

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Palm Sunday (C) - 20th March 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th Sun 20th	Vigil Palm Sunday	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Hugh Halpin (A) Tony Heron (A) Parishioners
Mon 21st		10.00 am	Terry Whitworth (A)
Tue 22nd		7.00 pm	Josie Mottram (bd)
Wed 23rd	Mass in St Charles School Mass of the Chrism (Cathedral)	8.15 am 7.30 pm	Rose Cunningham (sick)
Thu 24th	Holy Thursday Watching to 9.30 pm	7.30 pm	Priests of the Archdiocese
Fri 25th	Good Friday	10.00 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross for children The Lord's Passion
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



"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heavens!" Lk 19 : 38

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: Austin Giblin, Hugh Halpin, Tony Heron, Rose Robinson, Susan White, Gerard Mannings, Anthony Heron, Kate Swift, Trevor Gargan, John Ferguson, Mary Doyle, Rose O'Halloran, Terry Whitworth, Nancy Ward.

LATELY DEAD: Christy Healy, Rose Rooney, Francis Malon.

SICK: Richard Carroll, Betty Carroll, Alice Collins, Lenny Barry.

ALTAR SERVERS

It is hoped that all our Altar Servers will serve at our Holy Week Liturgies. There will be three practices during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: 6.45pm

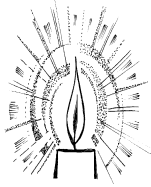
Good Friday: 2pm

Holy Saturday: 12noon

TEA & COFFEE is served after both Masses every Sunday. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vera Clarke** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Peter and Helen Kane**.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

Today we welcome to God's family **Edward Gabriel James Lyons** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



Chrism Mass

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
 Wednesday 1st April 7.30pm - 8.45pm
 Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese gather together with their Bishop to celebrate the Mass of Chrism when the Holy Oils used in the diocese for the administration of the sacraments are blessed.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP
 ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE**



Our Good Friday Frugal Lunch and Ecumenical Service will take place at St Charles on Friday 26 March at 12.00pm. Our reflections this year will be given by Jean from Methodists friends and Emmanuel, our Nigerian friend of St Charles. All welcome.

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: £522.09 Envelopes: £ 613.74 S/O: £368.50
Total: £1504.33

Lourdes Tea Money: £17.27

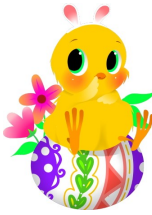
Restoration Fund: £285

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 12/13 March:

6.00pm: 157 9.30am: 144 11.00am: 207

EASTER FAIR



**THIS SUNDAY, 20TH
 MARCH
 AFTER 9.30 MASS IN THE
 HALL**

EASTER RAFFLE

<i>First Prize</i>	Food Hamper
<i>Second Prize</i>	Wine Hamper
<i>Third Prize</i>	Easter Egg
<i>Fourth Prize</i>	Chocolates

Tickets on sale after all Masses, £1.00.

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 Armstrong family would like to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers following Sophie's death. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for all of you.

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 EASTER SUNDAY

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP
 11.00am ORGAN



Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016

The Table of the Lord



Love

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed **Love**, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

'A guest,' I answered, 'worthy to be here.'

Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.'

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says **Love**, 'who bore the
blame?'

'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says **Love**, 'and taste my meat:'
So I did sit and eat.

[George Herbert, 1593–1632: Poet and Anglican Priest]

The setting for this poem is a house with the host serving dinner; a metaphor that builds on the theme, **God is Love**. The house is heaven and the host, **God Himself**, is not serving food but love, acceptance and forgiveness.

Although the poet sees himself as too unworthy to sit at God's table and partake of His love, God reminds him that through His sacrifice on the cross he has been saved, and made welcome at the heavenly banquet. Like the poet, we too, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are forgiven our sins and invited to sit at the **Eucharistic Table** and share in the **Divine Paschal Banquet of the Lord**.

L17 Messy Church



Saturday 26 May

11-1 pm in St Charles & St Thomas More Church Hall.

And on Good Friday come along to our Children's Stations of the Cross service at 11 o'clock.

All are welcome, come along and get involved in the Messiness, lunch is provided. Messy Church is free to attend though your donations are welcome.

This month our theme is: Easter Week.

Hope you can make it!

Following our recent appeal Messy Church is going from strength to strength, thank you again for all donations and to Abbie and Hannah who have joined the team. We were also the recipients of the proceeds of last month's Tesco raffle which added £75 to our account plus lots of lovely craft items to our supplies. This makes a huge difference to Messy Church and is very much appreciated.

At this month's Messy Church we will be following the Easter Story and the team are busy preparing lots of beautiful Easter crafts and messiness for you to enjoy. As always Messy Church is open to everyone, so come along and join in the fun and afterwards enjoy lunch with us all.



MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE 2016:

3rd - 10th May 2016

Spiritual Leader Fr Christopher Anandappa
Coach Transfer to Manchester Airport
7 Nights Half Board in 4 Star apartments and
Airport Transfers: £280.00

Book early for low cost flights Manchester - Zadar
Tel. Jackie on 020 3239 8662 or email

jackie@med-irishcentre.com

Marie Curie Cancer Care  **Marie Curie** daffodils will be on sale after Masses over the next few weeks.
Devoted to Life



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.