

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter (A) - 30th April 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29th Sun 30th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	May Doogan Parishioners Thomas Rowan (Id)
Mon 1st	St Joseph the worker	10.00 am	Brendan Halpin (A)
Tue 2nd		<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed 3rd	Ss Philip & James apostles	12.00 noon	Deicy Foran
Thu 4th	English Martyrs	<b>No Mass</b>	
Fri 5th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 6th Sun 7th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners George Plummer (A) Bob McCappin (A)



*He took the bread and said the blessing; then broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him.*

*Luke 24:30*

**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:** Mary Frances Lloyd, Ann Newman, Margaret Makin, Florence Mary Ferguson, Felix Sawko, Bertice Ann Birch, Margaret Foran, George Plummer, Mary Franken, Elizabeth Grace Drennan, Francis Bernard Traynor, Robert Edward McCappin.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Deicy Foran, John Hookes.

**LATELY DEAD:** Wendy Gimblett, Eileen Anne Costello

**Thought for the Week:**

*Life breaks all of us sometimes but some grow strong out of broken pieces.*

**Dates for your Diary**

**May Procession** Sunday 14th May at 3pm  
**Parish Picnic** Sunday 28th May  
**40 Hours Exposition** Sunday 25th to  
 Wednesday 28th June

## becoming a Dementia Friendly Church

Friday 19th May 2017, 10.00am - 4.00pm at LACE Conference Centre, L17 1AA

Professor Emeritus June Andrews is the former Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University and author of *Dementia: the One Stop Guide*. Since she was last in Liverpool, Professor Andrew's expertise in dementia has taken her to Canada, the USA, Germany and Sweden as well as many parts of the UK and she has received an OBE for her services to people with dementia.

Gina Shaw, a former Nurse Manager living with dementia, is the 'poster girl' for the Dementia Friends campaign and a member of our diocesan Dementia Working Group. Gina's favourite work is visiting schools to help children understand dementia and learn how to support people living with dementia.

To book a place contact Maureen Knight at the Pastoral Formation Department  
m.knight@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1046.

*There is no charge for the conference and lunch will be provided, but please book early as places are limited and will be in great demand.*

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vocations** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Teddy Love**.



## 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.

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Just a reminder of the next 2 meetings:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.

## MUSIC on 7th MAY

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



## OFFERTORY 22/23 April

Plate: £616.92 Envelopes: £725.27 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1710.69**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## GIFT AID

As the new Tax Year begins, and if you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your contribution whether through envelopes or Standing Order. To do so, please contact the parish office. For every £1.00 given the parish can claim back 25p extra which is a great boost to our annual income. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**The Parish Finance Group.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 22/23 April

5.00pm: 157 9.30am: 223 11.00am: 178

**Total: 558**

## PIETY SHOP

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

## 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.

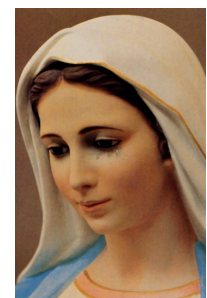
### YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass on **Wednesday 10th May at 7pm** in church, followed by talks and a meal in the Presbytery. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church: [stcharles@church.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@church.org.uk)

### MAY PROCESSION

**Sunday 13th May at 3pm in Church.**

Rosary and Litany followed by procession in the garden. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.



### Dear Toddlers

We meet every **Wednesday** morning in term-time from 9.30 – 11.30am in the Parish Hall.


We play with toys and games, sing songs, listen to stories and enjoy a drink and snack together.

Great fun!!!

You will need to bring a parent or adult carer with you. Hope you can come along.

### 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.



**Justice and Peace Group**  
**St Charles and St Thomas More**


**Pax Christi:**  
 1. Next Tuesday May 2nd at 7pm at Sacred Heart Presbytery Low Hill L7 8TN  
 2. If you are interested in the Cenacle Day on Non-Violence with Pat Gaffney contributing to the programme on May 6<sup>th</sup>–10am 4pm could you confirm by return email to: [janharper1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janharper1@yahoo.co.uk) then just bring money on the day.

**Cafod Famine Appeal** for East Africa: After each Mass next Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th a collection will be taken here at St Charles.

Climate Change The **Low Carbon Liverpool Debate:**  
 6.00 – 7.30 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Victoria Gallery Museum. Admission – Free  
 This event will ask what more can be done to make Liverpool more environmentally sustainable, and how the new city region can take further steps to become a global climate leader.

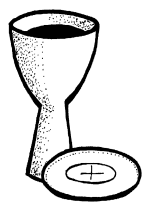
**CUPPA AND CHAT**

The Cuppa & Chat group will not be meeting on May bank holiday Monday. Back to normal Monday 8th May.



**CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING**

I would like to invite all those children who will have made their First Holy Communion this summer along with their parents to a short service of thanksgiving in Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall and games in the garden. Please inform the parish office if you are able to attend.  
 God Bless, Fr James.




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

**CAR PARK**  
 Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.

**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.




**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.

**AUCTION OF ARTWORK**

The **Lourdes Fund** and **Friends of Assin Foso** are holding an Auction of paintings by **Ossie Jones** in the Meeting Room on Thursday 22nd June and would be grateful for any donations of Raffle Prizes.




Thank you for your generosity.



**FILM NIGHT**  
**Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm**  
 in the Parish Meeting Room.  
**"A Street Cat named Bob"**

This film tells the moving and life-affirming true story of the unlikely friendship between a young, homeless busker, James Bowen, and the stray ginger cat named Bob who changed his life.

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.  
**Proceeds to Ghana.**



**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.

