

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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The Most Holy Trinity - 22nd May 2016



*Glory be to the Father,
 and to the Son, and to
 the Holy Spirit, the
 God who is, who was,
 and who is to come.*

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	Vigil Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Special Intention (PB) Parishioners Special Intention (PB)
Mon 23rd		10.00am	Mary Caffrey (sick)
Tue 24th		7.00 pm	John Richardson (bd)
Wed 25th	St Bede the Venerable	12 noon	Mathew Robson (RIP)
Thu 26th	St Philip Neri	12 noon	Special Intention (TB)
Fri 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 28th Sun 29th	Vigil Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Anita Crawley (bd) Parishioners Anna Williams (bd) Pru Shepperd (RIP)

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.



There will be tea and coffee after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.



ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Carlisle, Margaret Kenworthy, John Matthews, Kathleen Owens, Mary Dunn, Mary Berrigan, Frank Connolly, Mary Ward, Gerald Nelson, Thomas Burke, Robert Robinson, Mary Walsh, Sylvia Kenely, Francis Dunmore.

SICK: Frances Parry

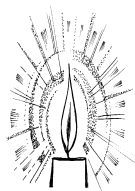
The **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** will be making a collection after all Masses this weekend.



PULPIT APPEAL

This weekend The Knights of St Columba will be making an appeal for Catholic Men to come and find out more about their work with in the Archdiocese. For more information contact Aidan Carney 427 7126.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vocations** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mark Whyte (Id)**



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.

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.



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 **Feb, March and April**

April for baptisms in **May, June and July**

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

October for baptisms in **Nov, Dec and Jan.**

Priests in Retirement - there will be a retiring collection after all masses next weekend 28/29 May.

MUSIC ON 29 MAY

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 14/15 May

Plate: £559.50 Envelopes: £695.50 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1623.50

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 14/15 May

6.00pm: 135 9.30am: 180 11.00am: 205

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. There will be a raffle. **Space is limited so admission will be by ticket only.**

ROAD CLOSURE – NEXT SUNDAY 29TH MAY

Due to the Marathon parts of Aigburth Road will be closed, which will effect people getting to and from Mass, therefore there will be an evening Mass at 5.30pm.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS AND FAMILY LIFE

A *Service of Thanksgiving* will be held for children who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation in recent months and for their families and friends.

The service will be held on **Sunday 12th June at 2 pm** and will be followed by light refreshments in the church hall.

Everybody is most welcome to attend to show their support for the children and their families as they journey in faith.

Dementia Friends Information Session

Thursday, 26th May at 7.30pm

During this friendly and interactive Session you will increase your understanding of dementia, and think about the small things that you can do to make a difference to people affected by dementia in our parish community. The session will be led by Louise Leitch and Margaret Thelwell, both trained Dementia Champions. All are welcome to attend.

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.



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 this Sunday in the Parish Hall. All proceeds in aid of **CAFOD**.

FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 24th May

in the Parish Meeting Room.

"The Lady in the Van"



A true story starring Maggie Smith.

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. **Call the Parish Office on 727 2493.**

THANK YOU FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

We are extremely grateful for your donations of cash and clothing for the refugees initially arriving on Lesbos and those who are now stranded on the borders of Greece due to the closure of adjoining borders. They are living in appalling conditions and anything we can do to help; any acts of kindness are really appreciated.

We fly there tomorrow to meet the wagons that are en route, unload into a warehouse and then distribute to the many needy projects that are developing in the area. Like the many volunteers out there, we will do whatever we can to assist.

Despite the uncertainties surrounding the proposed solutions to this crisis, we continue to move forward in this respect, as there will be an ongoing need for aid in many forms. We have sent small backpacks, colouring books and pencils and small toys to distribute to the children and will continue to develop our actions in line with what we find when we arrive as conditions are constantly changing.

I cannot stress enough how much your support in this respect is appreciated and I know your kindness will be welcomed by the recipients. Thanks again.

Carole, Julie and Maria.

SUMMER FETE

Sunday 12th June after the
9.30am Mass.

If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola and would like to donate them to the Fair then please leave them in the box at the back of church, but **no bric-a-brac or books.**

Thank you for your donations.

From the Lourdes youth group...

Thank you all one again for your incredible generosity last weekend. The grand raffle so far has raised over £110.00 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.

As a thank to you all for your generosity with our Lourdes fund raising we will be serving refreshments after Benediction on 26th June. Please come along for a cuppa and cake. Any dietary requirements please let Val know in advance.

BENTLEY OPERATIC SOCIETY

present Gilbert & Sullivan's *"The Sorcerer"*

Wed - Sat 15 - 18 June

at the Brindley Theatre Runcorn

The Bentley gave us an evening of entertainment free of charge last summer to help raise funds for the parish, so it would be good to support their forthcoming show. To that end it is hoped to organise a block booking for **Thursday 16th June**. Tickets are £14 but a £1 discount per head will apply for a group of 10 or more. If you wish to go please give your name **and payment** to Val in the office or to Barbara Charles (728 7740) **as soon as possible** and before **Tuesday 31st May**.



MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 28 May 2016

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

At our next Messy Church, as it is the month of May, we will be celebrating, Mary the Mother of God. There will be Crowns and Garlands as well as an attempt to build our own version of Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral with Marshmallows and Spaghetti, plus all the usual crafty messiness, lunch and liturgy. Messy Church is free to attend, lots of fun and open to all in our L17 community.

The Messy Church team would also like to thank all our new helpers last month and the lovely couple who brought lots of crafting materials that we are very grateful for and will be make great use of.

So if you are free come along next Saturday 11 - 1 pm in the Church Hall.

PARISH BINGO every Friday evening at
7.30pm in the Meeting Room.



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

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Wednesday 29 June (Feast of SS Peter & Paul)

- 9.00am** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
10.00am Holy Mass
12noon Holy Rosary
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Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

Mary our Help and Consolation

During this month of May and Jubilee Year of Mercy it is important to consider the role of Our Blessed Mother in our own personal faith journeys and those of the Holy women and men who have in the past entrusted their lives to her motherly care and protection.

"The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them."

--**Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."

--**Blessed Mother Teresa**

"If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon Our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me."

--**Blessed Mother Teresa**

"Always stay close to your Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendour."

--**Saint Padre Pio, 1887-1968 AD**

'O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity'.

--**Saint Basil the Great**

Let us pray: O Holy Virgin, in the midst of all your glory, we ask you not to forget the sorrows of this world. Cast a look of pity upon all who struggle against life's difficulties, and who cease not to feel all its bitterness. Have pity on all who have been separated from those they love. Have pity on the lonely and friendless. Pardon the weakness of our faith. have pity on those whom we love. O Holy Mother, show a mother's compassion toward the sorrowful and those who tremble under life's afflictions. Give them [hope](#) and peace. Amen.

