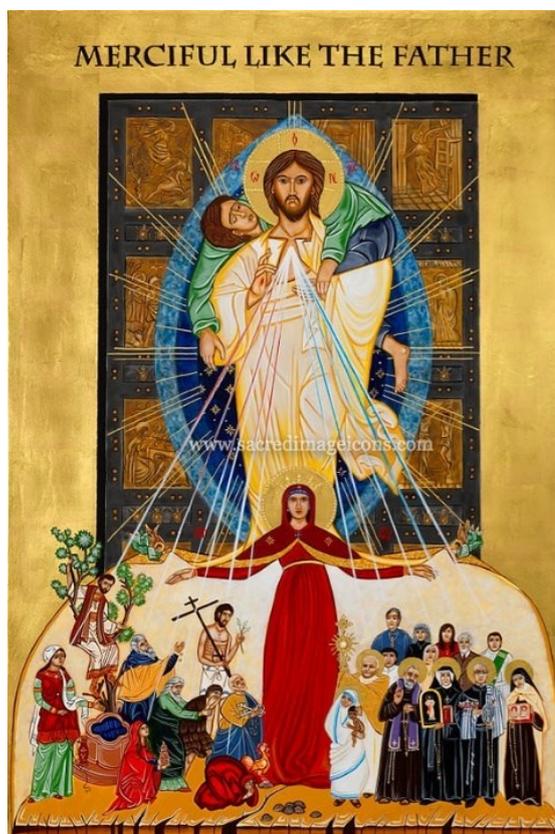


## Jubilee Year of Mercy Icon "Merciful Like the Father"

Pope Francis announced 2015/2016 to be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year, calling it 'The Year of Mercy', and has made the official motto, 'Merciful Like the Father.' This icon was produced by the artist, Vivian Imbruglia, in response to that proclamation.

The icon shows Jesus the Good Shepherd standing in front of the Holy Door. The Holy Door is the northernmost entrance to St. Peter's Basilica. The door itself is rich in symbolism showing sixteen scenes. It is ordinarily completely shut, only to be opened during Jubilee years.

Jesus the Good Shepherd is carrying the lost soul. From Him comes red & white **Divine Mercy** rays. The rays extend down to figures who receive and convey His mercy. On the one side are Biblical figures who received mercy, all seven who are mentioned in the official Year of Mercy Prayer including Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman, Mary Magdalene, the adulteress, Peter after his betrayal, the good thief, and Matthew the tax collector, along with the prodigal son. On the other side are great saints who shared the Father's mercy including St John Paul II, Blessed Mother Theresa, St Padre Pio, St Faustina, St Maximilian Kolbe, and St Therese of Lisieux. Also with the saints are regular people who endeavour to share God's mercy to those around them. All of these figures are under the mantle of **Mary the Mother of Mercy**, through whom the Holy Father has asked us to turn to for intercession.



The artist came up with a sketch for this icon, which she brought to Adoration on a crumpled piece of paper. She knelt, laid open the sketch, and asked if this was the image that would draw people in. In response, she felt peace.

For the next month, Imbruglia worked feverishly, spending 10 to 12 hours a day in her California studio creating—or to use the technical term, writing—an icon inspired by Pope Francis's prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Her neck strained, her arm hurt, but she kept going. She prayed the Our Lady Undoer of Knots novena over and over, played a musical meditation on divine mercy more than 50 times, listened to St. Faustina's diary twice, and researched everything she could about divine mercy.

She began her work on July 1<sup>st</sup> and by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 she had finished. It was the most physically exhausting icon she'd ever produced. Imbruglia sat back, poured herself half a glass of wine, and stared at her painting, praying that it would pull people in and help them understand the Pope's message of mercy.

Imbruglia created the painting to be viewed alongside the prayer, so viewers can read a line and then look at the painting. As the viewer's eye trails down the image, she or he will see Zacchaeus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter, who are mentioned in the prayer, and then next to them, ordinary people. She included everyday people because...

***'It's you and I who need to be practicing these acts of mercy throughout this year.'***

**The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics** will start in late April 2016. We welcome Catholics and other Christians, who are divorced or separated recently, or in the past, or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. **For information or to book a place please contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195.** General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 [m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)



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

Led by Fr James Preston

Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017

Price: £680.00 per person - Ground Package Only.

Flight price to be advised once available from Jet 2 Manchester.

Estimated flight cost £220 - Minimum 30 passengers.

Single Rooms £118 - only 6 available at this price - any further £190 pp.

Travel Insurance £31 per person.

## Package includes:

- Full services of courier for the duration of tour.
- 4 nights half board accommodation in Rome - Hotel Domus Carmelitana
- 3 nights in Assisi HB - La Rocca.
- Full itinerary including Daily Mass and walking tours of local areas
- Half day Guided Tours of Rome and Assisi including coach.

Deposit: £200 per person (plus insurance premium if required)

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 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.

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

## PAINTING

The Meeting Room will be getting painted week commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> May**, so unfortunately all clubs and groups will have to be cancelled for one week only. Thank you for your co-operation.

## MISSION BOX

Will the person who left the APF Mission Box to be emptied, please collect it from the Sacristy and leave their name and address. Thank you.

## COFFEE MORNING

**18th April 10.30 - 12.00**

The Cuppa and Chat Team will host a coffee morning in memory of Sophie Armstrong. All proceeds will go to



Please try to attend to raise as much as possible for this worthy cause.

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and scones etc and any items for a raffle. Raffle prizes can be left in the box at the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office. Donations of cakes on the day, please.

Many thanks, Margaret 427 0407

## PIETY SHOP

We have a large selection of Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, invitations, rosary beads and prayer books now available for sale in the Piety Shop.

## 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.