

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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3rd Sunday of Lent (A) - 19th March 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th Sun 19th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Nancy Ward (A) Parishioners Kathleen Dooley
Mon 20th	St Joseph	10.00 am	Special Int (TF)
Tue 21st		7.00 pm	Special Int (EMcG)
Wed 22nd		8.15am	Mass in School Hall
Thu 23rd		7.30 am 12.00 noon	John Vose (RIP) Requiem: Mary (Molly) Roscoe
Fri 24th	St Patrick	9.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Church open for private prayer Eileen Burns (Id) Stations of the Cross
Sat 25th Sun 26th	Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent (A) Family Mass	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Sophie Armstrong & Family Tony Heron (A) Parishioners



"...anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give him will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14

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: Austin Giblin, Rose Robinson, Susan White, Gerard Mannings, Tony Heron, Kate Swift, Sheila Joy, Trevor Gargan, John Ferguson, Nancy Ward, Mary Doyle,

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Deicy Foran

LATELY DEAD: Mary (Molly) Roscoe, Annie Hughes, Sheila Farrell, Martin Langton, Eileen & Patrick Connole, Kath Hamilton, Cecelia McCarten

Masses to be Celebrated in Schools this week

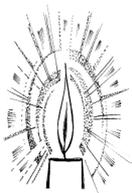
Tue 21st	9am	St Edward's	Brian Mulroy (RIP)
Wed 22nd	8.15am	St Charles	William Kelly (RIP)
Thu 23rd	9am	Bellerive	Adrian Rodriques (RIP)

Thought for the Week:

"The test of Lent is not what we have done for Lent, but what Lent has done for others through

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY.

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



RESURRECTION CANDLES

During Easter there will be the opportunity to burn a candle in memory of a loved one. The candles will be lit on Holy Saturday Night during the Easter Vigil and will be left lit in church for 7 days. 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 write 'Memorial Candle' together with their name on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Alexander Agwu Pearson** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



LITTLE CHURCH - There will be no Children's Liturgy at either mass on Sunday 2nd April as the meeting room is being used for the Spring Fair.

MUSIC ON 26 MARCH

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

The new offertory envelopes are at the back of church for all those who use them. They begin on Sunday 9th April (new tax year). **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.

OFFERTORY 11/12 March

Plate: £534.47 Envelopes: £ 714.91 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1617.88

Tea money (Lourdes): £21.30

CAFOD Lenten Fast: £397.53

Thank you for your generosity.

FAMILY MASS

Mothering Sunday 26th March

Next Sunday, at the 11am Mass, the children will take part in the Liturgy.

SPRING FAIR

Sunday 2nd April 10.30am in St Charles Parish Hall. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.



If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BOOKS or BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, please put them in the box at the back of the church or bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you.

EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal Life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and bringing it to the Parish Office or giving it to Fr James. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the Vigil Mass will be offered up in their names.



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

ONLY THREE PLACES LEFT!

MASS ATTENDANCE 11/12 March

5.00pm: 174 9.30am: 195 11.00am: 187

Total: 556

WHAT IS GOING ON IN LENT

Lent is that special time for renewing our Faith. It is a time to turn back to God and the things that are really important. Below are some suggestions that might help you use this time well.

The Mass: For we who are Catholics, it is very special. It is the place where we meet Jesus Christ in His Word, in the Eucharist and in His people gathered together. During Lent why not try to get to one of the daily Masses in Church. See the newsletter for times of Masses.

The Stations of the Cross: Lent is a journey, it is a pilgrimage of faith with Our Lord to God the Father. On each Friday of Lent at 7.30pm the Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross. Come and unite yourself with Jesus in His journey to Calvary and to God. Alternatively, you could make the Stations by yourself in the quiet of the Church, just spending a few moments at each Station remembering Our Lord's journey.

Visiting the Church: Of course, we can call into Church during the morning to spend quiet minutes in prayer. A Lenten objective would be never to pass the Church without calling in for a moment's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Recitation of the Rosary: This is a Gospel Prayer, it takes place before the Thursday midday Mass.

Spiritual Reading: In Lent we are called to nourish our minds with wholesome reading. You could always settle down with one of the Gospels, or some other Bible reading.

A thought or two for parents: Lent is a good time to do Spiritual things with children. They understand the importance of the Spiritual when they see that it matters to their parents and when the whole family can take part. There are many things that you can do together as a family: a short time of prayer each night, a family visit to Church, going together to Mass during the week, reading a Bible story etc.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

9th April, Palm Sunday:	Blessing of Palms at all Masses, 5pm, 9.30am and 11am
13th April, Holy Thursday:	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet followed by 'watching' until night prayer at 9pm.
14th April, Good Friday:	10am Morning Prayer
	11am Stations of the Cross for Children
	3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
15th April, Holy Saturday:	8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter
16th April, Easter Day Masses:	9.30am and 11am

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 to 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.



FILM NIGHT

Wednesday 5th April at
7.30pm

in the Parish Meeting Room.

"I, Daniel Blake"

Starring **Dave Johns, Hayley Squires, Sharon Percy**

A middle aged carpenter who requires state welfare after suffering a heart attack is joined by a single mother in a similar scenario.

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.

MESSY CHURCH

'Oh, how quickly this year is zooming by! We hope you can slow down and join us for our next Messy Church 25th



March when we will be preparing for Easter.

As always, Messy Church is 11 – 1pm and there is lunch for all. Messy Church is free to attend, though your donations are welcome. If you think this sounds like fun and you would like to get involved or help out, please come along on the day or get in touch.

Messy Blessings. Contact Nickie on 07545 613590

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

VOLUNTEERS if you can help at the Spring Fair, either setting up, or helping on a stall, please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

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

Lent Reflections with Laudato Si (7.30 pm in Parish Meeting Room):

21st March: Session 3 - Conversion to Solidarity.
Margaret Thelwell.

28th March: Session 4 - Opening Our Eyes.
Mel Connell and Messy Church.

4th April: Session 5 - Keeping Faith in Times of Disaster. Pippa Dawson and J&P.

1 March - 9 April, 40 Days for Life HELP SAVE LIVES IN LIVERPOOL!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 19 coordinated campaigns:

- 12,668 babies saved from abortion
- 143 abortion workers converted
- 83 abortion centres closed

Here's how to take part:

- Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside BPAS, 32 Parkfield Road, Liverpool.
- Vigil hours: 8am - 8pm daily
- Local contact: Declan Carroll
- 07584 575867 declancrrll@hotmail.com
- Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

40daysforlife.com/liverpool

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: THE JOY OF LOVE

The challenge of Amoris Laetitia in the home/school/parish context.

Have you booked your place for this interesting and exciting conference on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family?

When: Wednesday 26th April 2017
 Where: LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA
 Time: 10.00am tea/coffee
 10.30am start
 3.00pm end (Lunch included)

Fr Chris Thomas will offer an introduction to Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family, as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice through the lens of the home, parish, school partnership. Fr Chris has been a full-time youth chaplain, university chaplain, parish priest and is now director of the Irenaeus Project. Fr Chris has spoken at conferences in England, Ireland and mainland Europe and is a member of the National Service Team for Charismatic Renewal and a regular contributor to Good News magazine.

There is no charge for the day but booking is essential: please contact Maureen O'Brien 0151 522 1044 or m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk.