

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 28th January 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 27th Sun 28th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners Mary & Thomas Cleary
Mon 29th		7.00 pm	John & Maria McCarthy (A)
Tue 30th		9.30 am	Rose Melvin (A)
Wed 31st	St John Bosco	12 noon	Peter Fanning (bd)
Thu 1st	Requiem	12 noon	Rosalind Rita Connor
Fri 2nd	Presentation of the Lord	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	Vigil 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Veronica Corcoran (A) Parishioners Frank Loftus (A)



"Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1:27

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: Ellen Kearney, Eveline Smith, Geoffrey Philip Morley, Anthony Farrell, Hilda Davies, Catherine O'Hare, Veronica Corcoran, Mary Cecilia Ferguson, Margaret Mary McKeown, Stella McCarthy, John Traynor, Eric Thistlewood, Maurice Davitt, John Kevin Mitchell, Kathleen Bull, John and Maria McCarthy, Rose Melvin, Frank Loftus, Kevin Fay

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams,

LATELY DEAD: Charlotte Golling, Winifred Myles, Frances Leather, Betsy Gallagher.

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.

DAILY MASS

Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** this week. The funeral on **Thursday** will take place in Church.

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.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vincent Higgins** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **John & Maria McCarthy**



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

Today we welcome to God's family **Stevie Elizabeth Robinson** who will be baptised during 11 am Mass. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



MUSIC ON 4 February

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



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 20/21 January

Plate: £532.40 Envelopes: £634.55 S/O: £426.25

Total: £1593.20

Boiler Fund £ 5.00

Lourdes Tea Money £18.60

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 20/21 January

5.00pm: 156 9.30am: 160 11.00am: 195

Total: 511

Thought for the Week:

Sometimes people come into your life not to love you, but to make you feel you are worth loving.

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 recently 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

Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to our Charity Shop and these can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday. We can collect donations on Thursday mornings. To arrange a collection please contact the manager at the shop - Jeannette on jeannette.burnett@nugentcare.org or 0151 737 2951

Lucky number winners

1st prize Moira Hughes

2nd prize Maureen Mason

3rd prize Susan Murray

Well done! You have to be in it to win it!!

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.



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.

Justice and Peace Group

J&P Group meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 30th. New members are very welcome to come and join us then.



The **Community Sponsorship Scheme** to resettle a Syrian family in this area is on at 7.30pm on Tuesday evening in the hall here too! All who wish to get further information to be involved in the project come along to find out more. As there are many aspects to this work please come along if you feel you can contribute to this ecumenical project with St Anne's, Overbury Street as the lead parish at the moment!

Pax Christi Ash Wednesday Witness Walk event: Meet at the bombed out church at 11.45 on Wednesday 14th February.

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 on-going support.

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



Responding to the Call Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 3rd February** at St. Charles' Presbytery, [224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool](https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2018/02/03/saturday-3rd-february-at-st-charles-presbytery/).

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

Choir to celebrate Easter

Calling all choristers! Following on from the carol service we'd like to get you all together again, and of course new members, to prepare music for our Easter services. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday 31st January starting at 7pm. Please see Jeremy Mitchinson or James Finnegan for further details.



Afternoon Tea

All are welcome – Thursdays 1.30-3pm in the Parish Meeting Room
This terms topics and activities are:



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

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.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting will be on
Monday 5th February 8-9 pm, usual venue. All welcome. Further details from Frances, 727 2195 .



SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass on Thursday 1st February. All welcome.



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.

