

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## Palm Sunday (B) - 25th March 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 24th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm	Keith Byrne (Id)
Sun 25th		9.30 am	Tony Heron (A)
Mon 26th		11.00 am	Arlene Willis (Id)
Mon 26th		7.00 pm	Sophie Armstrong (bd)
Tues 27th		7.30 am	Lily Woolfrey (A)
Wed 28th	<b>Requiem Chrism Mass</b>	<b>12 noon 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Hugh Kelly Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King</b>
Thu 29th	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Priests of the Archdiocese</b>
Fri 30th	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>10.00 am 11.30 am 3.00 pm 8.00 pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion Tenebrae</b>
Sat 31st Sun 1st	<b>Easter Vigil Easter Day</b>	9.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John & Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Fr John Gildea (sick)



*Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord  
Mark 11:9*

## Confessions:

Mon 6.30 - 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, Eleanor Draper, Gerald Fitzgerald, Martin Joseph Anderson, Clara Joan Daly, Philip Wright, Laura Jane Bowles, Harry Britt, Lily Woolfrey, Tony Heron.

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

**LATELY DEAD:** James Corbett, Frances Toohey, Tom Connell, Michael Healy, Baby Isabelle, Hugh Kelly.

## Thomas Clarke

Please keep Thomas in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the diaconate in June.

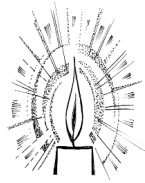


to any visitors and new parishioners.

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today.



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Fr John Gildea** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Sophie & Sarah Armstrong**



### Altar Servers practices for the Triduum

6pm Holy Thursday  
2pm Good Friday  
11am Holy Saturday

### Maundy Thursday – Washing of the Feet.

If you wish to take part in the Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lords Supper on Maundy Thursday please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

### MUSIC ON 1 APRIL

9.30am MUSIC GROUP  
11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

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

### OFFERTORY 17/18 March

Plate: £553.91 Envelopes: £537.89 S/O: £426.25  
**Total: £1518.05**

**Lourdes Tea Money: £ 20.00**

**Boiler Donation £ 5.00**

**Film Night (Ghana) £132.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 17/18 March

5.00pm: 181 9.30am: 159 11.00am: 172

### Hunger Lunch—12noon Good Friday.

The Hub - junction of Woodlands Road and Aigburth Road.

### Chrism Mass

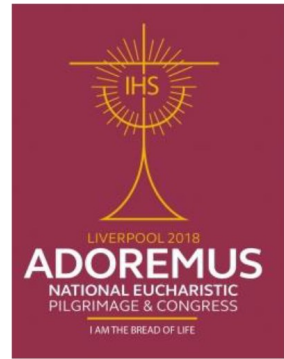
The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm  
Coach available from St Francis of Assisi church, sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

### Thought for the Week:

Whatever your day, may it be blessed.

## 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.

### Taize Service

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm there will be a Taize Prayer and Worship Service in Church. All are welcome to attend, and to enter more deeply into the prayerfully attentive season of Passiontide.

## Justice & Peace Group



Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm we continue Lent Reflections in the Church Hall... All are welcome!

## RESURRECTION CANDLES

During Easter there will be the opportunity to burn a candle in memory of a loved one. The candles will be lit on Holy Saturday Night during the Easter Vigil and will be left lit in church for 7 days. Each candle will have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.

If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones, please place £5 in an envelope write 'Memorial Candle' together with their name on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.

## 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 for this year are as follows**

**July 1, 8, 15 for baptisms in Aug Sept and Oct**  
**Sept 30, Oct 7, 14 for baptisms in Nov, Dec and Jan**

## EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal Life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and bringing it to the Parish Office or giving it to Fr James. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the Vigil Mass will be offered up in their names.

## PIZZA AND PRAYERS

A wonderful house Mass was served by father this week for the Pizza & Prayers youth group in Netti's house. 21 people squeezed in



to the kitchen to celebrate Mass together, It was a real celebration of our faith and friendship. 2 youth group members from St Francis of Assisi joined us too.

## TENEBRAE

Before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council, the Church would celebrate a beautiful liturgy known as 'Tenebrae', which means 'darkness' or 'shadows', across the Sacred Triduum. This Good Friday, at 8pm, we will be celebrating an hour-long, altered version of the traditional Tenebrae, with contemporary and traditional hymns as well as several readings that tell the story from the Last Supper through to the Burial in the Tomb. After each reading, a candle is extinguished, and when darkness falls and the last candle is hidden the traditional 'strepitus' (the making of loud noise by the stomping of feet/banging of books/clapping of hands) will be performed to recall the earthquake that followed Jesus' Death on the Cross. This is sure to be an immensely prayerful and profoundly beautiful liturgy, preparing our souls to greet the Risen Lord at Easter, and reminding us all of that glorious, simple truth: 'How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure.'

## KEEPING A HOLY LENT

**"When time permits one prayer a day"**

There are prayer leaflets for **Holy Week** at the back of church please take one home with you.

## Afternoon Tea

29th March

*Easter Break*

12th April

*Next meeting, 1.30pm Parish Hall, all welcome*

## ASSIN FASO LUCKY NUMBERS

1st prize	£60	Barbara Kelly
2nd prize	£40	Barbara Charles
3rd prize	£25	Linda Wardale

Well done! You have to be in it to win it!

**Pizza & Prayers** are proud to bring you their Easter raffle to raise funds for 17 of us going to Lourdes this summer. We have 4 fab chocolate filled hampers ready for the lucky winners! Tickets will be on sale after each mass weekends of 24th and 31st. Tickets will be £1 each with the draw taking place after the 11.00 o'clock Mass on April 1st. Good luck and thanks in advance,

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## 25th March, Palm Sunday:

This weekend our 5.00pm, 9.30am and 11.00am. Masses will begin with the blessing of Palms and Solemn Procession in the Parish Garden at the back of the Presbytery, weather permitting.

## 26th March, Monday:

7.30pm Taizé Prayer and Worship service

## 28th March, Wednesday:

7.30pm **CHRISM MASS** at the Cathedral

## 29th March, Holy Thursday

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet,  
followed by 'watching'

9.30pm Night Prayer

## 30th March, Good Friday: (Day Fasting and Abstinence)

10.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

8.00pm Tenebrae

## 31st March, Holy Saturday:

9.00pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

## Easter Day Masses:

9.30am and 11.00am

### *Chrism Mass*

*The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP  
Archbishop of Liverpool*

*Cordially invites all servers to the Chrism Mass  
On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
At 7.30pm*

*At The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King*

*Please bring your albs, cassocks and cotta and all  
servers to be vested by 7.00pm*

### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**

**Led by Fr James**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.