

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Newsletter items to barbaracharles50@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 1 March**

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 26th February 2017



*"No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn.
 Matthew 6:24*

Confessions:

Tue. 6.15pm—6.45pm
 Sat. 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

DAY	FEAST/TIMES		MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th Sun 26th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Little Family (A) Parishioners Margaret & Mary Tobin (A)
Mon 27th		10.00 am	Sophie Armstrong (A)
Tue 28th		7.00 pm	Fr Anthony Grimshaw (ld)
Wed 1st	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Retired & sick Clergy Cath Bostock (ld)
Thu 2nd		7.30 am 12.00 noon	Peace of Mind Special Intention (AP)
Fri 3rd	Women's World Day of Prayer	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Fr Brian Crane (ld) Stations of the Cross
Sat 4th Sun 5th	Vigil 1st Sunday of Lent (A)	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Pat, Andre & Jean Louis Janssis Kathleen Winter (bd)

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: Klara Owczarczuk, Charles Edward Thompson, William Pye, Irene Grant, Bernard William Richter, Sophie Elizabeth Armstrong, Ethel Bernard, Mary Royden, Anne Gargan, Sheila Turnbull, Margaret Tobin,

SICK: Elizabeth Reid

LATELY DEAD: Frank Brennan, Emily Bennion, Frances Roberts.

The parish office is closed on Wednesday 1st March.

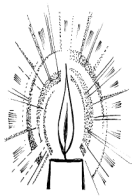
Masses to be Celebrated in Schools this week

Tue 28th	9.00 am	St Edward's	Terry Lodge (RIP)
Ash Wed.	8.15am	St Edward's	Oliver Keenan (RIP)
1st March	12 noon	Bellerive	Jack Conway (RIP)
Thu 2nd	9.00 am	Bellerive	John Sankey (RIP)

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 **Charles Hanson (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Sophie Armstrong**



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Rachel Buckley will be speaking at all Masses next week-end on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need.

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

MUSIC ON 5 MARCH

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 18/19 February

Plate: £456.41 Envelopes: £604.68 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1429.59

Tea money (Lourdes): 23.05

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 18/19 February

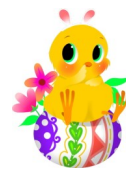
5.00pm: 141 9.30am: 155 11.00am: 183

Total: 479

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

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

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

Would like to thank the parish for their incredibly generous donations to the sponsored walk. A massive £426.70 was collected from the buckets last weekend to go towards the Lourdes pilgrimage for parish youth

Pastoral Area Lenten Confessathon

On Saturday 11 March at St Charles, Aigburth and on Saturday 1st April at St Francis, Garston there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests of the Pastoral Area will be available from 12 noon until 5pm to hear Confession. Throughout the afternoon the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer.

11 March		1 April	
St Charles		St Francis	
12-1pm	Fr Fleetwood	12-1pm	
1-2 pm	Fr Southworth	1-2 pm	Fr Southworth
2-3 pm	Fr Prescott	2-3pm	
3-4 pm	Fr Kendall	3-4pm	Fr Fleetwood
4-5pm	Fr Preston	4-5 pm	Fr Kendall

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Group 1: Thursday 2nd March at 6.30pm.
Group 2: Saturday 4th March at 1.30pm.

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish meeting room after the 12 noon Mass on Thursday 2nd March. Everyone welcome.



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.

CUPPA AND CHAT

We will be open as usual from 10.30am on Monday, 27th February. ALL WELCOME!!!

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets on sale after all Masses today. Proceeds to Church Funds.

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 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.

URGENTLY NEEDED Volunteers to help serve the tea and coffee after the 11am Mass on Sundays. If you can help please ring the Parish Office.

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.

CAR PARK

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

SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.

MESSY CHURCH Last Saturday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

CUPPA AND CHAT each Monday 10.30am - 12 noon. Young and old are invited, bring your toddler or baby along if you wish.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

PENSIONERS CLUB Mondays at 2pm.

PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 – 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP for children in Years 4- 6 meets on Monday evenings 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

BINGO Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

TEA AND COFFEE is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

SOUP AND A ROLL is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35) meets on the third Wednesday of every month for Mass and a Meal.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS. There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available at the back of church before Mass.