

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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4th Sunday of Lent (A) - 26th March 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th Sun 26th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Sophie Armstrong & Family Tony Heron (A) Parishioners
Mon 27th		10.00 am	Requiem: Joseph Armstrong
Tue 28th		7.00 pm	Lily Woolfrey (A)
Wed 29th		8.15am	Mass in School Hall
Thu 30th		7.30 am 12.00 noon	Pauline Decker (RIP) Requiem: Cecilia McCarten
Fri 31st		9.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Church open for private prayer Ken McCormack (RIP) Stations of the Cross
Sat 1st Sun 2nd	Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent (A)	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Brenda Cotter (RIP) Priests' Intentions



*Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you."
 The man said, "Lord, I believe", and worshipped him.*

John

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: John Ferguson, Mary Doyle, Rose O'Halloran, Eleanor Draper, Ged Fitzgerald, Martin Anderson, Joan Daly, Philip Wright, Laura Bowles, Harry Britt, Frances Tippin, Everild Feeney, Tony Heron, Lily Woolfrey.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Deicy Foran.

LATELY DEAD: Joseph Armstrong, Cecilia McCarten, Mary Fenerty-Loughanae, David Fleming, Kath Hamilton.

Masses to be Celebrated in Schools this week

Tue 28th		St Edwards	No Mass
Wed 29th	8.15am	St Charles	Special Intention
Thu 23rd	9am	Bellerive	Confessions

Thought for the Week:

"Today may I be slow to condemn, quick to forgive, reluctant to judge and eager to show mercy."

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for a Special Intention and the **Marian Candle** is lit for Jean Ennis.



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.



The Parish Prayer Group

will meet as usual on Monday 3rd April. All welcome, 0151 727 2195 for details.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Just a reminder of the next 2 meetings:

Thursday 6 April at 6.30pm

Saturday 8 April at 1pm.

MUSIC ON 2 APRIL

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



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 18/19 March

Plate: £522.76 Envelopes: £726.38 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1617.64

Tea money (Lourdes): £18

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 18/19 March

5.00pm: 140 9.30am: 176 11.00am: 198

Total: 514

SPRING FAIR

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



If you would like to donate any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BOOKS or BRIC-A-BRAC), 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.

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

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.

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.



PIZZA AND PRAYERS youth group would like to thank Danny Grimes, Officer for Action and Youth from the Knights of St Columba Council 9 for giving them an inspiring talk last Sunday.

Also, a big thank you to the parish for supporting the Pizza and Prayers sponsored walk at Delamere for the Lourdes pilgrimage. We made £726.60! We are so grateful for your support.



St Charles and St Thomas More Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi
Led by Fr James Preston
Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017
ONLY THREE PLACES LEFT!
Contact Fr James or Parish Office

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
11th April, Tuesday:	7.30pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
12th April, Wednesday:	7.30 pm CHRISM MASS at the Cathedral
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 12-1pm Ecumenical Frugal Lunch (organised by J&P Group) 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

Justice and Peace Group  St Charles and St Thomas More

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

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

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

Next Thursday March 30th Pax Christi welcomes Ann Farr to speak on her experiences as an ecumenical accompanier, in Yanoun near Nablus and her continuing visits to the region offering advocacy, solidarity and support especially with womens' groups. Ann is a member of Pax Christi and has served on the board of Pax Christi International.

Venue: Friends/Quaker Meeting House, School Lane Liverpool 1 at 7pm.

All are welcome to what should be a very worthwhile meeting.

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

On Wednesday 28th between 6pm and 7pm in Church there will be a training session for new and existing Altar Servers. Parents are asked to sit in church whilst the training is taking place. If your son or daughter would like to begin serving at Mass please bring them along on Wednesday evening.



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.

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 1st April** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

FRIENDS OF ASSIN FOSO PARISH & SCHOOL (GHANA)

Do you have any broken or unwanted gold or silver jewellery that you no longer use? There will be a collection box at the back of the church after Masses on 1st/2nd April and 8th/9th April if you have any items you wish to donate. Alternatively they can be handed in at the parish office. We will take any items donated to be recycled and the money raised will go to Assin Foso parish.

URGENTLY NEEDED 1 volunteer to serve tea & coffee on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 9:30 Mass. If you can help please ring the Parish Office.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

CHRISM MASS

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP

Archbishop of Liverpool

Cordially invites all servers to the Chrism Mass

On Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm

At the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Please bring your cassock and cotta.

All servers to be vested by 7pm.

Any Altar Server who wishes to go please ring the Parish Office to reserve a place.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Due to a cancellation there are now two places available, 21st May—1st June 2017. A comprehensive 11 day Pilgrimage based in Jerusalem and Galilee departing from Manchester Airport. For Further information please contact Fr John Gorman 01742727271 or Fr Tony Reynolds 0151 428 3222