

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. 1st January 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 31st Sun 1st	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Brenda Cotter (Id) Mary Rey (RIP)
Mon 2nd	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	12noon	Roseann & James Kenna (A)
Tue 3rd	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	7.00pm	Bernard Mulhearn (A)
Wed 4th		12 noon	Marie Mulhearn (A)
Thu 5th		12 noon	Retired & Sick Clergy
Fri 6th		No Mass	
Sat 7th Sun 8th	Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Michael Doyle (A) Parishioners Henry Boateng (A)



As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

Confessions:

Tue. 6.15pm—6.45pm
 Sat. 4.30 pm - 4.50 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 Richard Dunderdale, Vincent Kelly, Eric Taylor, John Bilbao, Lorraine McInerney, Catherine Fay, Joseph Davies, James Gerrard, John Murphy, Elizabeth Agnes Maher, Catherine Scales, Charles Nicholas Sondergaard, Ellen Marshall, Kathleen Robinson, William Gerard Delaney, Millicent Alice Smith, John Anthony Curtis, John Joseph Cassell, Mary Maher, William Francis Clarke, Margaret Hodnett, Diane Scanlon.

LATELY DEAD: Len Davies

MANY THANKS to everyone who worked so hard in the preparation and celebration of our Advent and Christmas liturgies - they were a joyful reflection of our community's faith and your generosity.

On a personal note, many thanks for the many cards, gifts and good wishes received over the festive season.

Wishing you all a happy and Holy 2017!

Fr James

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Norah Mary Toohey** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Angelina Boateng (Birthday)**.



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.**

CUPPA AND CHAT

We re-open after the Christmas break on Monday, 9th January, 2017.

Happy New Year to all.

MUSIC ON 8 JANUARY

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 24/25 December

Plate: £2073.96 Envelopes: £585.45 S/O: £398.25

Christmas Envelopes: £821.50

Total: £3879.16

Ghana (Twiddlemuffs/Hats) £300.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 24/25 December

5.00pm: 567 Midnight: 185

9.30am: 196 11.00am: 297

PIETY SHOP open before, and after, all weekend Masses.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am Mass today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

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.

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youth ministries



A night of Adoration and Praise and Worship on Wednesday 18th January 2017 here at St Charles and St Thomas More at 7pm.

Please pray for the following couples who will be married in our Church during the course of this year.

Joseph Carr and Sarah Hutchinson.

Brendan Doherty and Laura Parker.

Julio Caesar Renteria Saenz and

Laila-Clare Kellgren-Parker

Paul William Kayll and Elizabeth Margaret Farrington.

Michael Digney and Joanne Brown.

Paul Hibbert and Anna Ryan.

Tristan Smith and Caroline Preston.

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.



**St Charles and St Thomas More
Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
& Assisi**

Led by Fr James Preston

Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP



St Charles and St Thomas More

Come and join us here at 6.00pm on Tuesday 31st Jan 2017 for our first monthly meeting of the New Year.

Thank you for all your support .

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

CAN YOU HELP? There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

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.

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.



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.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group re-opens on Monday 9th January, at 6.00pm until 7.30pm in St Charles Meeting Room for children in years 4–7.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

THE ART OF DYING WELL prayer cards.

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. www.artofdyingwell.org.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

If you haven't already done so please contact the parish office and make an appointment for the next parents meeting with Fr James.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Session Three

Thursday 5th January 2017: 6.30pm—7.30pm

Saturday 7th January 2017: 1.00pm—2.00pm

SAMUEL GROUP for YOUNG ADULTS

starting in Liverpool

Samuel Group is an experience of reflection and prayer for young adults aged between 18 and 30 who are seeking to discern God's will for their lives.

The programme includes:

- * Monthly meetings in Liverpool
- * Sharing with other young adults
- * Guest speakers sharing their story
- * Time of Silent Prayer (Adoration)
- * One to one spiritual direction

For more information and an application form, contact SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting Monday 2nd January, 8.00—9.00 pm. Everyone welcome, 727 2195 for information or details. Why not try something new for 2017?



RETREAT WEEKEND AWAY FOR PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE

(of secondary school age 11-18)
17- 19 March 2017 in Keswick.

Transport to Keswick by parish minibus leaving the parish Friday, 17 March to arrive in time for supper in Keswick. Minibus returns to the parish in the afternoon of Sunday, 19 March. Cost is £45 per young person or £80 for two siblings.

All details will be confirmed closer to the date. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese requires all volunteers to be DBS checked before assuming roles. If you would like to be involved in any of the Parish ministries please contact Ann Firkins or Christina Reilly (the Safeguarding representatives). Information is also available from the Parish Office on Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 2:00 pm. Thank you.

WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

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.

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.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon 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.