

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## Palm Sunday (C) - 14th April 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 13th	<b>Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Sophie Armstrong (bd)
Sun 14th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Cath Holmes RIP Margaret Walsh (A)
Mon 15th		7.00 pm	William & Ellen McCormick
Tues 16th		7.15 am	Nora Lloyd (Id)
Wed 17th	<b>Chrism Mass</b>	7.30 pm	At the Cathedral
Thu 18th	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching until	7.00 pm 10.30 pm	Priests of the Archdiocese
Fri 19th	<b>Good Friday</b>	9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Morning Prayer / Office of Readings Children's Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 20th	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.00 pm	Easter Mass Intentions
Sun 21st		9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Fr George Russell (A) Agnes Traynor, Marie & Terry Donoghue, Margaret Walsh.



*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

*Luke 19:38*

### Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

Mon 6.30—6.45pm

**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.**



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Veronica Bryan, James Edward Bailey, Margaret Mary McAteer, Mary Sexton, Margaret Fealey, Elsie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Lafferty, Owen John Connor, Dennis McGlynn, Christine Mary Reidy, Robert Lynch, Catherine Emma Johnson, Edwin Perring, Maureen McKenna, Mary Langan, Fr George Russell, Shaun Leslie, Mary Elizabeth Huggins, Mary

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Pauline Latimer, Carol Laing, Joanne Kay, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley, Pat Manson, Peter Connell, Barbara Miller, Sadie, Peter Bridson, Roy Davis, Bernard Roberts., Teresa Jolly.

### Thought for the Week:

When you least expect it God answers and miracles happen.



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:** Special Intention (SC)

**Marian Candle:** Fr George (A)

**Sacred Heart Candle:** Special Intention (GM)



## RESURRECTION CANDLES

During Easter there will be the opportunity to burn a candle in memory of a loved one. The candles will be lit on Holy Saturday Night during the Easter Vigil and will be left lit in church for 7 days. 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 write 'Memorial Candle' together with their name on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.

## Chrism Mass

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Cathedral**

A coach will be leaving from St Francis, Garston and will collect parishioners from St Charles. If you would like to attend this Mass please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place on the coach.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 6/7 April

5.00pm: 149    6.00 pm: 32    9.30am: 224  
11.00am: 180    **Total: 585**

## MUSIC ON 21APRIL

9.30am    MUSIC GROUP

11.00am    ORGAN



## OFFERTORY 6/7 April

Plate: £595.04    Envelopes: £585.94    S/O: £399.75

**Total: £1580.73**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Pizza&Prayers** will be selling raffle tickets for their Easter raffle after Sunday Masses in the meeting room until Easter. Prizes include chocolate hampers and a family games box set.

We thank you all for your continued support.

## CUPPA AND A CHAT

No meeting on Maundy Thursday, meet as usual on Thursday 25th April.

New members welcome!



## Sacred Triduum

### Holy Thursday

7.00pm    Mass of the Lords Supper. Watching until 10.30pm

### Good Friday

9.30am    Morning Prayer/Office of Readings

10.30am    Children's Stations of the Cross in the Church Hall

12.30pm    Good Friday CAFOD Lunch

3.00pm    Celebration of the Lords Passion

### Holy Saturday

9.00pm    Vigil & First Mass of Easter

### Easter Sunday

9.30am    Mass

11.00am    Mass



## EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal Life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and bringing it to the Parish Office. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the Vigil Mass will be offered up in their names.



We in the **J&P Group** have the pleasure of presenting An Inconvenient Sequel. Speak Truth to Power, the up-to-date documentary film on what is happening our common home through Climate Change. We'd love you to come along too! There will be **Pizza and Prayer** as usual, but, we'll bring the popcorn too and have a short discussion afterwards on this thought provoking film. See you **Sunday 14th in our Church Hall at 6.00pm.**

## 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.

## A New Appointment for Fr. James.

In early August, I will be leaving the parish to take up a new ministry at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Two weeks ago, I was asked by Archbishop McMahon if I would take on the role of being one of the Spiritual Directors in the Seminary, at Oscott.

After having served, most happily, as your Parish Priest for the last seven years, I am extremely sad to be leaving this wonderful community; a community that has always made me feel welcome and at home throughout my time with you. During the last seven years we have been on quite a journey together - bringing two former parishes/communities together to form one new parish, as well as establishing many new parish groups. It has been a joy for me to work alongside so many joyful and committed people; I don't think I will ever find a parish as good as this one again! Throughout the remainder of my priestly ministry, I will always be truly grateful to God for the love, enthusiasm, fun, support and commitment I have received from so many people in this parish. From the moment I arrived in September 2012 until today, I have always felt part of this community. I am not going to find leaving here in August easy, so please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you and your families in mine.

Archbishop McMahon assures me that he will be able to send you a new priest in September - once I have more details about who be replacing me, I will keep you informed. I am sure you will make the new priest as welcome as you have made me.

I look forward now to celebrating my last Easter with you, and hope to find time to come and visit as many of you as possible before I leave.

Every blessing for the remainder of Lent and Eastertide.

Fr. James

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> April

### **Challenges Facing the Church – Lessons from Scripture**

*Fr Francisco Javier Ruiz Ortiz, Lecturer in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary*

7pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Social Mission of The Church**

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

7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Mission of All the Baptised**

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

7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### **Going Out to the Peripheries**

*Mary Ebbasi, Catholic Chaplain HM Prison Pentonville*

7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Church as Leaven in Our Culture**

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

## HISTORY OF ST THOMAS MORE PARISH ON THE WEBSITE

The parish website already includes a history of St Charles Parish. A history of St Thomas More Parish up to closure of the church building has been taken from the booklets already existing. Illustrations come from the power point of the parish and some include children. I think all were taken at least ten years ago, except possibly the 'Youth at Lourdes'. Copies have been placed at the back of the church, in the hall and in the parish office and if anyone objects to any of them being used **on the website** they will be withdrawn. Simply note the number and phone me on 0151 727 2195 or contact Val by 21<sup>st</sup> April. Frances Trotman.

## 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***

**Altar Servers:** there will be three rehearsals for the servers in preparation for the Sacred Triduum.

The rehearsals will be held at the following times:

**Holy Thursday 6.15pm, Good Friday 2pm, Holy Saturday 11am.**

Can Altar Servers please make every effort to attend these rehearsals.

### How to Make a Good Confession?

Begin by making the sign of the Cross and saying: "Bless me, father for I have sinned. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ (weeks/months/years) since my last confession and these are my sins."

Confess your sins. When you finish confessing say: "For these and all sins I do not remember I am truly sorry."

The priest may then offer you some advice and then assign you a penance (prayers to say afterwards). You will then pray the Act of Contrition: "O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen." The priest will then say the prayer of Absolution, where the Lord frees you from sin and reconciles you with Himself and His Church.

#### Examination of Conscience (to be used before Confession).

1. ***"I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me."*** Have I failed to put God first in my life? Have I said my prayers every day? Have I received Holy Communion with Reverence? Have I engaged in superstition, fortune telling etc? Have I ever denied being a Catholic or a truth of the Church?
2. ***"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."*** Have I used God's name in vain in any way? Have I cursed or sworn?



#### 3. ***"Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath Day."***

Have I intentionally missed Holy Mass on Sunday or Holy Days of Obligation? Do I keep Sunday as a day of rest?

4. ***"Honour your father and your mother."*** Have I disrespected or disobeyed my parents? Have I been the source of conflict in my family? Have I disrespected those in authority?

5. ***"You shall not kill."*** Do I hold anger or hatred towards another? Have I deliberately harmed another? Have I had an abortion or encouraged someone to do so? Have I abused alcohol or drugs?

6 & 9. ***"You shall not commit adultery" & "You shall not covet your neighbour's wife."*** Have I wilfully entertained impure thoughts or desires? Have I engaged in inappropriate conversation? Have I sought to read or watch something that damages my purity? Have I committed impure acts, either by myself or with another? Have I dressed immodestly?

7 & 10. ***"You shall not steal" & "You shall not covet your neighbour's goods."*** Have I stolen or accepted stolen property? Have I wilfully damaged property? Have I neglected to care for the poor? Have I been envious of what other people have (possessions, talents etc.)?

8. ***"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour."*** Have I lied? Have I cheated? Have I said hurtful things about another person? Have I omitted any serious sins in Confession?