

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 11th February 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 10th Sun 11th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners David George Parry (A) Mary & Thomas Cleary
Mon 12th		7.00 pm	Anne Marie and Jacqui Morley (A)
Tues 13th		9.30 am	Mary Anne Weston (A)
Wed 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY	12 noon 7.00 pm	Margaret Pomfret Christopher Duffy (A)
Thu 15th		12 noon 1.15 pm	Jimmy Myler (A) Funeral Service - George Seddon
Fri 16th	Stations of the Cross	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	John and Patty Keatley (A)
Sat 17th Sun 18th	Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent	5.00 pm 6.15pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Billy and Anne Poole (A) Neocatechumenal Community (Mass In Hall) Charles Jones (A) Parishioners



He said "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Mark 1 :42

Confessions:

Mon No Confessions
Sat 4.00 - 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: Joyce Williams, Anthony Brown, Nora Staunton, Henry Mangan, Francis McMahan, Catherine Douglas, Caroline Scales, Thomas Morris, Kathleen Winter, Kathleen Hand, John Adedze, Thomas Barnes, Vera Williams, Tony Foran, James Nugent, John Codd, Edward Bernard, Henry Burquest,

David George Parry, Anne Marie and Jacqui Morley, Mary Anne Weston, Christopher Duffy, Jimmy Myler, John & Patty Keatley, Billy & Anne Poole.

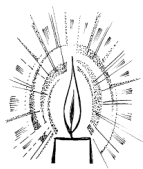
SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams

LATELY DEAD: George Seddon, John Burke, Mary O'Reilly, Marie Williams, Brian O'Connor, Winifred Myles.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY.

Newsletter contributors - please note: the deadline for items this week is 8pm on Tuesday.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for a **Special Intention BM** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Stan O'Brien**.



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. Please see Jeremy Mitchinson or James Finnegan for further details.



Good News to Celebrate

Our primary school has recently been inspected by Ofsted and the Religious education Department of the Diocese. Ofsted found the school to be **GOOD**, in their terminology and the Diocese found the school to be **OUTSTANDING**. This is indeed something to celebrate as a Parish and to pass on the good news.

We have a very successful school that sits in the heart and future of the Parish. Sometimes we do not always appreciate what we have within our community, so please **'shout it from the hilltops'** about our little gem, at the bottom of Tramway Road.

The school is well subscribed to but there are a few vacancies across the age range, if you wish to let family and friends know.

Congratulations are indeed due to all of the staff and pupils of the school. **Well done!**

MUSIC ON 18 February

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 3/4 February

Plate: £444.72 Envelopes: £597.17 S/O: £426.25

Total: £1468.14

Soup Money (boiler) £21.00

Lourdes Tea Money £18.00

Film Night (Ghana) £130.00

MASS ATTENDANCE 3/4 February

5.00pm: 173 9.30am: 159 11.00am: 193

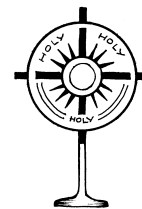
Total: 525

Thought for the Week:

The darkest hour often heralds the dawn.

PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray and fast for world peace on Friday 23rd February from 7.30am until 7.30pm. On the 23rd the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed to allow us to gather together in prayer before the Lord.



(Please sign on the Watching List at the back of the Church).

Mass will be celebrated at 10am. The Stations of the Cross will be at 7.30pm.

Please note that there will be no 7pm Mass on the 23 February as Fr James will be in Keswick with the Pizza and Prayer Youth Group, as they begin their weekend retreat. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Daragh James Mulholland** who will be baptised during 11 am Mass. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



Justice and Peace Group

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

Dr Anne Merriman will speak at Masses this weekend about **Hospice Africa**. The retiring collection will be for Hospice Africa.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday night during Lent there will be Mass at 7.00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm. These will be led by different parish groups.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is a day of fasting and abstinence. Mass times are 12noon and 7pm.

Every Tuesday in Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am. After Mass there will be tea and toast served in the Hall. Why not come to Mass before work or college?

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.

The Pizza and Prayers Youth Group will be doing a sponsored walk for the Lourdes pilgrimage fund 24 February in Keswick. Thank you so much for supporting this sponsored walk! Our parish is sending 16 young people this year to Lourdes. The young people appreciate your prayers and support!

Pizza and Prayers Youth Group

Presents a

Lourdes Family Fundraiser

Friday 2 March 2018, 7pm

St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall

Queens Drive L18

£5 entry

Quiz, Bingo, Raffle, Face Painting, Open Mic and Disco

Tickets available after all masses from the Youth Group.

Any donations for raffle prizes would be much appreciated, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, sweets etc. These can be handed into the parish office.

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 17th February

11-1pm

in the Church Hall.

It's Messy time again, our theme this month is Friends & Friendship. We have some great and messy activities and crafts planned, as well as stories, songs and lunch.

Come along to join in or help out, you will be very welcome.

For more info follow our Facebook page or call Nickie on 07545613590.



Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020.

We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Afternoon Tea

We will break for half term this week.



Programme of activities for the next few weeks:

22nd February	Tai Chi
1st March	South Africa PowerPoint
8th March	My favourite poem
15th March	Moscow PowerPoint
22nd March	Children's Voices of the Second World War
29 March	EASTER BREAK

All are welcome – Thursdays 1.30-3pm in the Parish Hall.

PIETY SHOP

We have a selection of cards, rosary beads and prayer books available for sale in the Piety Shop. If anyone can help on a Saturday night or Sunday morning please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Fr James.

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."

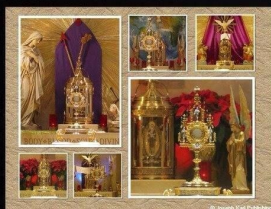
There have been some comments that our Church is far too noisy before Mass. We could do well to follow the recommendation of the Holy Father and have some very quiet time before Mass to speak to God, and then to everyone else afterwards.

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

CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.

EASTER FAIR

**Saturday/Sunday,
3/4 March
after all Masses.**

Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.

If anyone has any unwanted gifts, bottles (home bake on the day) not toys or bric-a-brac.

Please put them in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.



EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize: Marks and Spencer £30 Gift Voucher

2nd Prize: Wine Hamper

3rd Prize: Chocolate Hamper.

Tickets on sale - £1.00 per strip.



CEILIDH

Sat 17 March 2017, 7.30 PM

St Anthony of Padua, Queens Drive

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.

