

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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3rd Sunday of Easter (C) - 5th May 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th Sun 5th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am 4.00pm	Marie Celeste & Francis Patrick Hanlon (A) Parishioners George & Peter Plummer (A) Private Intention Holy Hour
Mon 6th		12 noon	Holy Souls
Tues 7th		9.30 am	Terry Hardy
Wed 8th		12 noon	Mary O'Leary (A)
Thu 9th		12 noon	Barbara & Eddie Philips
Fri 10th		9.00 am	Private prayer
Sat 11th Sun 12th	Vigil, 4th Sunday of Easter Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	William F McCormick (A) Parishioners Joan Landon (bd) Peggy & Jack Foran (A) Holy Hour



Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

John 21:14

Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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, Carol Laing, Joanne Kay, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley, Pat Manson, Peter Connell, Barbara Miller, Sadie, Peter Bridson, Roy Davis, Bernard Roberts.

LATELY DEAD: Pauline Latimer, Joseph William Mitchell, Peter Games, Jim Hogan, Pauline Long.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Franken, Elizabeth Drennan, Francis Traynor, Bob McCappin, Laurence Sanderson, Dennis Jordan, Robert Evans, Rosemary Cole, Catherine Slavin, James Cull, Edith Mulhearn, John Rogers, John Keatley, Francis Ornellas, Marie Celeste & Francis Patrick Hanlon, George & Peter Plummer, Mary O'Leary, William McCormick, Peggy & Jack Foran.



to all visitors and new parishioners. Thank you for your participation in our worship. Your presence has enriched our Eucharistic celebration. May the same Eucharist enrich your life. We wish you all a blessed week.

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Holy Souls

Marian Candle: Pauline Latimer (Id)

Sacred Heart Candle: Bob McCappin (A)



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Each Sunday there will be a Holy Hour commencing at 4pm and concluding with Benediction. We will pray for Thomas Clarke and Benoît d'Arras and all who will be ordained Priests over the course of this year. It is becoming more and more apparent that the Dioceses around the world who are gaining vocations after many barren years, are doing so because of fidelity to Eucharistic adoration in the Parishes. Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send labourers into His Harvest; if we go to the Lord in faith, He will never despise our prayer.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family

Penelope Coleman and Isabelle

Felicity Eileen Tallant who will be baptised. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Welcome Children of Light. Receive my Life!

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



MUSIC ON 12 MAY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 27/28 April

Plate: £718.29 Envelopes: £468.74 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1586.78

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 27/28 April

5.00 pm: 152 9.30am: 156 11.00am: 240

Total: 548

FUNDRAISING -Thomas Clarke Ordination

The final fundraising quiz will be held on 23rd May at 7.30 in the parish hall at St Charles and St Thomas More. Tickets £3 each will be available after all week-end Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Children's Liturgy Catechists are delighted to welcome you to our Group during our Sunday Mass. Here we will present the Gospel in a way that your child can understand and enjoy.

Our Liturgy group caters mainly for children between the ages of 3 to 11yrs. We will collect your child at the beginning of Mass and return them to you at the Offertory.

Parents/carers are very welcome to accompany a child who is a little nervous for the first 2 weeks if they wish. By then they should be settled and happy to join in unaccompanied and you are then able to enjoy your Mass with your fellow Parishioners.

Any parent wishing to stay with their child after 2 weeks or is interested in becoming a liturgist will need to go through the Archdiocese DBS process. Please see Father James and he will put you in touch with your Parish Safeguarding representative.

We are required to follow the Archdiocesan Safeguarding procedures on this matter. All our catechists are DBS checked in accordance with Liverpool Diocesan Policy.

Every child is important to us and their safety and well-being is our prime concern. In the rare event of a child being upset or unwell they will be returned to you immediately.

If your child suffers from any medical condition, please make us aware so that we can take appropriate action if needed.

A register will be kept of the children attending for safeguarding purposes only.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.' Matt.19:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

May our church reveal your bread of compassion and cup of hospitality to all who come to your table. May no-one be excluded from this table of love.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE:

It's been a week of planning: looking at Advent (!) with the Parish Shared Leadership Team at St Charles & St Thomas More and planning for Synod 2020 within our Pastoral Area. The Liverpool South Ministry Team (LSMT) will be meeting mid- month and it is hoped to have representatives from all parishes to support the pastoral ministry in our area. I'm setting up the LSMT website to pool our events and resources, and to support our Synod 2020 members. If you would like more information about the LSMT, please do get in touch.

Events: The Bill Huebsch workshops are on 9 or 10 May and are particularly aimed at Catechists. Details online: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Courses-Events.

Please do support Synod talk series at St Charles & St Thomas More, Aigburth on Tuesdays at 7pm. Details in the news section of synod2020.co.uk.

My quote this week is from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God". Keep smiling! I'll be at St Clare and St Hugh's on 11/12 May.

God Bless, Helen.

Summer Fair

Saturday & Sunday, 15/16 June

after all Masses



Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.
Admission: adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles (home-bake on the day) toys or bric-a-brac, please put them in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

PRAYER. The Jesuits run two very useful websites: "**Sacred Space**", and "**Pray as You Go**" which provide a prayer and reflection for each day and a simple method of meditation. Could be useful for those few spare minutes you may have at lunchtime. Visit: www.sacredspace.ie and www.pray-as-you-go.org

TOWARDS SYNOD 2020



The synod is an important moment for the church in Liverpool, which means it's an important moment for all of us. In the coming months there will be opportunities for all of us to contribute our opinions, thoughts, hopes and ideas for the future of the church in Liverpool.

To help us prepare for this great work that we will do together, during Eastertide we will have some thought-provoking talks from visiting speakers, each on a different topic.

All talks will be in the church with refreshments served afterwards in the parish hall.

7pm Tuesday 7th May

The Social Mission of The Church

Monsignor John Armitage, Rector of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham

7pm Tuesday 14th May

The Mission of All the Baptised

Fergal Martin, General Secretary of the Catholic Truth Society 1995 - 2019

7pm Tuesday 21st May

Going Out to the Peripheries

Mary Ebbasi, Catholic Chaplain HM Prison Pentonville

7pm Tuesday 28th May

The Church as Leaven in Our Culture

Monsignor Peter Fleetwood, Chaplain to Maryton Carmel and Aintree University Hospital

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting on Monday 6th May, 8-9 pm. All welcome. 727 2195 for information or details.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr James to celebrate his Ministry at St Charles and St Thomas More on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm followed by refreshments at St Anthony of Padua Queens Drive.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

This is an urgent message for all volunteers. In accordance with the regulations of the Archdiocese all must undergo the safeguarding protection process and hold a valid DBS certificate before undertaking a role within the Parish. DBS certificates are valid for three years and must be renewed. **If your DBS certificate was issued in 2016 or before you must renew it now.** Records show that 25 volunteers will need to renew their DBS certificates during the course of the year. Please check the date on your current certificate. If you need help or have any queries please talk to Father James or the safeguarding representatives

Ann Firkins and Christina Reilly

Thank you for your ongoing support

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 First and third Thursdays of the month 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.

PENSIONERS CLUB Mondays at 2pm.

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

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 Fund-raising to help with repairs and equipment for the school.