

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 5th Sunday of Easter (C) - 24th April 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 23rd Sun 24th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	George Grayson (RIP) Parishioners Patricia, Andre & Jean Loius Janssis (A)
Mon 25th	St Mark, evangelist	10.00 am	Terry Boyd (get well)
Tue 26th		7.00 pm	In thanksgiving (Sophie Armstrong)
Wed 27th		12 noon	Juanita Morris (A)
Thu 28th		12 noon	Heron, Kelly & McKevitt
Fri 29th		<b>No Mass</b>	Church open for private prayer
Sat 30th Sun 1st	<b>Vigil</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Celia Pritchard (RIP) George & Peter Plummer (A) Parishioners



*"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved  
Mark 16:15*

**Confessions:**

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

**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:** Elizabeth McGlynn, Albert Atkin, Thomas Pemberton, Ellen Smyth, Joseph Hall, Marie Celeste Hanlon, Maurice Beer, Anthony Terence Sarmin, Ged Henderson, Michael William Lewis, Patricia Harwood, Mary Frances Lloyd, George Plummer and Juanita Morris.

**LATELY DEAD:** Mary Speers, Vincent Brannan, Mark Whyte, Catherine Johnson.

There will be tea and coffee after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.

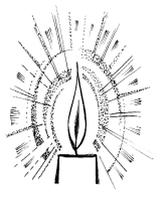


**RUBY WEDDING** Please pray for Shelagh and David Preston who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding today, and will receive a blessing during the 11am Mass.

**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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Christine Goudie** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Shelagh & David Preston (Ruby Wedding)**



**Coffee Morning** in aid of  **PAPYRUS**  
prevention of young suicide

A huge "Thank You" to all who supported the Coffee Morning held on Monday, 18th April. Thank to those who sold raffle tickets, donated cakes and raffle/ tombola prizes, and those who attended the event. £411.05 was raised on the day. This, together with advance donations of £300, enabled a total of £711.05 to be sent to the charity in memory of Sophie Armstrong. So many donations of raffle prizes means that we have some to use for a quiz night which will be held on Wednesday, 25th May. More details later.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome to God's family **Edward Henry Peter McCarten** who will be baptised today. We ask you to pray for him and his family.



**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.



**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](http://www.tangney-tours.com) Tel: 01732 88 66 66 Email: [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com)



**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents wishing to have their baby/child baptised during the months of **August, September or October** are required to attend a preparation course of 3 sessions in July, after which you can arrange a date for Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass.

**The Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ladyewell**

Bishop Tom Williams invites you to join him, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, for our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood Preston, PR2 5RR. The Pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12noon in St Mary's Church, followed by a Rosary Procession to the Shrine and later in the day there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims will need to bring their own packed lunch and weather permitting will be able to have a picnic in the grounds of the shrine.

**PAINTING—CHANGE OF DATE**

The Meeting Room will now be getting painted week commencing **16th May** and not **2nd May** so unfortunately all clubs and groups will have to be cancelled for one week only. Thank you for your co-operation.

**PATHWAYS**

Four weeks on different ways of praying. The final date is **April 26th** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. The meeting will last about an hour and hopefully we'll have time for a cup of tea as well. Prayer is one of the ways we develop our own relationship with God. He speaks to us in a language we understand, so different ways of praying appeal to different people. Someone said, "Pray as you can, not as you can't."

**OFFERTORY April 16/17**

Plate: £504.11 Envelopes: £ 695.89 S/O: £368.50  
**Total: £1568.50**  
**Tea Money £47.07**  
**Lourdes Donation £35.00**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE 16/17 April**

6.00pm: 131 9.30am: 206 11.00am: 215

**MUSIC ON 1st May**

9.30 am ORGAN  
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



# Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

## Love One Another

John's Gospel (13: 34-35) read on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter presents us with Jesus teaching his Apostles:

*"I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
you must love one another  
just as I have loved you."*



The late Dorothy Day, co-founder of the American Catholic Worker Movement and a social activist, died in 1980 at the age of 83. She was a devout Catholic convert who never criticized the Church's teachings only its failure to sometimes live up to them.

***"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."***

This profound statement could be slightly amended for our purpose to read;

*'I really only love God as much as I forgive the person I love the least.'*

Consider the depth of Jesus' forgiveness in the love He breathes upon us.

While forgiveness is not the only constituent of God's love, it is at the core of that love.

Think about:

The leader of the disciples denied Jesus and was forgiven;

All the disciples forsook Jesus in his hour of need and were forgiven;

The disciples never really understood Jesus when he walked the earth with them and were forgiven;

The disciples showed cowardice and were forgiven;

Jesus held nothing against them. There was no failure that He would not forgive when asked to do so.

True love must be built on forgiveness for, without forgiveness, love is bound to die.

*'Jesus' love, his mercy and his call to follow are also calls to love others, respect their dignity and show them mercy. Jesus' love heals our short sightedness and pushes us to look beyond, not to be satisfied with appearances or with what is politically correct.'*

**Pope Francis**

**The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics** will start in late April 2016. We welcome Catholics and other Christians, who are divorced or separated recently, or in the past, or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. **For information or to book a place please contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195.** General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 [m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)

## LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

My sister-in-law and two friends went out to Lesvos in Greece to volunteer with The Lighthouse Project for a week. They returned home full of very sad stories and very passionate about the cause.

They have now set aside time in May/June to return for a further week, but not to Lesvos as the military are now running everything and are refusing voluntary help!

Another drama has developed on the shores of Macedonia and thousands are stuck there without shelter, clothing or food., 40% being children, so they may go there.

They need good clothing, i.e. Crew neck T-shirts, jogging bottoms for men and leggings for women; easy wear clothing as refugees have to walk long distances on foot. They also require underwear, socks and children's clothing. Funds are also needed to ship the goods to Greece, so any items of clothing that are not suitable can be taken to CASH FOR CLOTHES. Every penny they get goes to buying items that are required or towards shipping costs. Most items are accepted, including shoes.

They pay all their own travel and living costs themselves and work closely with the Lighthouse Project who you can follow on facebook.

So as a caring parish, can we help in any small way? If you can, please leave donations at church, or I am happy to collect. My contact number is 07948 149 763, or see me, Brenda Cotter, after 9.30am mass.

Thank you in anticipation, Brenda Cotter



### Corporations vs farmers: the struggle for Tanzania's food system The Casa Club, 29 Hope St, Liverpool, L1 9BQ

6.30-8.30pm Wednesday 27th April

[Register for your free place now at Eventbrite](#)

#### Autism Friendly Disco

Bar and Pool Table  
At TIME OUT BAR

Greenbank Sports Academy, Greenbank Lane L18  
Ages 16 and over, family and friends welcome.  
Bring your own support if needed.

FRIDAY 29th APRIL  
8pm til 11pm

For more details contact  
jo.marshall168@btinternet.com  
or ring Jo on 07795 823917

**Pizza And Prayers Youth Group** welcomes David Wilson, from the South Liverpool Catenian Society, to the 9.30 mass. He will present five of our youth with a cheque as part payment for their work at pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. David will give a short talk about the Catenian society and will be at the back of church to talk to anyone interested in their work.

### Lourdes Youth Group Grand Raffle.

1. Signed Liverpool Shirt.
  2. Marantos £20 voucher.
  3. Bottle of Champagne
- Plus 23 other prizes.

£1 a ticket or £5 a book.

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 26th June after 11 o'clock Mass.

**All proceeds to young people going to Lourdes.**

Please take a book home and return to the office or to the buckets at the back of church.

### L17 - Messy Church

Come along Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 11-1pm

to St Charles & St Thomas More Church Hall.  
All are welcome, come along and get involved in the Messiness, Lunch is provide. Messy Church is free to attend, though your donations are welcome.

For more information check our Facebook page.

This month our theme is:  
Spring & New Life



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