

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Christ the King (A) - 26th November 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th Sun 26th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Alice, Hugh & David Larkin (A)
Mon 27th		7.00 pm	Pious List
Tue 28th		9.30 am	Pious List
Wed 29th		12 noon	Pious List
Thu 30th	St Andrew, apostle	12 noon	Pious List
Fri 1st		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 2nd		10.00 am	Thomas Power
Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Vigil 1st Sunday of Advent	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John Stanley Roberts (A) Wendy Slemen (Id) Parishioners



When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.

Matthew 25:31

Confessions:

Mon 6.15 - 6.45 pm
 Sat 9.30 - 9.45 am
 4.30 - 4.45 pm

REVISED TIMES

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.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: Billy & Anne Poole, Thomas Power, John Stanley Roberts, Mary Willingham, Sydney Crosthwaite, Anne Jackson, Patrick Joseph Rowlands, Margaret Dymna Peters, Laurence Dempsey, Mary Brady, Patricia Isobel Clark, Kathleen Carlisle, Anne Alley, Agnes Jessica Mooney, Catherine Joan Donoghue, Catherine Shields, Ann Green

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Harry Sheridan

LATELY DEAD: Peter Fanning, Keith Byrne

Please pray for all those on the Pious List.

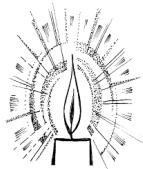
The **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** will be making a collection after all Masses next weekend.



PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vocations** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Special Intention (J)**



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**

Carol Service 7.30 pm Thursday 21st December

Calling all choristers!

Rehearsals have started for our annual carol service each Wednesday in the church starting at 7.00 pm and lasting about an hour. All ages and levels of ability welcome. Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson for more details.



MUSIC ON 3 December

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 18/19 November

Plate: £530.65 Envelopes: £798.08 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1739.98

Ghana Donation £20.00

Ghana Donation (cribs) £30.00

Tea Money £25.30

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 18/19 November

5.00pm: 171 9.30am: 142 11.00am: 194

Total: 507

Children's Nativity Service Sunday 17th December at 3pm

This is short service of carols, readings and a tableau, prepared and delivered for and by our children. Please come and support and encourage your child/children to get involved.



Tableau / Readings

There will be lists at the back of church from next weekend. Once the cast is assembled we will contact you with details nearer the date

Afternoon tea

You are invited to meet for a small tea party in the hall after the service and also to provide the food!! Please see and sign another list at the back of church.

Presents for the children of prisoners

As a sign of sharing at Christmas, you are asked to bring the gift of an activity which prisoners can use to engage with their children, during visiting. Things like stationery, puzzles, games, books and make believe toys would all be very welcome.

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.

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. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

HOMEBAKE

There is a list at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to donate cakes.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

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



Tickets on sale after Mass.

Please pray for **Carl Mughan** who will be ordained a Deacon by Archbishop McMahon on Friday 29th December at 12noon in our Church. All parishioners welcome to attend the ordination.



Thought for the Week: If you make room in your heart for others, you'll find you have accommodation everywhere

THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 1.30-3.00pm in Parish Meeting Hall
All are welcome! Come and meet us!

Thursday, 30th November - Christmas Crafts

LIVE SIMPLY

This weekend we have the pleasure of welcoming Colette Byrne (Cafod's Community Participation Coordinator for Liverpool and Wrexham) to speak at the Masses.



Colette will formally launch the LiveSimply Award scheme at St Charles and St Thomas More. Cafod has registered our preliminary plan, now we, as a parish, will work together to achieve it over the next 18 months:

- to live simply
- to live sustainably with creation
- to live in solidarity with those living in poverty.

You are invited to celebrate this initiative with Fair-traded Tea, Coffee and Fair-trade biscuits after the Sunday Masses.

Future events:

- Week-end 2nd/3rd December Christmas Card signing for Parishes in Palestine, for prisoners of conscience and for groups working for human rights.
- Week-end 9th/10th December - Fair Trade Stall and more card signing.

This week at **Pizza & Prayers** we looked at the Hail Mary. We talked about what we thought it means and then re-wrote it in our own words.

"Give praise to Mary, you are so amazing.
The Lord is with you.
Mary is the most blessed, she empowers all women.
Treasure the baby that is yours.
Mary, the Saint who gave birth to Jesus,
pray for us ordinary people.
Always pray for us, even when we are at our weakest.
Taken on board."



A Vocation Prayer

Almighty God,

You have given me the gift of life and the gift of your Holy Spirit. For these incredible gifts, I thank you. Help me to use them well. Deepen within me a desire to do your will.

Help me to hear and answer your call to serve you.

Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me.

As a loving spouse and parent in the Sacrament of Marriage. As a single person living a life of generous service, or through a special call to serve you in Religious life or the Priesthood.

May your Holy Spirit keep me close to your Son, Jesus, and help me to say Yes to Him with the gift of my life.

ASSIN FOSO PARISH AND SCHOOL

Lucky number winners were:

1st Prize Joanna Hookes

2nd Prize Joseph Menezes

3rd Prize Olga Morgan

You have got to be in it to win it !!!

Thanks for your support.

He Comes to make all things new



A Penitential Service For Advent

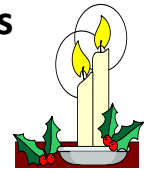
18th December at 7pm

Christmas Services



Sunday 17th December

3.00 pm Children's Nativity



Thursday 21st December,

7.30 pm Carol Service

Saturday 23rd December, Vigil Mass

5.00 pm Mass

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve

9.30 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

4.30 pm Carols

5.00 pm Family Mass

(First Mass for Christmas for children and young families)

12.00 Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

9.30 am and 11.00 am

Tuesday 26th December, Boxing Day

12.00 noon

Little Church - There will be no Little Church at either Mass on Sunday 3rd December because of the Christmas Fair.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICES

**Monday 4th and 11th December
at 7.30pm**



There will be a Taize Service of Prayer and reflection, complete with beautiful hymns from the Taize Community to prepare ourselves to welcome the Infant Jesus at Christmas.

Let us wait for the Lord with prayer on our lips and a song in our heart.