

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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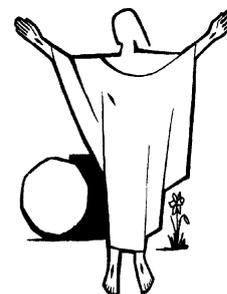
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Newsletter items to Martin Wood, email mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday**

Easter Sunday (C) - 27th March 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 26th Sun 27th	Easter Vigil Easter Sunday	7.30 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Nancy Ward (A) Rose O'Halloran (A) Parishioners
Mon 28th		10.00 am	Rita Lunt (A)
Tue 29th		7.00 pm	Margaret Rose Line and Parents
Wed 30th		12 noon	Chris Duffy (A)
Thu 31st		12 noon	Lily Woolfrey (A)
Fri 1st		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Vigil 2nd Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Peter Kelly RIP Maureen and Tommy McCarthy



*This day was made
by the Lord; we
rejoice and are
glad. Alleluia!*

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: Rose O'Halloran, Ged Fitzgerald, Martin Anderson, Joan Daly, Philip Wright, Laura Bowles, Harry Britt, Frances Tippin, Everild Feeney, Maureen Ware, John Morrissey, Anthony Carey, Nancy Ward, Rita Lunt, Chris Duffy, Lily Woolfrey.

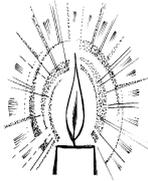
LATELY DEAD: Margaret Kemp, Phil Steele, John Purcell, Sean Navan, Kathleen McGuire, Richard Kelly, Esther Barton, Betty Baylis, William (Billy) Brady, Sheila Joy.

Fr James, deacons Paul and Jeremy would like to wish our parishioners every blessing during this Easter Season. We pray that you will experience the joy that comes from knowing the Risen Christ.

There will be no tea and coffee after the 11.00 am Mass today.



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Thomas McCappin** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Pat Dixon**.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

We welcome to God's family **Millie Grace Moutray** and **Caolan Michael David McGinley** who will be baptised during the 11.00 am Mass today. We ask you to pray for them and their families.



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.



PARISH PRAYER GROUP. PLEASE NOTE that there will not be a meeting in April because of the Prayer Guide talks. The May meeting will be on the second Monday, 9th, to avoid the bank holiday.

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 13th April at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk or Joe Champion-Williams champij@hope.ac.uk.

OFFERTORY 12/13 March:

Plate: £591.49 Envelopes: £ 618.27 S/O: £368.50
Total: £1578.26

Lourdes Donations

Sponsor Money: £20.00

KSC Council 9 (Lourdes): £100

Easter Fair: £967.68

Bingo: £19.00

Thank you for your generosity

MASS ATTENDANCE 12/13 March:

6.00pm: 171 9.30am: 201 11.00am: 185

MANY THANKS to the Knights of St Columba Council 9 for their generous donation of £100 to the youth group who are going to Lourdes this summer.

Blessings from all the youth.

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

At the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane
Liverpool L15 6WT

Apr 12th, May 10th, Jun 14th, Jul 12th, Sep 13th,
Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th

These days are for anyone involved in ministry or the service of others. With time for silence and personal reflection they help to re-charge our energies.

Days begin at 10am, with coffee, and end about 4pm. Please bring your own food, tea and coffee provided. Offering for the day is £10 per person.

For further information contact Sr Winnie Morley,
0151 722 2271, winniecenacle@mail.com

GIFT AID

As if the new Tax Year begins, if you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your contribution whether through envelopes or Standing Order. To do so, please contact the parish office. For every £1.00 given the parish can claim back 25p extra which is a great boost to our annual income. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Parish Finance Group.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

The new offertory envelopes are at the back of church for all those who use them. They begin on Sunday 10th April (new tax year). **If anyone else would like to use envelopes please put your name and address on the list at the back of church.**

In order that we can budget for the financial needs of the parish it is helpful to have offertory envelopes so that we can estimate our yearly income.

MUSIC ON 3RD APRIL

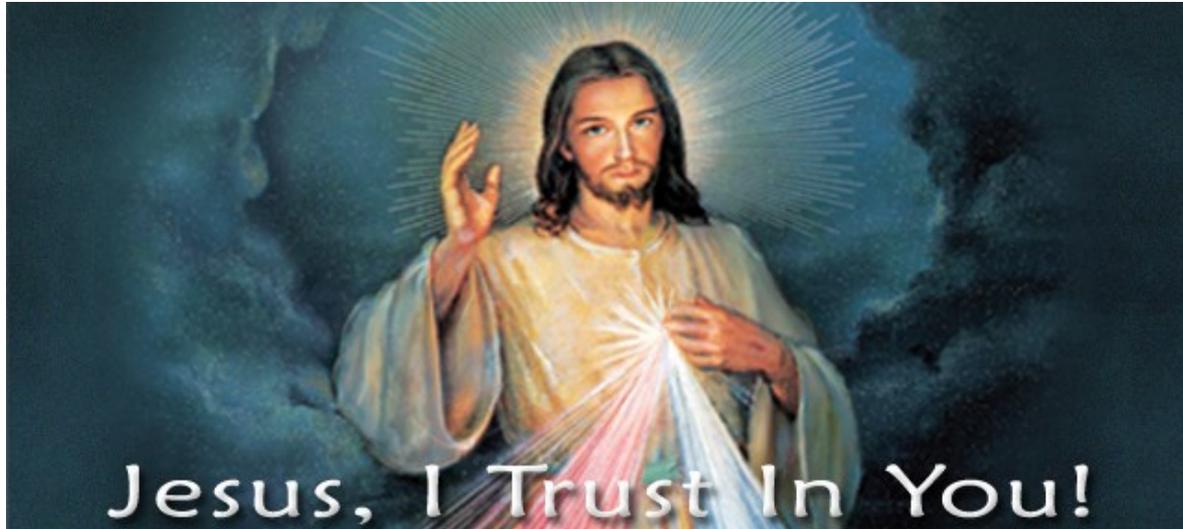
9.30 am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015 -2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

3rd April 2016



Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated next week on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, is a feast that was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Saint Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Saint Pope John Paul II wrote his last and final statement from his death bed that he prepared to be read on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, which came to be the very day after his passing. In it he expressed to the world the great importance and the urgency to understand and accept Our Lord's incredible gift of Divine Mercy. He said to all the people of the world:

*'As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is **love** that converts hearts and gives peace.'*

Jesus said to Blessed Faustina Kowalska a Polish nun who died in 1938:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

It is no accident that Pope Francis is also a *Divine Mercy* Pope and that he has put, on the fore-front of his pontificate, the urgency to reach out to others and to get out of our comforts zones and go out and evangelize. Divine Mercy Sunday is God's greatest tool for the New Evangelization!



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

Led by Fr James Preston

Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017

Price: £680.00 per person - Ground Package Only.
Flight price to be advised once available from Jet 2 Manchester.
Estimated flight cost £220 - Minimum 30 passengers.
Single Rooms £118 - only 6 available at this price - any further £190 pp.
Travel Insurance £31 per person.

Package includes:

- Full services of courier for the duration of tour.
- 4 nights half board accommodation in Rome - Hotel Domus Carmelitana
- 3 nights in Assisi HB - La Rocca.
- Full itinerary including Daily Mass and walking tours of local areas
- Half day Guided Tours of Rome and Assisi including coach.

Deposit: £200 per person (plus insurance premium if required)

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



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.

YOUTH GROUP every Sunday from 6:30 pm to 8.00 pm. Open to young people in Year 9 and above.

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.

BUSY BEES knit 'n natter (or stitch) Wednesdays 2-4 pm.

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 Barbara Charles, Email: barbaracharles50@gmail.com. Tel. 0151 728 7740.

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

PARISH BOOKSHELF It has a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass.