

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 5th February 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th Sun 5th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners Thomas and Mary Cleary
Mon 6th	Ss Paul Miki & Companions	10.00 am	Sr Bernadette (Id)
Tue 7th		7.00pm	Frank Greco (RIP)
Wed 8th	<b>Requiem</b>	12 noon	<b>Veronica Mary Phillips</b>
Thu 9th		12 noon	Special Intention (NB)
Fri 10th	Church open for private prayer St Scholastica	No Mass	
Sat 11th Sun 12th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen Margaret Roberts (bd) Parishioners Mary Willingham (A)



*Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*

**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:** Marie Ferguson, Josephine Mottram, Mary Egan, James Gill, Kathleen Foran, Anne Valentine, Anne Graham, Paul Eugene Chesters, Stephen Paul McDonough, Catherine Parker, Anne Elizabeth Wallace.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid

**LATELY DEAD:** Veronica Mary Phillips, Anthony Grayston, Doris Roberts.

**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.



**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.

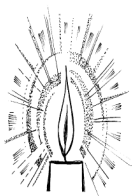
**IF SOMEONE IS ILL**

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.

**PRAYER INTENTION BOOK**

A book is placed near St. Anthony's statue to write your prayer requests which will be offered to God at the week-end Masses.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **John Dalton snr** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Tommy McAndrew**



**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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

will be making a collection after all Masses next week-end.



**Annual Celebration of Marriage & Family Life**, (Pastoral Formation Event)

Sun 12 Feb 11am Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

**MUSIC ON 12 FEBRUARY**

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP  
11.00am ORGAN



**OFFERTORY 28/29 Jan**

Plate: £596.77 Envelopes: £660.26 S/O: £398.25  
**Total: £1655.28**

Tea money (Lourdes): £18.03

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE 28/29 Jan**

5.00pm: 162 9.30am: 189 11.00am: 191  
**Total: 542**

**ASSIN FOSO, GHANA**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Wednesday 8th March at 7.30 pm

**IN THE PARISH HALL**

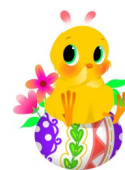
Tickets on sale after all Masses from this week-end. Also available from the Parish Office.

Tickets £3, includes refreshments.

Please support this event.

**SPRING FAIR**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, then 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

**CAN YOU HELP?** There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

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



**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

## FR EMMANUEL

Today we welcome Fr Emmanuel who will be staying with us this week-end.

## 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.

## Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Celebration

19 March, 11am in the Cathedral. More details to follow!

## Please pray for the following couples who will be married in our Church during the course of this year.

Joseph Carr and Sarah Hutchinson.  
Brendan Doherty and Laura Parker.  
Julio Caesar Renteria Saenz and  
Laila-Clare Kellgren-Parker  
Paul William Kayll and  
Elizabeth Margaret Farrington.  
Michael Digney and Joanne Brown.  
Paul Hibbert and Anna Ryan.  
Tristan Smith and Caroline Preston.

## 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.

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



## IRISH NIGHT

**Fri 17 March 2017, 7.30 PM**

Heath Hall, Heath Road

Tickets £7.50 Buffet Included

Dancing to Gerry Jones Country Dance Band

This event is strictly entry by **TICKET ONLY** and tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets for sale on the night.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

**Tickets are available from the Parish Office or after Mass from members of the Social Committee.**



## Christmas Presents -

Many thanks to all who donated toys and 'arty' gifts to our annual Christmas appeal. POPS, the organisation which supports prisoners and their children, were very grateful to receive them as they provide opportunities for families to play and develop relationships together during visiting times.



## FILM NIGHT

**Tuesday 7 February at 7.30pm**  
in the Parish Hall.

***"Woman in Gold"***

starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds, based on the incredible true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family in Vienna during World War II.

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 727 2493. Proceeds to Ghana.**

## Tai Chi Charity Coffee Morning

In aid of The Brain Tumour Charity

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am – noon**

In Aigburth Parish Hall, Dundonald Road

Angela's Tai Chi School are running their annual fund-raising event. There will be gift stalls, tombola and raffle plus Tai Chi demonstrations as well as delicious homemade cakes. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome.

Further details are available from Angela Howarth

M: 07568 567602

E: [angela@angelataichi.co.uk](mailto:angela@angelataichi.co.uk)



## Life and Soul +

*An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament.*

Liverpool Hope University Chapel (*Liverpool, L16 9JD*) will hold an evening of praise and worship music with scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. The evening will be led by Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team. **All are welcome to attend.**

**PIETY SHOP** open before and after all week-end Masses. We now have a selection of St Patrick Day cards and Mothers Day cards on sale.

## WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

## 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.