

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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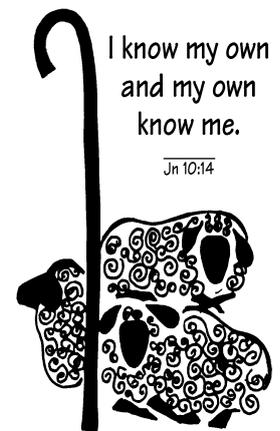
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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 25th April**

4th Sunday of Easter (B) - 22nd April 2018			
DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm	Francis Anthony & Marie Celeste Hanlon (A)
Sun 22nd	Mass with Neocatechumenal Community	6.00 pm (Hall) 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Dorothy Kean (RIP) Roy Pearson (Id)
Mon 23rd	St George –Patron of England	7.00 pm	Fr George Russell (A)
Tues 24th		9.30 am	Fr Gildea (sick)
Wed 25th	St Mark—Evangelist	12 noon	Retired and Sick Clergy
Thu 26th		12 noon	Juanita Morris (A)
Fri 27th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 28th Sun 29th	<b>Vigil</b> Mass with Neocatechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm (Hall) 9.30 am 11.00 am	Brendan Halpin (A) Parishioners May Nolan (RIP) Bridie Reynolds RIP)



<b>Confessions:</b>	
Mon	6.30 - 6.45pm
Sat	4.30 - 4.45pm

**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:** Anthony & Marie Celeste Hanlon, Fr George Russell, Mary Neary, Ciss Donnelly, Veronica Fielding, Roberta Linford, Elizabeth Michael, John Burquest, Elizabeth McGlynn, Albert Atkin, Thomas Pemberton, Ellen Smyth, Joseph Hall, Maurice Beer, Anthony Sarmin, Ged Henderson, Michael Lewis, Pat Harwood, Juanita Morris, Brendan Halpin.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Fr John Gildea, Sheila Greco, Jimmy Gray, Bernard Donleavy, Karen Peters

**LATELY DEAD:** John Greenhalgh, Jimmy Rowan, Ted McGuinness, Angela Canady.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday.**

**WELCOME** to any visitors and new parishioners.

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



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Thanksgiving (AM)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Marian and John Purcell (Id)**



## NEW ALTAR CONSECRATION

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**, the Archbishop will come to celebrate Holy Mass and solemnly consecrate our new Altar. Last year we marked the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of the opening of our Church. The new Altar which is a symbol of Christ and the focus of our lives as disciples of Jesus will commemorate this event.

On behalf of the parishioners, I would like to thank the benefactor who has generously funded this project. May our new Altar give glory to God and, as we are fed from it with the Blessed Eucharist, may we too become more fully what we receive. **Fr James.**

## WANTED - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen Hospitals is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join our happy and successful team of volunteers. If you can spare an hour each Sunday (or every other Sunday), please do consider getting in touch. Lots of support will be provided. The timing is very flexible – you can come mornings or afternoons – and you will be given your own wards to visit. Your role will be to talk to patients, pray with them, and give them Holy Communion if desired.

Please call Natasha on 0151 706 2828 or email [natasha.pritchard@rlbuht.nhs.uk](mailto:natasha.pritchard@rlbuht.nhs.uk) for an informal chat.

## MUSIC ON 29 APRIL

9.30am ORGAN  
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



## OFFERTORY 14/15 April

Plate: £432.45 Envelopes: £561.32 S/O: £426.25

**Total: £1420.02**

**Lourdes Tea Money: £20.73**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 14/15 April

6.00pm: 131 9.30am: 179 11.00am: 169

**Total: 479**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**This Sunday, 22nd April.**

The celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday is an opportunity to pray that the Lord will raise up more people to inspire the Church as priests and consecrated women and men. This is a moment of prayer for these specific vocations and these resources are offered to help you foster that prayer.

Everybody is involved in the work of this Sunday, a time of grace for all the faithful as we pray together that the Lord will change lives by raising up more ordained and consecrated people

Please pray for our Seminarians as they continue on their journey of discernment and formation to the Sacred Priesthood.

### *Prayer for Vocations*

*Loving Father, we give you thanks, because you call us all, to participate in your divine plan for the world, that all people may find their joy and peace in you. Bless us with a heart open to you, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds, that we may discern the path that we should follow. Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to, following more closely the example of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen*

## REFLECTION

This is an opportunity for spiritual reflection and faith renewal over two mornings. This reflection will take place in:

**St Anne's Parish Hall**  
**Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ**  
**on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**10-2pm each session.**

This shortened version of the "Living Christ" Retreat is aimed at those people who are unable to attend a full day of Retreat, particularly the elderly or housebound. Lifts can be arranged for those who require transport to and from St. Anne's and all refreshments, including lunch, are provided.

If anyone is interested or would like more details please contact:

Sue Faulkner 07962 040253

or email [issue\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:issue_4@hotmail.com)

Maurus/Stella O'Donnell, 0151 427 3386

or email [prospectvale@outlook.com](mailto:prospectvale@outlook.com)

## Afternoon Tea

All are welcome on Thursdays

1.30 - 3.00pm

### Forthcoming Activities:

26 <sup>th</sup> April	Musical Memories (Bring your CDs)
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Recipe Swap
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Praying with Colour
17 <sup>th</sup> May	De-stress!
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Liverpool Quiz
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term Break



## SYRIAN COMMUNITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

*"May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family."* **Pope Francis**

Would you be willing to be part of Pope Francis's vision for Syrian refugees fleeing war, looking for sanctuary and a new chance for family life?

That is our invitation to you!

### Become a sponsor and support a refugee family

Becoming a community sponsor to a refugee family is a big responsibility, but is also so rewarding! While it may seem daunting, the process is absolutely doable. It just takes a little courage, effort and goodwill. – That's the message from other communities including St Monica's in Salford, who have already welcomed a family into their community!

If you feel you could contribute your experience, expertise and time in any of the following area of involvement: housing, health, welfare, education, finance and welcoming - resettling a family completely with a two year commitment initially - then we would welcome your assistance to complete this humanitarian project.

## Justice & Peace Group

We meet here at St Charles and St Thomas More Church Hall on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. This will be followed at 7.30pm with our re-settlement meeting.** You will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you then. Thank you.



## Assin Foso Committee

Welcomes you to a talk by  
The Outstanding Liverpool Historian

### Steve Binns MBE

***Ghana's long connection with Liverpool***  
***"Liverpool's Infamous Past"***

**Monday 23 April 2018**

In the Church Hall at 7.45pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

Cost £5 (admission by ticket to include light refreshments)

All proceeds will be in aid of our sister Parish in Ghana  
Tickets will be on sale after all Masses today or from the Parish Office.

## FILM NIGHT

**Monday 30th April at 7.30 pm**

in the Parish Meeting Room.

***"Film stars don't die in Liverpool"***



Staring Jamie Bell, Annette Bening and Julie Walters

A May-December romance blooms between a young English actor named Peter Turner (Jamie Bell) and aging Hollywood movie star Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening).

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. **Call the Parish Office on 727 2493.**

## ASSIN FOSO LUCKY NUMBERS

1 st Prize	£60.00	Joseph Menzies
2nd Prize	£40.00	Katherine Roberts
3 Rd Prize	£25.00	Delia Mc Hugh

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

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

There are still some offertory envelopes to be collected from the back of church for all those who use them. They began on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April (new tax year).

**Next Sunday** we welcome Fr Tom McDonnell who will be making an appeal on behalf of St Patricks Missionary Society.

## The Pizza and Prayers Youth Group

would like to thank the Catholic Missionary Union for visiting and letting us 'meet a missionary' at our Sunday meeting. We were fascinated to hear about Father Chris's time in Mozambique as a missionary and two members of Pizza and Prayers are now considering missionary work themselves!

Pizza and Prayers would like to thank the parish for their ongoing support of our Lourdes fundraising events.



### Thought for the Week:

Yesterday is History,  
Tomorrow is Mystery,  
Today is a GIFT.

### PRAYER.

The Jesuits run two very useful websites: "*Sacred Space*", and "*Pray as You Go*" which provide a prayer and reflection for each day and a simple method of meditation. Could be useful for those few spare minutes you may have at lunchtime.

Visit: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) and [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

## 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** Third Saturday of every month, 11am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

**AFTERNOON TEA** We meet on Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

**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.

**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 on the trolley at the back of church before Mass.