

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Easter Sunday (B) - 1st April 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 31st	Easter Vigil Easter Day	9.00 pm	John & Mary Wilcox (A)
Sun 1st		9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Fr John Gildea (sick)
Mon 2nd		12 noon	Special Int. (Thompson Family)
Tues 3rd		12 noon	Catherine Duffy (A)
Wed 4th		No Mass	
Thu 5th		12 noon	Chris Duffy (A)
Fri 6th	Wedding Service	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 7th		1.00 pm	Marc Littlefield & Ruth Fisher
Sun 8th	Vigil Mass with Neocatechumenal Community 2nd Sunday of Easter	5.00 pm	Mary Ion (bd)
		6.00 pm (Hall)	Special Int (J)
		9.30 am	Tom Connell (ld)
		11.00 am	Parishioners



The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia. Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

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: Harry Britt, Frances Tippin, Everild Feeney, Frederick Edwards, John Morrissey, Anthony Carey, Mary Cowan, Kevin Edwards, Terence Barrett, Tommy Rowan, Mary Craig, Mickey O'Donoghue, John Caldwell, Helena O'Shaughnessy, John Clarke, John & Mary Wilcox, Catherine Duffy.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Fr John Gildea.

LATELY DEAD: Joseph Crawford, Annie Smith, Sue Tay, Reg Pritchard, Francis Brian Graham.

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.



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.



Thought for the Week: We are created to handle with much tenderness, the soul of every person we meet.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Norah Mary Toohey** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Tony and Paul Heron**



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.

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped prepare for our Easter Celebration: those who cleaned the church and arranged the flowers, musicians and singers, readers and ministers, Little Church & Messy Church leaders, catechists, and groups who have led Stations of the Cross each Friday throughout Lent.

MUSIC ON 8 APRIL

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

The new offertory envelopes are at the back of church for all those who use them. They begin this Sunday 8th April (new tax year).

OFFERTORY 24/25 March

Plate: £560.03 Envelopes: £581.59 S/O: £426.25
Total: £1567.87

Lourdes Tea Money: £21.08

Boiler Donation £7.00

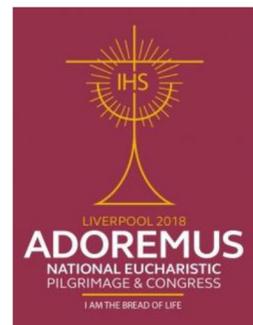
Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 24/25 March

5.00pm: 171 9.30am: 150 11.00am: 183
Total: 504

Adoremus, National Eucharistic Congress

The Bishops of England and Wales have organised a National Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Liverpool on September 7th - 9th. This is being held in the Echo Arena, Liverpool, the Cathedral and various locations around the city centre.



Every diocese in the country will be sending delegates to Liverpool to take part in the various events. The main events will include a Theology Symposium on Friday 7th, the main Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 8th which will include the keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron from the United States and other presentations. On the final Sunday there will be special Masses in the Cathedral and a Blessed Sacrament Procession

Ways to be involved:

1. We have been allocated 5 spaces for the main Congress on Saturday 8th 9.30am - 5pm. If you would like to go, please contact the parish office and give in your name and phone number. If you have a ticket for Saturday you will also be given a ticket for the Masses on Sunday in the Cathedral if you wish to go.

2. There will also be a 'Parallel Programme' in various times and venues which will offer workshops, discussions, and presentations on different themes. These are free events and do not need to be booked in advance - we will advertise these when we have more details.

If you wish to be a parish delegate on the Saturday we need to know as soon as possible.

Eucharist is... Thanksgiving

When we give thanks at Mass, the past is renewed, the present is transformed, and the future is made already present. In this thanksgiving, hope is generated by recalling past mercies. What we know from the past of the power and love of God gives us confidence in the continued mercy of God despite whatever may be going on in our lives to try us.

**Easter Message of the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP,
Archbishop of Liverpool.**



Easter Day has dawned, a day like no other. A day filled with joy so great that we cannot begin to describe it. In these last days as we have remembered the events of the holiest week of the year we have experienced every human emotion: triumph, betrayal, suffering, pain, and desolation. Our remembrance goes back 2,000 years and yet those emotions are very much alive in our world; in our lives today.

The joy that the resurrection of Jesus brought to his followers is also alive for us today. It is a joy that will never end. I was privileged to attend the funeral of Sir Ken Dodd last week in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral: one emotion, one word which shone through his life was happiness. He sang, 'I thank the Lord that I've been blessed with more than my share of happiness'. Today we feel our own happiness as we celebrate the resurrection, and yet it is only a shadow of the happiness which is to come, which the risen Lord wants for us.

Ken would wish people 'happiness always' and that is what we have today. Through the resurrection of Jesus we know that death has been conquered and that we are assured of an eternal life, a happiness the like of which we have never experienced before, one which will last for ever.

The journey which is Holy Week reminds us of the trials of life through which we will rise to life. Through the Cross Jesus has drawn all people to himself and through his resurrection he has transformed our lives and given us all the gift of eternal happiness. If we let the light of the risen Christ into our lives and those of our families it will bring an inner peace and happiness as we experience the mercy of God in the ordinary things of life.

May the risen Lord bless us all during this Easter Season.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Marc Littlefield** and **Ruth Fisher** who will married here on Friday 6th April at 1.00 pm. We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.



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 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.

Assin Foso Committee

Welcomes you to a talk by
The Outstanding Liverpool Historian

Steve Binns MBE

Ghana's long connection with Liverpool

"Liverpool's Infamous Past"

Monday 23 April 2018

In the Church Hall at 7.45pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

Cost £5 (admission by ticket to include light refreshments)

All proceeds will be in aid of our sister Parish in Ghana

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from next weekend or from the Parish Office.

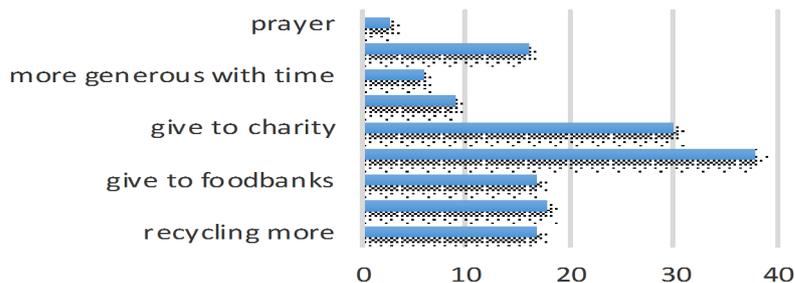
Thomas Clarke. Please keep Thomas in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the diaconate which will take place Saturday 23 June at St Marys College Oscott Birmingham.

Livesimply Pledges.

Last year we asked you to write a pledge to live simply, as part of our journey to become a *Livesimply* Parish. We had a wonderful response and below you can see the results in a chart format. We are currently working to display your pledges so as to keep these at the forefront of our minds. If anyone has a story to tell about your pledge we would love to hear from you. If you would like to be involved more in the Live Simply Award then please contact us. It would be great to have you on-board.

We have now created a display for your *Livesimply* pledges with the generous help of Messy Church. Look out for our pledge tree somewhere in the church.

Live Simply Pledges



THANK YOU FROM THE J&P GROUP

A very big Thank You to Nora and Nicki who did sterling work in helping us with refreshments after the Oscar Romero Mass and to Billy who in what seems the blink of an eye turned our humble refreshment offerings into a dazzling display banquet - a fitting feast for our visitors and parishioners alike! Also to Anne and Steve Atherton for such an informative and emotional spirit filled talk on their El Salvador pilgrimage - Thank you all.

We have several actions in the pipe line and will reveal all after Easter... Until then a very Happy Easter to everybody. Your support is truly appreciated!



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

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

AFTERNOON TEA We meet on Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

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.

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.