

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Epiphany of the Lord (B) - 7th January 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6th Sun 7th	Vigil Epiphany of the Lord	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Ellen McCormick (A) Parishioners Henry Boateng (A)
Mon 8th	Baptism of the Lord	7.00 pm	Eileen Burns (A)
Tue 9th		9.30 am	Michael Doyle (A)
Wed 10th		12 noon	Philip McGovern (SI)
Thu 11th		12 noon	Kathleen Winter (A)
Fri 12th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 13th Sun 14th	Vigil 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Ferguson family Helen & Peter Kane (bd) Parishioners



"Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:2

Confessions:

Mon No Confessions
Sat 4.30 - 4.45 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: John Joseph Cassell, Mary Maher, William Francis Clarke, Margaret Hodnet, Diane Scanlon, George Bernard Pratt, Winnie Copestick, Irene Beveridge, Anthony James Wall, Mary Eileen Kelly, George Bentley, Joyce Williams, Anthony James Brown, Nora Therese Staunton, Henry Mangan, Francis Joseph McMahan, Catherine Bridget Douglas, Caroline Teresa Scales, Thomas Morris, Kathleen Winter, Kathleen Hand, John Eric Quarcoo Adedze, Ellen McCormick, Henry Boateng, Eileen Burns, Michael Doyle.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams,

LATELY DEAD: Allan Lavin, John Dillon, Mary O'Toole, Joe Georgeson.

DAILY MASS

Commencing Monday 8th January for 10 days, Mass will be celebrated in the Thomas More Room (small meeting room) as the Church floor will be sanded, filled and sealed. Thank you for your co-operation.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Bridie Reynolds** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Thanksgiving**.



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

Parents wishing to have their baby or child baptised are required to attend a preparation course of three sessions, after which you can arrange a date for Baptism.



The next course dates are **14, 21 & 28 January**. Please see Fr James after Mass.

MUSIC ON 14 JANUARY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



DIARIES are on sale at the back of the Church, price £1.00. All proceeds to help defray the cost of the boiler.

GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

OFFERTORY 30/31 December

Plate: £446.06 Envelopes: £552.38 S/O: £426.25
Total: £1424.69

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 23/24 December

5.00pm: 154 9.30am: 136 11.00am: 172
Total: 462

Please pray for the following couples who are to be married this year:



Marc David Littlefield and Ruth Louise Fisher
Sean Michael McCann and Sara Kate Buls
Andrew Peter Jones and Denise Bakstad
James Reilly and Melanie-Rose Quayle
David Kelly and Helen Webster
Thomas Phipps and Faye Mitchell
Peter Malone-Mason and Katherine Bowles
Kevin James Robinson and Joanne Marie Walsh

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

A book is placed near St. Anthony's statue in which to write your prayer requests which will be offered to God at the week-end Masses.

Film Night Monday 5th February at 7.30pm.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

More details next week.

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: Lord, teach me the paradox that if I love until it hurts, there will be no more hurt, only more love.

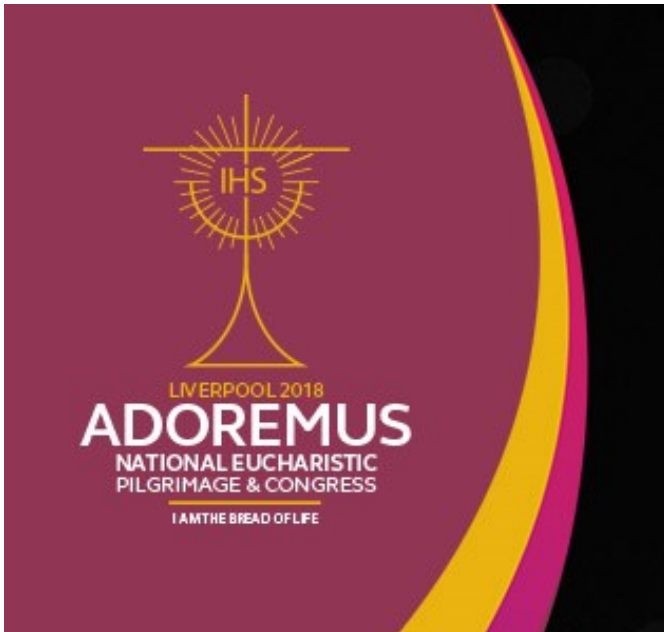
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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.

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.





Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020.

We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting will be on
Monday 8th January (NB second
Monday). All welcome. For venue
details phone 727 2195 .



Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to our Charity Shop and these can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday. We can collect donations on Thursday mornings. To arrange a collection please contact the manager at the shop - Jeannette on jeannette.burnett@nugentcare.org or 0151 737 2951

WANTED: USED STAMPS



Please cut out stamps leaving a wide border before throwing the envelope away. There is a box at the back of church to collect them for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

Afternoon Tea on Thursdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room All are welcome!

There are lots of interesting activities suggested for this term including:
Powerpoints of photos from The Holy Land, South Africa and Moscow.
Health Issue information on hydration and exercise (Tai Chi).
Crafts including embroidery and crochet.
COME AND JOIN US!

A Vocation Prayer

Almighty God,

You have given me the gift of life and the gift of your Holy Spirit. For these incredible gifts, I thank you. Help me to use them well. Deepen within me a desire to do your will.

Help me to hear and answer your call to serve you.

Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me.

As a loving spouse and parent in the Sacrament of Marriage. As a single person living a life of generous service, or through a special call to serve you in Religious life or the Priesthood.

May your Holy Spirit keep me close to your Son, Jesus, and help me to say Yes to Him with the gift of my life.

Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms are available for Parish Groups to use for regular meetings. Please ring the office to check availability, as there are several groups who meet on a weekly basis.

Weekly:

Monday Afternoon Pensioners, Tuesday Evening SVP, Wednesday Morning Toddlers, Thursday Afternoon Tea and Coffee, Thursday Evening Mothers Prayer Group, Friday Evening Bingo

Monthly:

First Thursday – Soup and a Roll, Third Saturday morning Messy Church, Fourth Tuesday Evening Justice and Peace.

Please note all Sacramental Activities and functions take precedence but we do try our best to be flexible.

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.

PRAYER.

The Jesuits run two very useful websites: "**Sacred Space**", and "**Pray as You Go**" which provide a prayer and reflection for each day and a simple method of meditation. Could be useful for those few spare minutes you may have at lunchtime.

Visit: www.sacredspace.ie and www.pray-as-you-go.org

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 Third 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.

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.