

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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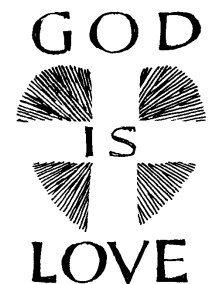
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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 2nd May**

6th Sunday of Easter (B) - 6th May 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 5th	Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Sylvia Walsh (RIP)
Sun 6th		6.00 pm (Hall)	Parishioners
		9.30 am	George Plummer (A)
		11.00 am	Bob McCappin (A)
Mon 7th	Bank Holiday	9.00 am	Frances Leather (Id)
Tues 8th		9.30 am	Irene Stockton (RIP)
Wed 9th	Requiem Vigil of the Ascension	12 noon 7.00 pm	Josephine Farrell Joseph Crawford (Id)
Thu 10th	Ascension of the Lord	10.00 am	Get Well (IH)
Fri 11th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 12th	Nuptial Mass	2.30 pm	Julio Cesar Renteria Saenz & Leila-Clare Kellgren-Parker
Sun 13th	Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	5.00 pm	William McCormick (A)
		6.00 pm (Hall)	Parishioners
		9.30 am	Mary O'Leary (A)
		11.00 am	Jack & Peggy Foran



*As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.*

Remain in my love.

John 15:9

Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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: Francis Bernard Traynor, Robert Edward McCappin, Laurence James Sanderson, Dennis John Jordan, Robert Evans, Rosemary Cole, Catherine Slavin, James Edward Cull, Edith Mulhearn, John Rogers, John Keatley, Francis Ornellas

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Fr John Gildea, Sheila Greco, Jimmy Gray, Bernard Donleavy, Karen Peters, Betty Homan

LATELY DEAD: Margaret Kennedy, Paul Corness, May Hannett, Tim Wray, Richie Chandler, Sean Gavin, Josie Farrell



to any visitors and new parishioners.

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



Justice and Peace Group
St Charles and St Thomas More



Working towards Live Simply Parish:

We are delighted to be making good progress with our Live Simply project and now we are following through on the Pledges you, the parishioners, made last year.

1. Looking at the graph we published in a newsletter a few weeks ago your most common pledge was to use the car less and walk more – 18 pledged this... So we plan to organise a Walk to St Charles for the 9.30am Sunday Mass towards the end of May. There will be four meet-up points and we will give you a Plan of the route, times and meeting points for the walk shortly!
2. The next most popular pledge was to do more for recycling so we are planning, for interested parishioners, to visit Bidston Guildmoss Materials for a tour of the processing plant to see what happens to our recycled glass bottles, plastics and cardboard once they leave us. Also we have got a Recycling area officer wishing to come and advise us about why we should take recycling seriously and make the best use of resources.

Liverpool South Churches Syrian Community Settlement Scheme (CSS)

Flagging up for Week – May 26th/ 27th there will be a one – off collection appeal on behalf of this project that week-end.

Thanks to all who attended the well attended meeting on Tuesday night. We're really beginning to feel ownership of this project- particularly after the attendance of the local council expert Julia on these matters to talk to us.

World Communications

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend for World Communications.

ADOREMUS

Holy Hour

Next Sunday 13th May
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 3pm

The next Pastoral Area Holy Hour will be on Sunday 13th May at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 3pm. This is changed from the usual 2nd Thursday of the month because the feast of the Ascension returns to its traditional day, 40 days after Easter Sunday.

FR GILDEA

Fr Gildea would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and the good wishes he has received, he is very grateful. He is continuing his recovery at home and is making good progress.



"Come to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28

Catechesis for Adults

**Do you want to learn
more about your faith?**

Come and Listen

Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:30pm

In the Church Hall

Beginning 7th May and continuing for 8 weeks

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Norah Mary Toohey** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Isabelle Morgan Dalton**.



NEW ALTAR CONSECRATION

Next **Sunday 13th May at 11am**, the Archbishop will come to celebrate Holy Mass and solemnly consecrate our new Altar. Tea and cakes will be served in the parish hall after Mass to give parishioners an opportunity to meet Archbishop Malcolm. Everyone most welcome. Later on he will be joined by the Pizza and Prayer Youth Group for lunch in the Presbytery.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

Thursday 10th May is a Holy day of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday 9th May Vigil at 7pm and on Thursday 10th May at 10am.

GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

MASS ATTENDANCE 28/29 April

5.00pm: 168 9.30am: 167 11.00am: 177
Total: 512

MUSIC ON 13 MAY

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 21/22 April

Plate: £570.88 Envelopes: £529.31 S/O: £426.25
Total: £1526.44

St Patricks Missionary Society: £927.38

Film night: £172.00

Lourdes Tea Money: £ 18.43

Thank you for your generosity.

Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 2018

Eucharist is... Real Presence

At Mass, or when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration, Jesus Christ is present with us because he told us he would be. His presence shows the truth of his words recorded right at the end of Saint Matthew's Gospel when he told us to know he is with us always. Jesus is present, but that presence demands something of us too: our presence. At Mass we are present at the Last Supper.

Date for your diary

Thursday 24th May 1.30pm **Marian Procession**

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Julio Cesar Rentaria Saenz** and **Leila-Claire Kellgren-Parker**



who will be married here on Saturday 12th May at 2.30pm. We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

REFLECTION

This is an opportunity for spiritual reflection and faith renewal over two mornings. This reflection will take place in:

St Anne's Parish Hall
Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ
on Tuesday 22nd May and Wednesday 23rd May
10-2pm each session.

This shortened version of the "Living Christ" Retreat is aimed at those people who are unable to attend a full day of Retreat, particularly the elderly or housebound. Lifts can be arranged for those who require transport to and from St. Anne's and all refreshments, including lunch, are provided.

If anyone is interested or would like more details please contact:

Sue Faulkner 07962 040253

or email issue_4@hotmail.com

Maurus/Stella O'Donnell, 0151 427 3386

or email prospectvale@outlook.com

Afternoon Tea

All are welcome on Thursdays

1.30 - 3.00pm

Forthcoming Activities:

- 10th May Praying with Colour
- 17th May De-stress!
- 24th May Liverpool Quiz
- 31st May Half Term Break



PARISH PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 14th May this month.** All welcome.
Further details from Frances, 727 2195 .



Thought for the Week:

Be merciful, for mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel.

Adoremus Youth Congress

Saturday 8th Sept, Echo Arena Auditorium. Join 1000 young people aged 13-20 in a unique experience of being the young church.

Contributions from Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and much more....

Cost only £10.

Booking forms available

www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

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.

Dear All

This month's Messy Church will be held 26th May at the usual time and as always, all are welcome. Come along to get involved or to help, you will be made very welcome. More information about the theme and lunch nearer the time.

Kind regards,
the Messy Team



Volunteers Please

If anyone is willing to do the washing and caring of the Altar Servers' cassocks and cottas please contact the parish office.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

PIZZA AND PRAYERS

Pizza and Prayers meets for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, 6 May and for the consecration of the parish's new altar on Sunday 13, May at 11am Mass.

The next meeting is Sunday, 17 June and then there is a bacon butty sale on Sunday, 24 June along with the Summer Raffle Appeal. Thanks to the parish for all your support!

We would like to thank all the parishioners who popped into Tesco Aigburth Road to offer support during our three bag packs this year. We have raised a total of £955.36 over a period of 21 hours bag packing. It was great to see so many of you and also meet new people who shared their Lourdes stories with us. We really do appreciate our lovely parish.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Led by Fr James

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

Follow in the footsteps of St Bernadette. Enjoy a 4-night, 5 day Pilgrimage to Lourdes by air staying in the 3- star Hotel Beau Site situated an 8 minute walk from the Domaine on a full board basis.



English speaking guide for the duration of your stay and a full spiritual programme will be arranged for you.

To express an interest in this Pilgrimage, please contact Fr James or call 0151 727 2493.