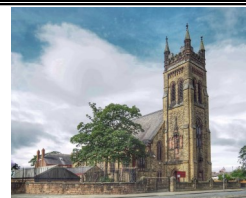


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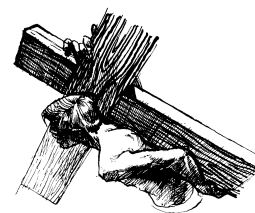
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 16th September 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th	Vigil Neo-catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mary Anne Weston (bd) Parishioners
Sun 16th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 11.00 am	Charles Jones (bd) Thomas Woolfrey (A)
Mon 17th	St Robert Bellarmine	7.00 pm	Chris McBride (bd)
Tues 18th		9.30 am	Jack Furlong (A)
Wed 19th		12.00 noon	Lisa Mahon (sick)
Thu 20th		No Mass	
Fri 21st	St Matthew, apostle	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 22nd	Wedding Service	1.00 pm	Kevin James Robertson & Joanne-Marie Walsh
Sat 22nd	Vigil , Neo-catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	George Corcoran (A) Parishioners
Sun 23rd	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 11.00 am	Kenneth McCormack & family (A) Aidan Kirwan (A)



I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard.

Isaiah 50:6

Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

Mon 6.30—6.45pm

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)

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: Edith Davidson-Lund, Ian Daniel Hill, Sheila Wooley, Thomas Charles Woolfrey, Joan McKeown, Ann Marie Sheridan, Thomas William Prescott, John Joseph Buckley, David James Mangan, John Thomas Giblyn, Dcn Bill Strype, Kathleen Mary Henderson, Margaret McCarthy.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Pauline Latimer, Carol Laing, Dr Anne Merriman, Amelie Pridgeon, Mary Hodge.

LATELY DEAD: Stephen McNeilis



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The Rosary

Starting next week, 15 minutes before weekday Mass, the Rosary will be prayed. Feel free to come along, don't forget to bring your Rosaries!

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

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CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Jerimiah & Catherine Toohey

Marian Candle: Chris McBride

Sacred Heart Candle: Sr Nuala O'Connor



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Ronnie, Mia & Ollie Coleman** who will be baptised. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Kevin James Robertson** and **Joanne-Marie Walsh** who will be married here on Saturday 22 September at 1.00 pm. We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.



MUSIC ON 23 September

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



MASS ATTENDANCE 8/9 September

5.00pm: 173 9.30am: 138 11.00am: 185

Total: 596

OFFERTORY 8/9 September

Plate: £467.76 Envelopes: £578.90 S/O: £429.00

Total: £1475.66

Tea Money: £18.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Faith References for Secondary School

On **Tuesday 25th September**, I will be available at 6pm in the Parish Hall to sign Faith References. These forms will be signed whilst you wait. Appointments are not necessary.

Please do not bring forms to the Presbytery or Sacristy outside of this time.

Many thanks, Fr James.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who sponsored me to do the Zip Wire on Sunday 9th September. Please pass your sponsorship money into the parish office. Best wishes, Marie Keogh

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 10.30-12.00

In support of all in our Parish who are touched by Cancer, our After-noon Tea Group will

Marie Curie
Cancer Care



Devoted to Life

host a Coffee Morning in the Parish meeting room. (This will replace the usual Thursday afternoon Tea meeting.)

Donations of cakes (on the day) and raffle prizes will be most welcome. Many thanks.

More details, please phone Margaret 427 0407

If you cannot attend but would like to support, please text JAM VNP4 to 70550 to donate £5. This code is just for our parish event and all donations will be added to the Parish total.

KSC COUNCIL 9 ANNUAL WALK

The Knights of St. Columba will be undertaking their annual Steve Dooley walk for charity on Sunday 30 September. We will be starting out from the gates of The Royal Albert Dock (opposite the Hilton Hotel) at 2 pm prompt and we will be progressing along the riverfront, finishing up at Liverpool Cricket Club, where refreshments will be provided. Parishioners of all ages are most welcome to join us on what has become a real community event. Envelopes for donations will be distributed on the weekend of 22nd/23rd of September and collected on the weekend on 6th/7th of October and this year's nominated charity is The Whitechapel Centre.

A TALK BY STEVE BINNS MBE

Many parishioners will have enjoyed the talk given by the Liverpool Historian, Steve Binns last April.

Steve has agreed to give us another talk on Monday 24th September in the church hall at 7.45pm (ie following the 7pm Mass)

This time the subject will be The American Civil War and Liverpool's connection thereto.

Tickets costing £5 (including light refreshments) will be on sale from this weekend at the back of the church after each Mass and then, if necessary, from the parish office.

All proceeds are in aid of our sister parish in Assin Foso in Ghana

Cleaner Required for St Charles Primary School to commence 1st October 2018. Please apply in writing – closing date 24th September 2018. See job description in porch.

Altar Server Training

If your child wishes to serve at Mass, Altar Server training will begin on 3rd and 24th October 6pm – 7pm. Parents can wait at the back of the church during training. Young people must be 7 years and over. For more info see Benedict after Mass.

Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More
Parish Meeting held on 10th September 2018

Nicky Smith (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Fr James to open the meeting with a prayer. Fr James read an excerpt from the Papal encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel".

Nicky invited those present to give an update regarding any recent changes or any requirements for the group(s) they are involved in.

Kate Darracot (Children's Liturgy Catechist, Holy Communion catechist). More Children's Liturgy Catechists would be welcome. Must be over 18 years old and will need to be DBS checked.

Suzanne Simpson - Will soon be starting a Youth Group (together with Benedict) for Junior School-aged children.

Chris Laycock (Church flowers)

Wedding flowers - Brides will in future arrange for their own flowers.

Josie Ennis (Church Fayres). More helpers and new ideas for future fayres are needed.

Mary Reid (Justice and Peace Group). More members are welcome.

Food Bank - thank you to all who have donated items.

Blue bags will be placed in the Parish meeting Room to encourage recycling.

Syrian Family Sponsorship Scheme – recent collection was boosted by a substantial private donation. Many thanks. Archdiocesan training will be held next week to cover safeguarding issues.

Evelyn Grindley (Choir). More members would be welcome.

Nora Forsey (Cleaning, Tea after 11 o'clock Mass). More tea-makers are needed.

Leo Forsey (Eucharistic Minister, Reader, SVP Treasurer, Missionary Red Boxes Treasurer). No changes from last meeting.

Ossie Jones (SVP, Missionary Red Boxes). Membership of SVP is up from four to seven since the last Parish Meeting. Their work is confidential. Referrals can be made through Fr James or Val, or any parishioner can approach a member.

John Roberts (Parent/carer & Toddler Group, Eucharistic Minister).

More helpers would be welcomed at Toddler Group.

John takes Holy Communion to two Care Homes but has to rely on the same Eucharistic Ministers to cover for him when he is away. It would be good to have more Ministers who are willing to visit Care Homes.

Ursula Roberts (Messy Church)

Would like to see Messy Church becoming a way of evangelising those people who do not attend church.

Would like Messy Church to be able to use the Parish garden with the necessary safe-guarding and risk assessments in place. More resources will be needed.

Sue McNichol (Children's Liturgy Catechist, Baptism Catechist, Tea after 9.30 Mass). All are continuing well.

Paul McNichol (Deacon duties including maintaining rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, Bereavement Care Team)

More Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Care Homes.

Bereavement Team will be arranging the annual Mass of Remembrance, held in November.

Margaret Thelwell (EM, Reader, Journey into Faith, Afternoon Tea, Bereavement Care Group)

Introductory meeting for Journey into Faith is 18th September.

Afternoon Tea on Thursday is now held 2pm – 3.30pm.

Afternoon Tea group will host Macmillan Coffee Morning on 20th September. This will replace the usual afternoon meeting.

Afternoon Tea Group and Justice and Peace Group will visit a Recycling Centre on 9th October. Other parishioners will be welcome.

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Frances Trotman (Prayer Group, Bereavement Care Group, Afternoon Tea on Thursday, Tea after 9.30 Mass).

Prayer Group will be reading aloud St Mark's Gospel in the Parish Meeting Room on 1st October. Starts at 7.30pm and should finish by 9.30pm. Parishioners are welcome. It would be useful to know numbers attending in advance. Names to be given to Frances, please.

Simon Heywood (Reader, Baptism Catechist, Organiser of Neo-Catechumenate Group).

Neo-Catechumenate Group meets twice weekly, Wednesdays to study the Scriptures and Saturday evening to celebrate Mass together. Parishioners are welcome.

John and Anne Filibe. Recently moved into the parish, They have nine children. They are a Commission Missionary Family, Commissioned by Pope John Paul II, and part of the Neo-Catechumenate Way. Their mission is especially to those no longer attending Mass. They are here to serve.

Benedict Ratchford (Junior School Youth Group and happy to help with Messy Church). Has been residing at the House of Discernment for less than two weeks.

Sean Morgan (Reader, Fundraising for Assin Foso).

Fundraising has been going well and it is hoped to get the funds out to Ghana soon.

Aiden Carney (Social Committee, Minibus Driver, Knight of St Columba, part-time gardener). All are working well.

Nicky Smith commented regarding the Parish Shared Leadership Group:

The group will meet monthly to plan Parish events, coordinating a Parish Calendar to include such things as Carol Concert, Church Fayres, Socials and appeals after Mass. This will avoid clashing of events.

The first job of the Group will be to create a vision which can be communicated to others. This will enable networking between the groups, sharing of resources and information, helping one another and looking at things differently.

Most parish groups have now given the name of a representative. SVP, due to the confidentiality of their work, will not be part of the Shared Leadership Group but are happy to know that they can ask the group for help should the need arise.

Fr James informed the meeting that work is being done on the Parish website and the Facebook page.

The meeting ended with prayer led by Fr James.

The next Parish Open Meeting will be held in February, 2019.

25 years of Hospice Africa

23rd September marks 25 years since Dr Anne Merriman saw the first patient and started the work in Uganda and Africa. Today, the team in Uganda has cared for more than 32,000 of the 95% who never see a health worker with their cancer, and suffer without relief. Most of these are the poorest, who without us would have a distressing death for them and their families.

Through care for pain and suffering, followed by education based on an African service adaptable to other African countries, palliative care is now available in 35 countries whereas in 1993 it had only reached 3 out of 54.

You are invited to our ecumenical thanksgiving service, which will be held in Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, at 3pm on Sunday 23rd September. The first 2 Ugandan Nurses, who joined Anne, are coming from Uganda to take part.

A Reading of St Mark's Gospel

The parish prayer group plans an open meeting on Monday evening, 1st October in the Parish Hall when we will read St Mark's Gospel straight through. All parishioners and friends are very welcome **to come and listen to all or part of this.** It will start at 7.30 pm and we expect it to take about an hour and three quarters. **We invite anyone who would like to take part in the reading to join us.** Please ring me on 0151 727 2195 if you want more information or would like to read (unless you have already volunteered).