

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## Ascension of the Lord - 8th May 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th	<b>Vigil</b>	6.00 pm	Parishioners
Sun 8th	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thanksgiving (M) Bob McCappin (A)
Mon 9th		10.00am	Foundation Mass (HY)
Tue 10th		7.00 pm	Anthony Williams
Wed 11th		12 noon	Special Intention (KMcC)
Thu 12th	SS Nereus, Achilles & Pancras, martyrs	12 noon	Des Rooney
Fri 13th	Church open for private prayer	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sat 14th</b>	<b>First Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	For the Children of the Parish
Sat 14th	<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Dec. relatives & friends (Roose Family)
Sun 15th		9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Stanley Fearn (RIP)



*Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.*

Lk 24: 50 - 52

**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:** Mary Franken

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend.

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 **Devine Family** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mary Ryan (birthday)**.



**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

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**

**July** for baptisms in **Aug Sept and Oct**

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

### 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.



### MUSIC ON 15TH MAY

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



### OFFERTORY 30 April/1 May

Plate: £564.00 Envelopes: £ 699.35 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1631.85**

**Tea Money: £28.07**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 30 April/1 May

6.00pm: 164 9.30am: 145 11.00am: 195

## CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION



Please pray for all the children of our parish who received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion this month.

*Paige Adeniran*

*Lily Bellard*

*Jack Bessell*

*Alex Blue*

*Thomas Bouch*

*Riley Cauldwell*

*Indira Cave*

*Jessica Challoner*

*Joseph Challoner*

*Olivia Clarke*

*Abbie Darracott*

*Roc de Yzaguirre-Tozer*

*Emlyn Donnelly*

*Ben Dooley*

*Carl Duala*

*Lois Farrelly*

*Emma Fearon*

*Alfie Foy*

*Sophie Gill*

*Zac Hart*

*Finley Holman*

*Philip Johnston*

*Sanjay Karthikapallil*

*Patrick McFarlane*

*Joshua McConville*

*Alfie McHale*

*Aimee McKie*

*George Morgan*

*Harrison Skelton*

*Jaiden Temple*

*Ruby Thomas*

*Elena Tickle*

*Tyrah Torrible*

*Reece Wagner*

*Ava Welsh*

*Declan Wilcock*

*Olivia Wood*

**THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP** will meet on Monday 9th May. All welcome. Please remember the change in venue, 727 2195 for details.

### 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](mailto:stcharles@church.org.uk) or Joe Champion-Williams [champiij@hope.ac.uk](mailto:champiij@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.**

**PLANT SALE.** A small sale of garden and allotment plants (Tomato, Peppers, Veg, Flowers and Herbs) will be on sale after the 9.30 and 11am Mass on Sunday 22 May in the Parish Hall. All proceeds in aid of **CAFOD**.

# Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

## **Mary, Mother of Mercy**

There are many titles for Mary that we can find listed in the *Litany of the Virgin Mary*, but why do we refer to Mary as the Mother of Mercy?

May is the Marian month and we are presently celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Perhaps now is the appropriate time to pause and reflect on Mary's role as the Mother of Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina Kowalska tells us she heard Mary refer to herself by this name: *"I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your mother"* (*Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, 330).

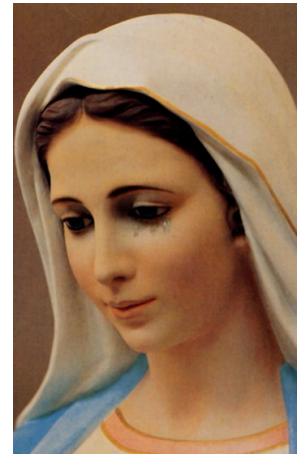
Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Mary using this very same title during his Angelus message shortly after celebrating Mass at Amman International Stadium during his Holy Land trip in May 2009. He said,

*"During the Mass, I spoke about the prophetic charism of women as bearers of love, teachers of mercy and artisans of peace .... The supreme model of womanly virtue is the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy and Queen of Peace."*

The 'Hail, Holy Queen' is traditionally a prayer that is recited at the end of the Holy Rosary, however it can be said at any time and in any place. Perhaps you would like to spend some time this month in prayer to *Mary Our Mother of Mercy*.

***Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee to we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.***

***Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.***



## **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES - A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE**

*How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations?*

*By coming to know Jesus Christ and following him as his disciples.*

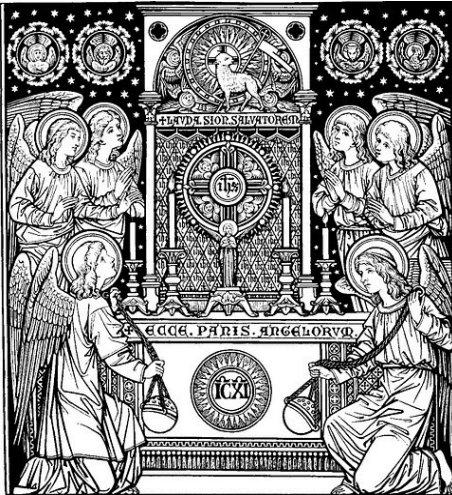
These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church. Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him.

In her books *Forming Intentional Disciples* and *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. This Conference will introduce some of the themes of this important work and guide us on a practical way forward.

**Date:** Wednesday 6th July 2016  
**Venue:** St Anne's Parish Centre, Ormskirk, L39 4TG  
**Speaker:** Stephen Hoyland - who works full time for Jesuit outreach ministry having spent many years at Loyola Hall  
**Cost:** A donation of £5 or more please  
**Lunch:** Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks will be provided  
**Who:** Interested and committed parishioners and clergy  
**Contact:** Please email Fr Philip Inch to book a place:  
penwortham@rcaolp.co.uk  
For more information telephone Fr Philip Inch  
01772 743337

### **Programme for the Day**

10.30am	Arrivals and coffee
11.00am	Introductions
11.20am	Jesus Calls Us (Imaginative Contemplation Exercise)
12.00noon	Forming Intentional Disciples Introduction to Theme
12.30pm	Some sharing on the morning
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Forming Intentional Disciples Continued
2.30pm	Discerning Next Steps - Conversation
3.00pm	Departures



# 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 Outdoor 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

### YOUTH GROUP GRAND RAFFLE

Thank you all once again for your incredible generosity last weekend. The grand raffle so far has raised over £604. If you want to take tickets to sell please pass a message to Father or Val in the office and we can get them to you.

We will be at the back of church for the next two Sundays at 11 o'clock if anybody wants to buy tickets or take some to sell to family and friends. Please pass stubs, money and unsold tickets to Val in the office, Eleanor or Netti, or a member of the youth group at any time before mid June.

**Blessings to you all. Netti**

**Pizza and Prayers** meets **Sunday 7 May** from 6:30-8. Please bring in all raffle ticket money you have already collected and take lots of raffle tickets to sell!

### The Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ladywell

Bishop Tom Williams invites you to join him on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May** for our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladywell, 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.

**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.