

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 19th February 2017

DAY	FEAST/TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th Sun 19th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Kenneth McCormack (Id) Special Intention (AB)
Mon 20th		No Mass	
Tue 21st	Funeral Service	12.00 noon 7.00pm	David Parry Sheila Wooley (Id)
Wed 22nd	St Peter's Chair	12 noon	Frances Parry (Id)
Thu 23rd	St Polycarp	9.00am	Private Intention (CH)
Fri 24th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 25th Sun 26th	Vigil 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Little Family (A) Parishioners Margaret & Mary Tobin (A)



Rom. 8:15

You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect

Matthew 5:48

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: Celia Stephenson, Charles Allen Kelly, Linda O'Hara, Florence Mary Farrell, Anne Rubina Rowlands, Andrew Gerrard, Elizabeth Joan Garnett, Paul Anthony Saunders, Thomas Neary, Margaret Morris, Little Family, Margaret & Mary Tobin.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid

LATELY DEAD: Canon Gerard Wharton, Fr Kevin Snape, David Parry, Kerina Cavanagh.

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.

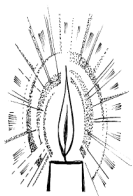


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Special Intention (Kyle)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Private Intention**



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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass on Ash Wednesday 1st March at 7pm in church, followed by talks and a meal in the Presbytery. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church:
stcharles@church.org.uk

PIETY SHOP open before and after all week-end Masses. We now have a selection of St Patrick's Day cards and Mother's Day cards on sale.

MUSIC ON 26 FEBRUARY

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 11/12 February

Plate: £552.62 Envelopes: £661.60 S/O: £368.50
Total: £1582.72

Tea money (Lourdes): £28.33

Ghana £20.00 (Hats)

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 11/12 February

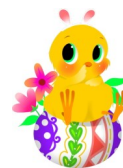
5.00pm: 137 9.30am: 192 11.00am: 198

Total: 527

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.



LENTEN HOUSE VISITS

During Lent, beginning on Wednesday 1st March I would like to begin to make time to visit parishioners in their homes. I have set aside **Wednesday evenings from 5pm till 8.30pm** commencing 8th March. If you would like me to visit your home, please contact the parish office during the next few weeks. I look forward to meeting you during Lent.

Fr James

Extra Masses during Lent

Ash Wednesday Masses
10.00am and 7pm

Wednesdays 8.20am in the School Hall

Thursdays 7.30am—an opportunity to attend Mass before work.

Friday Evening 7pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.



St Charles and St Thomas More Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

& 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

ONLY FIVE PLACES LEFT!

Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Celebration

19 March, 11am in the Cathedral.

More details to follow!



TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group will be closed for half-term next Wednesday, 22nd February. We will be open as usual on Wednesday, 1st March. We look forward to seeing you then.

Hannah, Margaret and John

Pizza & Prayers Youth Group

The youth group sponsored walk around Delamere Forest was a great success on Saturday 11th of Feb. We are grateful for the use of the mini bus to get us there and back! If you would like to pop some loose change in the sponsor buckets after Masses this week-end we would be really grateful. We will also be doing a pulpit appeal this week-end too.

Come and say hello to us at Tesco Aigbuth Road this Sunday as we will be bag packing.

We really do appreciate all your support.

From all the youth going to Lourdes

CUPPA AND CHAT

We will be closed for half-term on Monday, 20th February.

We will be open as usual on Monday, 27th February. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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.



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

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.

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

**Knights of St Columba Council 9
EARLY ST. PATRICK'S CHARITY IRISH
SOCIAL EVENING**

at Out Lady of Mount Carmel Club
High Park St
Liverpool L8 8DX
on Saturday 11th March 2017 at 8.30pm.
Featuring Michael Coyne ,Bingo, Raffle.

Tickets £5 from Pat Mc Gann 07825236064 or from the club or pay at the door.
If you have got a raffle prize it would be appreciated.

THE ART OF DYING WELL prayer cards.

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. www.artofdyingwell.org.

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.

WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.



This Month's Messy Church is to be held 25th February 11-1pm in the Church Hall. Our theme is Lent and we have lots of Messy and Interesting activities planned to help us to prepare well for Lent.

We hope you can join us and feel free to bring a friend. Messy Church is free to attend and lunch is served after the Messiness, although your donations are always welcome.

If you want to know more, please call Nickie on 07545613590

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

CAR PARK

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



Justice and Peace Group



St Charles and St Thomas More

This is a reminder that we are holding a short Planning Meeting after 9.30 Mass this Sunday - in the small meeting room --to discuss the presenting and the delivery of the Lent Reflections 2017 on Laudate Si and Care for our Common Home.

Your help is really appreciated with this and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks in advance from

Hannah and the St Charles and St Thomas Moore J & P Group