

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## Second Sunday of Lent (C) - 17th March 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16th Sun 17th	<b>Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am <b>4.00 pm</b>	Kathleen Langton (A) Parishioners Michael Connell (RIP) Dorothy McLoughlin (RIP) <b>Holy Hour</b>
Mon 18th	St Cyril of Jerusalem	7.00 pm	Harry Halliday (A)
Tues 19th	<b>St Joseph</b>	7.15 am	Margaret Feaney (RIP)
Wed 20th	<b>Mass in St Charles School</b>	8.15 am	Betty Baylis (A)
Thu 21st		12 noon	<b>Requiem: Maria Harrison</b>
Fri 22nd	<b>Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</b>	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Private Prayer Eleanor Connell (RIP)
Sat 23rd Sun 24th	<b>Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am <b>4.00 pm</b>	Nancy Ward (A) Parishioners Tony Heron (A) Valerie Burke (RIP) <b>Holy Hour</b>



From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

*Matthew 17:5*

### Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

Mon 6.30—6.45pm

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, at home or in hospital, the housebound and all who care for them, those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray also for those who mourn that they come to experience the peace of the Risen Christ.



**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Pauline Latimer, Carol Laing, Joanne Kay, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley, Pat Manson, Peter Connell, Barbara Miller, Sadie, Peter Bridson, Roy Davis, Bernard Roberts.

**LATELY DEAD:** Martin Comer, Gerald Carr, Mervyn Mulligan, Harry Sheridan, Margaret Banwell, Mary McCarthy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Langton, James Fowler, Joe Armstrong, Francis Graham, Rose Robinson, Susan White, Gerard Mannings, Anthony Heron, Kate Swift, Sheila Joy, Harry Halliday, Betty Baylis, Nancy Ward, Tony Heron.



to all visitors and new parishioners.

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund



## CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**Sanctuary Candle:** Peter Bridson

**Marian Candle:** Special Intention

**Sacred Heart Candle:** Callum



## Extra Masses during Lent are as follows.

Tuesday 7.15am (workers' Mass)

*After Mass tea and toast will be served in the hall*

Wednesday 8.15am in St Charles School Hall

Friday 7.00pm

**Followed by the Stations of the Cross**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family Gabriella Luna Rose Riozzi-Dunne who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. **Welcome child of Light. Receive my Life!**



## 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.

## MUSIC ON 24 MARCH

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



## MASS ATTENDANCE 9/10 March

5.00pm: 185 6.00 pm: 32 9.30am: 132

11.00am: 187 **Total: 536**

## OFFERTORY 9/10 March

Plate: £563.46 Envelopes: £477.93 S/O: £399.75

**Total: £1441.14**

**Tea Money: £23.30**

**Soup Money £34.51** (Thomas Clarke Ordination)

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Pastoral Associate News:** Participating in the Rite of Election to formally welcome those who are joining the Catholic Church at the Cathedral last week was truly a moment of Grace. The warmth, the gentleness and dignity of the ceremony, the prayerful stillness and the joy were palpable and are reflected in all the parishes I have visited. This epitomised for me the strength of community both local and diocesan.

We've completed the first module for our Diploma course, focussing on the role of pastoral ministry. It has been encouraging to hear about the acceptance of lay ministers in different parishes as we, as lay ministers, begin to define our roles both individually and as parish (and diocesan) communities.

In my reading, these words struck me from Abbot Gianni who led this week's Spiritual Exercises for the Pope: *The result of a good Lenten journey, is to let the hand of God restore our beauty, which is mere clay, fragile and poor, needing God's breath. If you entrust yourselves to God totally, you will become His perfect artwork.*

**God Bless,**

**Helen**

## 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. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the Vigil Mass will be offered up in their names.



## Lenten Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage

Divine Saviour Parish from Shrewsbury Diocese, Runcorn will be praying 14 stations of the cross at 14 churches on **Saturday 30 March** starting at 10am at St Francis, Garston and ending at the Cathedral of Christ the King after 5:00pm.

So many of the Runcorn parishioners have links with the Liverpool churches so they will be taking this opportunity to re-connect to their spiritual heritage. They will be praying station IV at 11:30am at St Charles and you are most welcome to join them for this or any stage/s of the pilgrimage.

Further details of the route (which will be driven) are available on the poster at the back of church or contact the Liverpool South Pastoral Associate Helen Jones: [h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk) m:07449 633977.

## LENTEN HOUSE MASSES

During the Season of Lent, I would like to offer the opportunity for families and individuals to host house Masses in their homes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. These Masses prove a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbours, especially the lapsed. It is a great way of sanctifying the season and hopefully help build a community in different neighbourhoods across the parish. Please ring the office if you wish to host a Mass in your home. **There are still times available for Masses in April.**

# Easter Fair

Sat & Sun, 30/31 March

After all Masses

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles (homebake on the day) **not toys or bric-a-brac**, please put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

### Easter Raffle

1st Prize £50.00

2nd Prize Bottle of Champagne

3rd Prize Wine

Tickets on sale after all Masses today.

**All proceeds to the upkeep of the Church**



## FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 pm  
in the Parish Hall.

### Wonder

Based on the New York Times bestseller, 'Wonder' tells the incredibly inspiring and heart warming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

**Entrance will be by donation, all proceeds to Thomas Clarke's Ordination Celebrations**, 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.**



## CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Cafod Fast Day envelopes will be collected this weekend. Thank you in advance for your great generosity.



**CAFOD**  
Just one world

## Bereavement Care Team

You may have read in the weekly newsletter of reference to the work of this group and seen the leaflets placed at the back of church.

Do you think that you could help us?

Often we think that we cannot help, as we do not believe that we have the necessary skills and it is something that somebody else could do much better. Let me assure you that this is definitely not the case. We are looking for people who are able to relate to and respect the bereaved, who can listen sympathetically and maintain confidentially.

There are many simple practical ways that you can help and often it may be something that you are already doing.

Let me give you a few examples of the ways you may be able to help, before during and after a funeral.

### ***You can help before by;***

*Visiting a family and offering practical help by passing in a parish funeral booklet.*

### ***During the funeral by;***

*Preparing the church (opening up, checking the heating, lights, microphones, paschal candle, hymn books and numbers, gifts, incense, holy water are in place)*

*Welcoming the mourners into the church with Mass sheets and service booklets, by offering a friendly smile and 'Hello'.*

*Being there, saying the responses, joining in the singing, perhaps a reading or bidding prayers*

### ***At the end of the service by;***

*Tidying up and closing the church making it secure*

If you feel that you can help in any way or would like to know more, please ring Val at the Parish Office or Steve Roberts 07733 486439. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Pizza and Prayers Group



Pizza & Prayers are so grateful that the parish has a minibus.

Thanks to those in the parish who look after it, we really appreciate it!

We raised just under £500 at Old Swan Tesco bag pack last Saturday. **People are so generous!**

## Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Group

**Wednesdays: 7- 8.30 p.m.**

Venue : **Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church (Room 3)**

**L18 1LF**

For more details contact:

**[kathrynlydon@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynlydon@hotmail.com)**

**Thought for the Week:** When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it.

## 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** Third Saturday of every month, 11am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

**AFTERNOON TEA** We meet on Thursdays, 2.00 - 3.30. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

**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.

**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.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

**PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

**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.

**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.

**SOUP AND A ROLL** is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

**PENSIONERS CLUB** Mondays at 2pm.

**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 (18–25)** meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the Presbytery.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** for junior years 3-6 meets on Monday nights 6-7.30pm in the parish hall.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is provided at the 9.30 and 11am Masses each Sunday. Children hear the Gospel and use various material to help them to understand it.

**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 on the trolley at the back of church before Mass.

**BINGO** Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

**JOURNEY INTO FAITH** meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in term-time.

**ASSIN FOSO GHANA** Fun-raising to help with repairs and equipment for the school.