THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 22nd October 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	**Vigil**	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen & Terry Langton (A) Parishioners Anita Crawley (A)
Mon 23rd		7.00 pm	Shane Halpin (A)
Tue 24th		9.30 am	Dan O'Brien (A)
Wed 25th		12 noon	Kathleen Thomas (A)
Thu 26th		12 noon	**Requiem: Joan Mary Sunners**
Fri 27th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 28th Sun 29th	SS Simon & Jude **Vigil** **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	10.00 am 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Special Intention (N&LF) Fred Ferguson (bd) Billy Myles (ld) Parishioners

"...give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

Confessions:
Mon 6.30 pm
Thur 11.30 am
Sat 9.30 am

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: Kathleen & Terry Langton, Anita Crawley, Anne Riley, Catherine Rowlands, Frances Dyson, James McCarthy, Veronica Gray, James Montgomery, Marian Gunning, Kathleen Thomas, Rosemary Edwards, Elizabeth O'Riordan, John Norris, Maureen Thornton, Elizabeth Watt, Gerard McAlindin, Shane Halpin, Dan O'Brien, Kathleen Thomas,

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams.

LATELY DEAD: Joan Sunners, baby Cali Ledgeway

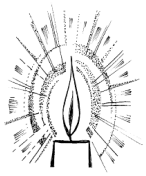
Holy Hour, Marian Devotions & Benediction

This Sunday, 3-4 pm

to any visitors and new parishioners.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 30 OCTOBER.
Deadline for Newsletter items 8pm Tuesday 24th October

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **John Dalton Jnr** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mamie and Joseph Ennis**



Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday 31st October: Vigil Mass at 7pm (Solemn Sung Mass with incense)

Wednesday 1st November at 10am (The children from school will join us for Mass)

Feast of St Charles Borromeo

Saturday 4th November

There will be Mass at 10am on the feast of St Charles Borromeo followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 3pm.

(Please sign up for watching at the back of the church).

Young Adults 31st October

Mass (Vigil for All Saints) in Church at 7pm. Followed by a short talk and meal in the Presbytery.

New Altar Servers

We currently need more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses. If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to serve at Mass, please bring him/her along 15minutes before Mass begins and they will start to receive training.

MUSIC ON 29 October

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP

OFFERTORY 14/15 October

Plate: £498.76 Envelopes: £613.04 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1523.05

Lourdes Tea Money: £16.00

Boiler Fund: £73.26

Home Missions: £61.52

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 14/15 Oct

5.00pm: 179 9.30am: 161 11.00am: 162

Total: 502

Mass for Deceased Parishioners and their Relatives

On Thursday 2 November at 7.00pm, Holy Mass for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed will be offered in a special way. We will remember those who have died in the past two years along with our deceased priests, friends and family members. All are welcome to attend this Mass and are asked to bring along a photograph (in a stand-up frame) to place before the Altar preceding the Mass.

ALL are welcome and please invite bereaved friends and family to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after Mass.

PIOUS LISTS

Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please fill in a Pious List and hand it in to the sacristy or parish office before 1st November together with your donation.

AFTERNOON TEA

will be closed next Thursday due to Half Term.

We re-open on Thursday 2nd November

1.30 – 3.00.

Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Ryan Arthur David, Lily-Mai and Aaron James Larkin** who will be baptised. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

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

Thought for the Week: I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks **(NO CLOTHES)** 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.

Christmas Fair

After all Masses, Saturday & Sunday, 2nd & 3rd December

in St Charles Meeting Rooms.
Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.
Admission adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BRIC-A-BRAC or TOYS) and would like to donate them to the Fair, then please bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. or put them in the box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Knights of St Columba Council 9

Charity Social on Saturday 11November 2017 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Club, High Park St, Liverpool L8 8XD. Featuring Chris Cotton. Tickets £5.00 from Pat Mc Gann on 07825 236064 or pay at the door, Raffle and bingo. Anyone who would like to donate a raffle prize, it would be appreciated.

PARISH DAY OUT

Saturday 11 November

We have arranged a Parish Day Out to York, departing St Charles at 8.15 am and leaving York at 5pm. **Adults £10, children £6 paid in advance and not refundable.** Please contact the Parish office to reserve your seat.

SVP APPEAL

Do you have a redundant or spare laptop computer that the Saint Vincent de Paul Society could use? We would welcome any donation. Your continuing support is appreciated. Please contact Ossie Jones on 727 3661 or the Parish Office.

'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' AT THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

Friday 22nd December, 7.30pm

ONE WEEK LEFT TO BOOK!

Tickets £30 = a discount of £5 per head.

Contact Barbara Charles (728 7740) or Val at the Parish Office by 31st October Bookings only accepted with payment.

EMBRACE LIVERPOOL - CALLED – "COME YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED"

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
25 November 9.30 – 6pm

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool

An exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool. Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic workshops! Bring your friends, let's pack out the Cathedral and show that the Church is ALIVE.

Register now EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic Faith?

Monday and Wednesday evenings
7.30 - 8.30 pm
until 1st November

This course is suitable for Catholics, enquirers and anyone interested in the faith.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

1st Prize - Food Hamper
2nd Prize - Wine Hamper
3rd Prize - Bottle of Whisky

Tickets on sale after all Masses next weekend.

Carol Service 7.30 pm Thursday 21st December

Calling all choristers!

Rehearsals will start very shortly for our annual carol service which will take place this year at St Charles and St Thomas More Church and we are looking to repeat the great involvement of the singers from our parish. More details will appear shortly.

Assin Foso Parish and School Update

The group were delighted to receive some photos and an update on progress from Father Collins Quaidoo, the parochial vicar, who has been overseeing the projects at the parish hall and school. The money sent earlier in the year from St Charles & St Thomas More parish has funded the plastering of the parish hall ceiling, and at the school, as well as plastering work a new door and window louvres have been installed.

The funds that have recently been sent to Father Emmanuel will help with future electrical, tiling and painting work. Copies of the photos will be put onto the Assin Foso notice board in the parish hall.

Our first Lucky Numbers draw will take place this weekend, thanks for your on-going 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, 11 am - 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, 1.30 - 3.00. 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.

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.

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.

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.