

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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6th Sunday of Easter (C) - 1st May 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 30th	Vigil	6.00 pm	Celia Pritchard (RIP)
Sun 1st	6th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am	George & Peter Plummer (A) Parishioners
Mon 2nd	St Athanasius, bishop, doctor	12 noon	Felicjan Sawko (A)
Tue 3rd	SS Philip & James, apostles	7.00 pm	Retired and sick clergy
Wed 4th	Funeral Service English Martyrs	10.00 am 12 noon	Catherine Johnson Jack Douglas (A)
Thu 5th	Healing Mass	12 noon	Gerry Luxon and Terry McNally (A)
Fri 6th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 7th	First Communion Mass	11.00am	
Sun 8th	Vigil Ascension of the Lord	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Thanksgiving (M) Bob McCappin (A)



"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Jn: 14: 27-29

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: Mary Frances Lloyd, Ann Newman, Peggy Makin, Florence Ferguson, Felicjan Sawko, Bertice Birch, Margaret Foran, George Plummer, Peter Plummer, Elizabeth Drennan, Francis Traynor, Bob McCappin, Laurence Sanderson, Dennis Jordan, Robert Evans, Rosemary Cole, Catherine Slavin, Jack Douglas, Gerry Luxon, Terry McNally.

LATELY DEAD: Catherine Johnson, Bob Langton.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass at 12noon on Monday 2nd May.

PIETY SHOP

We have a selection of Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, invitations, rosary beads and prayer books now available for sale in the Piety Shop.

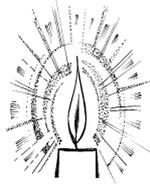
There will be tea and coffee after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.



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 the **Ward Family** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Margaret O'Reilly**



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Fraser Antony Harrison** who will be baptised today. We ask you to pray for him and his family.



The Archdiocese of Liverpool

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ladyewell

Bishop Tom Williams invites you to join him, on Saturday 28th 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.

MUSIC ON 8TH MAY

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



Music Ministry Monthly Rehearsal

Our first monthly rehearsal is on Wednesday 4th May in the church starting at 7:30pm.

OFFERTORY 23/24 April

Plate: £511.15 Envelopes: £608.52 S/O: £368.50
Total: £1488.17

Tea Money: £34.91

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish meeting room after the 12 noon Healing Mass on Thursday. Everyone welcome.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass to discuss it. A date can be arranged, for a Sunday, after completion of a three-week course.

Courses are held in:

January for baptisms in **February, March and April**

April for baptisms in **May, June and July**

October for baptisms in **November, December and January**

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.

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

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE 23/24 April

6.00pm: 130 9.30am: 186 11.00am: 215

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

'Mercy droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven...'

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place
beneath.

It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that
takes:

'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the throned
monarch better than his crown:

His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,

The attribute to awe and majesty,

Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;

But mercy is above this sceptred sway;

It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings,

It is an attribute to God himself;

And earthly power doth then show likest God's

When mercy seasons justice.



[The Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene I William Shakespeare, 1564 -1616]

Here Shakespeare uses the most beautiful and evocative simile for mercy, *'It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.'* And *'It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.'* Mercy and love can never be earned but instead are an unconditional, free gift from our Father in heaven. When we pray the *'Lord's Prayer'*, we stretch out our open hands and ask God to, *'Forgive us our trespassers as we forgive those who trespass against us.'* God continues to shower His love and mercy upon us again and again and all he asks is for us to humbly stretch out our hands and receive this wonderful gift. However, in receiving this gift we must also share it with others. In the beatitudes we are told, *'Blessed are the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them,'* [Matthew 5:vs7]. In the words of Shakespeare, *'It blesseth him that gives and him that takes...'*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be a rehearsal for all children who are to be confirmed and to make their First Holy Communion in May. The rehearsal will take place on **THURSDAY 5th MAY** at 4 o'clock in church. It would be helpful if any sponsors are able to attend.

YOUTH GROUP GRAND RAFFLE

Thank you all for your incredible generosity last weekend. The grand raffle so far has raised over £340. We will be at the back of church this weekend if anybody wants to buy any tickets. Feel free to take some raffle tickets to sell to your family and friends. Please pass all stubs, money, and unused raffle tickets back to Val in the office, or direct to Eleanor or Netti or a member of the youth group at any time before mid June.

Blessings to you all, Netti

YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass and a meal on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk or Joe Champion-Williams champion@hope.ac.uk.

A PARISH QUIZ will be held on Wednesday, 25th May, in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm. The proceeds will go to Papyrus (Prevention of Young Suicide) in memory of Sophie Armstrong. We shall be using some of the very many prizes that were donated for the coffee morning. Tickets £3 (to include tea, coffee and refreshments) will be on sale after all Masses next week. There will be a raffle. **Space is limited so admission will be by ticket only.**



QUARANT'ORE

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 26 June

- 11.00am Holy Mass
- 12.30pm The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
- 2.30pm Out door Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in the garden
- 7.00pm The Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the Tabernacle

Monday 27 June

- 8.30 am The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
- 12noon Holy Rosary
- 7.00pm Holy Mass
- 9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

Tuesday 28 June

- 9.00am The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
- 12noon Holy Rosary
- 7.00pm Holy Mass
- 9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

Wednesday 29 June

- 9.00am The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
- 12noon Holy Rosary
- 7.00pm Holy Mass
- 9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Scouting is one of the great success stories of the last 100 years. From an experimental camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island in 1907, it has spread to 216 countries and territories, with an estimated 28 million members. Every year we help over 450,000 young people in the UK enjoy new adventures. Experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Here in Merseyside we have been working in partnership with the Whitechapel Centre to provide Scouting opportunities for the homeless families staying at the Belvidere Family Centre in Toxteth. The centre provides a safe environment for families where staff work to help address any support needs.

Since starting last month we have been available to provide the young people at the Centre with a variety of experiences including growing vegetables and even making armpit fudge! With this new Group we want to offer challenge and adventure to young people at the Centre.

All our adventures are made possible by the effort of our dedicated team of hardworking adult volunteers. Volunteering for the new Group at the Belvidere Centre is easier than you think. Whether you can spare an hour a month, or a day a year, we have lots of opportunities both behind the scenes and working with young people.

To find out more on how to get involved in this life changing adventure please contact:

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