

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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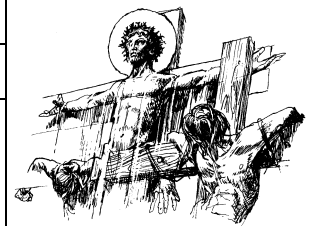
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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - 20 November 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th Sun 20th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Helen and Peter Kane (A) David Larkin (A)
Mon 21st	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	10.00 am	Pious List
Tue 22nd	St Cecilia	7.00 pm	Pious List
Wed 23rd		12 noon	<b>Requiem: Brenda Cotter</b>
Thu 24th	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	12 noon	<b>Requiem: James Francis Loftus</b>
Fri 25th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 26th Sun 27th	<b>Vigil (Note new Mass time)</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b> 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Thomas & Mary Cleary



*'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'*

*'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'*

*Luke 23:42-43*

**Confessions:**

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.

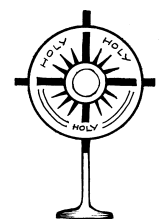


**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lilian Moran, Martha Wallace, Henry Mason, John Healy, John Douglas, David Larkin, Irene Mannion, Doreen Lynskey, Anthony Cooney, Jim Oates, Mary Philburn, Mary Willingham, Sydney Crosthwaite, Helen & Peter Kane, Mary Wilcox.

**LATELY DEAD:** Brenda Cotter (nee Roberts), James Francis Loftus, Christopher Browne, Joan Rimmer, Edith Doreen Philips, Eugene Ferguson

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday in Advent 6pm - 7pm with the opportunity for Confession during this time.



### 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.



**PIETY SHOP.** We now have a selection of Christmas Cards and gifts for sale in the Piety Shop.

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Tina Izumna** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **David Larkin**.



## 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.**

**LITTLE CHURCH** will not be held at either of the Masses this Sunday as the hall will be in use for the Christmas Fair.

## FIRST CONFESSION

Please pray for the children in Year 4 who will make their first Confession on 8th December.



**PIZZA AND PRAYERS** meets this Sunday night 6:30-8 in the parish room. This group is for all young people in Year 7 to sixth form. Everyone welcome!

## SATURDAY MASS TIME

As a result of the recent vote, from next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent) the new Mass time will be **5.00pm**.

## MUSIC ON 27 NOVEMBER

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



## OFFERTORY 12/13 November

Plate: £406.83 Envelopes: £728.91 S/O: £398.25

**Total: £1533.99**

**Tea Money: £21.03**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 12/13 November

6.00pm: 148 9.30am: 175 11.00am: 192

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016

**Christmas Eve:** 5.00pm and Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 9.30am and 11am

**Boxing Day:** 12noon



## Children's Nativity with Carols



This will be held on Sunday 20th December at 3:00pm. This is a service for children, and by children, to help them celebrate the message of Christmas.

We need volunteers to read and take part in the tableau. Please put your child's/children's names on the two separate sheets at the back of church indicating their preference.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve, and during Christmas week, oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. 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 along with their name. Write 'Memorial Candle' on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



## Christmas Day Mass Intentions.

Many parishioners ask for a Mass to be said on Christmas Day. To try to accommodate everyone, as in previous years, we will have a Novena of Masses. If you wish someone to be remembered please put their name and a donation in an envelope and hand it in to the parish office.

## ASSIN FOSO, GHANA FUNDRAISING

**TWIDDLEMUFFS AND KNITTED HATS** will be on sale at the back of church throughout Advent.

A **Twiddlemuff** is a double thickness hand muff with bits and bobs attached inside and out. It is designed to provide warmth and stimulation for restless hands particularly for people suffering from dementia.



## 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 30th November at 7.30pm. (Please note change of date from that previously published).** If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church:

[stcharles@church.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@church.org.uk).

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to the Missionaries of Charity. The Mother Teresa sisters in Seel Street will give these items to the very poor and homeless in Liverpool over the Christmas period. Please leave items in the box at the back of church. Your generous donations are gratefully received.

## 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

The first meeting is on the 27th November at 4pm in **St Charles' Church Aigburth**, Liverpool, L17 9PG

For more information and an application form, contact [SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com](mailto:SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com)

## 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.**

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 26 November  
11-1pm in the Church Hall**

At Messy Church we are looking forward to our next event as we are getting ready for Something Special.

This month we will be celebrating Advent and beginning to prepare for Christmas.

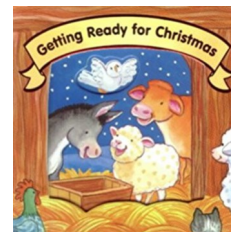
We have planned lots of lovely crafts and activities for you to enjoy, which will be followed by our Liturgy which includes stories and songs.

And after a busy morning of activity we will enjoy lunch together.

Messy Church is for everyone and Messy Church is free to attend, though your donations are always welcome.

We hope you can join us. You can find out more on Facebook. Please follow L17 – Messy Church

PS. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with Nickie 07545 613590



## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 18th December, 6.00 pm**

at St Anne's CE Church, Aigburth Road  
(next to St Margaret's School)



Christmas Fair  
This Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
10.30am  
in St Charles Meeting Rooms.  
Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.  
Admission adults 50p, children free.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

- 1st Prize - Food Hamper
- 2nd Prize - Bottle Bourbon
- 3rd Prize - £10.00

Tickets on sale after all Masses.





**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

**SAFEGUARDING**

This month our parish is to be audited by the Archdiocese .  
to ensure our safeguarding procedures are in place. All  
volunteers are required to be DBS checked before  
undertaking roles involving children and vulnerable adults.  
Please check that your DBS certificates are up to date.  
(Renewal every 3 years) If necessary, self declaration  
forms can be collected from the office.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to a



**Dementia Friendly  
Christmas Carol Service  
at the Metropolitan Cathedral on  
Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 pm.**



Featuring the students from St Teresa of Lisieux,  
Norris Green, English Martyrs, Litherland and Great  
Crosby Primary Schools plus the "Songs we  
Remember" choir and the Metropolitan Cathedral  
Junior Choir.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the  
Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome to  
attend.

For further information please contact the  
Pastoral Formation Department  
0151 522 1046  
or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk



**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.