THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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3rd Sunday of Easter (B) - 15th April 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th	**Wedding Service**	2.00 pm	Sean McCann & Sara Buls
	Vigil	5.00 pm	George Hutchinson (RIP)
Sun 15th	Mass with Neocatechumenal Community	6.00 pm (Hall)	Parishioners
		9.30 am	Elizabeth Green (RIP)
		11.00 am	Fr Pat Harnett (RIP)
Mon 16th		7.00 pm	Heron/Kelly/ McKevitt families
Tues 17th		9.30 am	Margaret McDonnell (RIP)
Wed 18th		12 noon	**Requiem - Keith Connolly**
Thu 19th		12 noon	**Requiem - David Richter**
Fri 20th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 21st	**Vigil**	5.00 pm	Francis Anthony & Marie Celeste Hanlon (A)
Sun 22nd	**4th Sunday of Easter**	6.00 pm (Hall)	Parishioners
		9.30 am	Dorothy McKane (RIP)
		11.00 am	Roy Pearson (ld)

"So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead." Luke 24: 35-48

Confessions:
Mon 6.30 - 6.45pm
Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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: Veronica Bryan, James Bailey, Margaret McAteer, Mary Sexton, Margaret Fealey, Elsie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Lafferty, Owen Connor, Dennis McGlynn, Christine Reidy, Robert Lynch, Catherine Johnson, Edwin Perring, Maureen McKenna, Mary Langan, Fr George Russell, Shaun Leslie, Mary Huggins, Mary Traynor, Mary Neary, Ciss Donnelly, Veronica Fielding, Francis Anthony & Marie Celeste Hanlon.

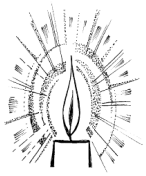
SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Fr John Gildea, Sheila Greco.

LATELY DEAD: David Richter, Keith Connolly, Edward McGuinness

to any 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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for a Special Intention (TM) and **the Marian Candle** is lit for Fr George Russell (A)



NEW ALTAR CONSECRATION

On Tuesday a new nave Altar will be installed in the sanctuary of our Church. It was designed and built in Madrid especially for St Charles and has been designed to complement the Ambo to highlight the link between the Altar of the Word and the Altar of the Eucharist.

On Sunday 13th May at 11am, the Archbishop will come to celebrate Holy Mass and solemnly consecrate our new Altar. Last year we marked the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of the opening of our Church. The new Altar which is a symbol of Christ and the focus of our lives as disciples of Jesus will commemorate this event.

On behalf of the parishioners, I would like to thank the benefactor who has generously funded this project. May our new Altar give glory to God and, as we are fed from it with the Blessed Eucharist, may we too become more fully what we receive. ***Fr James.***

Baptism Preparation Course

Today we welcome to our Parish Community the families whose children will be Baptised over the next few months

MUSIC ON 22 APRIL

9.30am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

There are still some offertory envelopes to be collected from the back of church for all those who use them. They began last Sunday 8th April (new tax year).

OFFERTORY 7/8 April

Plate: £575.48 Envelopes: £564.47 S/O: £426.25
Total: £1566.20

Lourdes Tea Money: £27.83

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 7/8 April

9.00pm: 152 9.30am: 146 11.00am: 169
Total: 467

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, 22nd April.

The celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday is an opportunity to pray that the Lord will raise up more people to inspire the Church as priests and consecrated women and men. This is a moment of prayer for these specific vocations and these resources are offered to help you foster that prayer.

Everybody is involved in the work of this Sunday, a time of grace for all the faithful as we pray together that the Lord will change lives by raising up more ordained and consecrated people

Please pray for our Seminarians as they continue on their journey of discernment and formation to the Sacred Priesthood.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving Father, we give you thanks, because you call us all, to participate in your divine plan for the world, that all people may find their joy and peace in you. Bless us with a heart open to you, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds, that we may discern the path that we should follow. Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to, following more closely the example of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Thomas Clarke. Please keep Thomas in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the diaconate which will take place Saturday 23 June at St Marys College Oscott College Birmingham.

WANTED - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen Hospitals is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join our happy and successful team of volunteers. If you can spare an hour each Sunday (or every other Sunday), please do consider getting in touch. Lots of support will be provided. The timing is very flexible – you can come mornings or afternoons – and you will be given your own wards to visit. Your role will be to talk to patients, pray with them, and give them Holy Communion if desired.

Please call Natasha on 0151 706 2828 or email natasha.pritchard@rlbuht.nhs.uk for an informal chat.

Afternoon Tea

All are welcome on Thursdays

1.30 - 3.00pm

Forthcoming Activities:

19th April	Balderdash! (Game)
26th April	Musical Memories (Bring your CDs)
3rd May	Recipe Swap
10th May	Praying with Colour
17th May	De-stress!
24th May	Liverpool Quiz
31st May	Half Term Break

SYRIAN COMMUNITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

"May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family." **Pope Francis**

Would you be willing to be part of Pope Francis's vision for Syrian refugees fleeing war, looking for sanctuary and a new chance for family life?

That is our invitation to you!

Become a sponsor and support a refugee family

Becoming a community sponsor to a refugee family is a big responsibility, but is also so rewarding! While it may seem daunting, the process is absolutely do-able. It just takes a little courage, effort and good-will. – That's the message from other communities including St Monica's in Salford, who have already welcomed a family into their community!

If you feel you could contribute your experience, expertise and time in any of the following area of involvement: housing, health, welfare, education, finance and welcoming - resettling a family completely with a two year commitment initially - then we would welcome your assistance to complete this humanitarian project.

We meet here at St Charles and St Thomas More Church Hall on **Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm.** You will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you then. Thank you.

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.

Assin Foso Committee

Welcomes you to a talk by

The Outstanding Liverpool Historian

Steve Binns MBE

Ghana's long connection with Liverpool

"Liverpool's Infamous Past"

Monday 23 April 2018

In the Church Hall at 7.45pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

Cost £5 (admission by ticket to include light refreshments)

All proceeds will be in aid of our sister Parish in Ghana

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses today or from the Parish Office.

FILM NIGHT

Monday 30th April at 7.30 pm

in the Parish Meeting Room.

"Film stars don't die in Liverpool"

Staring Jamie Bell, Annette Bening and Julie Walters

A May-December romance blooms between a young English actor named Peter Turner (Jamie Bell) and aging Hollywood movie star Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening).

Entrance will be by donation, 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.**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Led by Fr James

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

Follow in the footsteps of St Bernadette. Enjoy a 4-night, 5 day Pilgrimage to Lourdes by air staying in the 3- star Hotel Beau Site situated an 8 minute walk from the Domaine on a full board basis.

English speaking guide for the duration of your stay and a full spiritual programme will be arranged for you.

To express an interest in this Pilgrimage, please contact Fr James or call 0151 727 2493.

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 21st April

11-1pm

in the Church Hall.

It's been a long Winter and we are so pleased to see the arrival of Spring, that this month's Messy Church is devoted to new life and growing. We have lots of messy fun and crafts for you to enjoy and this month it's Pasta & Hot Dogs for lunch.

Come along and join us, get involved, get messy or help out we will make you very welcome.

Thought for the Week: When the worship is ended the service begins.

SVP APPEAL

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society have offered to help a young couple expecting their first child. They have limited resources so any mother-and-baby items would be particularly welcome. Contact Ossie Jones on 727 3661 or the Parish Office. The SVP are also helping a young man in a rather bare flat. Any pots, pans and other kitchen items appreciated. An update: the rocking-horse recently donated is now a favourite of a playgroup in a deprived area of the city. Her name is ''Nelly''!

The SVP thank the parishioners for their generous support. Without your backing we could not address the needs of the deprived, the lonely and those at risk. We are still the same community Church we hear about in the current readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

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, 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.