

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 12th February 2017

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 11th Sun 12th | Vigil | 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Kathleen Margaret Roberts (bd) Parishioners Mary Willingham (A) |
| Mon 13th | | 10.00 am | Mary Anne Weston (A) |
| Tue 14th | Ss Cyril & Methodius | 7.00pm | Frank Loftus (ld) |
| Wed 15th | Reception of Body into Church | 12 noon 2.00pm | Charles Jones (A) Catherine Bostock |
| Thu 16th | Requiem | 12 noon | Catherine Bostock |
| Fri 17th | Church open for private prayer | No Mass | |
| Sat 18th Sun 19th | Vigil 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) | 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Parishioners Kenneth McCormack (ld) Special Intention (AB) |



*All you need say is
 "Yes" if you mean yes,
 "No" if you mean no;
 anything more than
 this comes from the
 evil one.*

Matthew 5:37

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: Mary Anne Weston, Charles Jones, Rosa Gorrino, Glyn Thomas, Elsie Lilian Armstrong, Paul St James Downes, John Owens, Edward Alban Hateley, Agnes Kermode, Weislaw Kevryn Kokar, James Anthony Humphreys, Alma McVey, William John Poole, Jean Veronica Atkinson.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid

LATELY DEAD: Catherine (Cath) Bostock, Phil Hastings

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 in memory of **Charles Kelly** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Special Intention (TM)**



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 this week-end.



CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass at the week-end.

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.

MUSIC ON 19 FEBRUARY

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 4/5 February

Plate: £560.16 Envelopes: £691.10 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1649.51

Tea money (Lourdes): £28.00

Soup (Ghana) £40.54

Film Night (Ghana) £100.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 4/5 February

5.00pm: 157 9.30am: 162 11.00am: 223

Total: 542

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Cillian James Teague** who will be baptised today. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



SPRING FAIR

Sunday 2nd 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 BOOKS or BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, 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

WANTED: USED STAMPS

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



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

Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Celebration

19 March, 11am in the Cathedral.

More details to follow!



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.

FROM THE YOUTH GOING TO LOURDES

Many thanks to all our parishioners who popped into to Tesco Aigburth Road last Saturday to cheer us along on our bag packing, we raised over £300.00! Thank you to you all.

The Pizza and Prayers youth group

Meets this Sunday from 6:30-8pm. Please bring any funds collected from the sponsored walk or leave them in the parish office labelled 'Pizza and Prayers sponsored walk'.

The Pizza and Prayers youth group

is doing a sponsored walk around Delamere to raise funds for the Lourdes pilgrimage. The walk is on Saturday 11 February. It is possible to sponsor the youth before, during or after the walk! The youth will be at all Masses on Feb 18-19 should you wish to support the walk and the pilgrimage. We are very grateful for the support of our parish!

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

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.



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.



The Assin Foso committee was delighted to be able to present Father Emmanuel with £800 on your behalf at last week's masses to support the work on the parish hall in Ghana. We are in the process of setting up a bank account to better manage the funds raised and once this is in place we will be able to send a further donation of £1,000. We will continue with fundraising, for example through the quiz. We now have an email account so if anyone has any questions, ideas or suggestions please contact us at: assinfoso@gmail.com

Many thanks for your on-going support.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED CATHOLICS

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics will start in mid-February 2017. 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.

To book a place on the South Liverpool course please call: Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195.

To book a place on the Ormskirk course please call: Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371

General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk



Justice and Peace Group



St Charles and St Thomas More

Here are some very important dates for your diary from our local Justice and Peace group and we would very much appreciate your continued support for these various activities

This Sunday 12th February, 2.00 – 3.30pm, at St Benet's Copy Lane, Netherton L30 7PE Cafod preparation day for Family Fast Day and Lenten Theme of Living simply, sustainably and in solidarity in our common home. Sr Yvonne will speak of the amazing difference that CAFOD is making to peoples lives.

The Archdiocese of L'pool and Cafod have prepared a 2017 Lent reflections with Laudati Si. This parish is encouraging individual parishioners and the various parish groups to take part.

The reflections consist of 5 sessions: Session 1: Challenging Assumption, Session 2: Transformation, Session 3: Conversion to Solidarity, Session 4: Opening our eyes, Session 5: Keeping Faith in times of Disaster, and the resources are available to download from the Liverpool Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission website if you wish to familiarise yourself with them.

Pax Christi Liverpool. ASH WEDNESDAY 1ST March Meet 11.45AM at the steps of St Luke's Church, Berry Street. There will be a procession to the Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts, Derby Square with pauses for prayer and reflection and distribution of ashes.

After so long that tragic event still causes horror and repulsion," the pope said in Rome referring to the use of nuclear weapons on the Japanese in Second World War."

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 10th March

Distribution of Cafod Fast Day envelopes after Mass 4th/5th March.

This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and remember to fast on Lent Fast Day.

And there is very good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent!

J&P Group will give out the Cafod envelopes. Please return the envelope, (and fill in the Gift Aid section if you are a UK tax payer) and give as much as you can in next week's collection so that more girls around the world are able to live lives free from the burden of the long walk for water.

CAFOD will process your information and may contact you about our work. For details, visit cafod.org.uk/privacy.