

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More, illuminated by the Light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, seeks to bring that light to South Liverpool always striving to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together to come closer to God so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts, words and actions.

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 1st September 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 31st	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mary Dawson (RIP) Parishioners
Sun 1st		9.30 am 11.00 am	Maureen & Joe Smith Diane (Enright) Scanlon (bd)
Mon 2nd		7.00 pm	Peter Boyle (RIP)
Tues 3rd	St Gregory the Great	No Mass	
Wed 4th	St Cuthbert	12 noon	Joyce Curtess (ld)
Thu 5th	St Teresa of Calcutta	12 noon	60th Wedding Anniversary, Brian & Joan O'Hare
Fri 6th		9.00 am	Private Prayer
Sat 7th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Joan & Edward Whitehead (A) Parishioners
Sun 8th	23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 11.00 am	Tony & Sarah Patterson (A) Barbara & Bertie Miller (ld)

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: Terence Pettitt, Winifred O'Hare, John Creighton, Bernard Mangan, Francis Burns, Isobel McNulty, John Brown, Samuel Barry, Annie Cray, Peter Ward, Doreen Farrell, Susan Clifton, George Robbins, Sarah Clark, Florence Burchall, Alice Williams, Ann Williams, Joan & Edward Whitehead, Tony & Sarah Patterson

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens.

LATELY DEAD: Mary Raissis, Tricia McDonnell.



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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES

There will be a mandatory collection for Catholic Education Services after all Masses next Sunday.



*When you are a guest,
make your way to the
lowest place and sit
there, so that, when
your host comes, he
may say, "My friend,
move up higher."*

Luke 14:10

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Thomas Clarke

Marian Candle: John, Ana & Family

Sacred Heart Candle: Dorothy Kean
(Birthday Remembrance)



Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on **Thursday 19th September 2019** to **Thursday 24th October**. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced.

Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

For further details please contact:

Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek
07793 825815

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 noon Mass on **Thursday 5th September**. All welcome.



MUSIC ON 8th September

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 24/25 August

Plate: £656.86 Envelopes: £465.45 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1522.06

Lourdes Tea Money: £33.97

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 24/25 August

5.00 pm: 129 9.30am: 156 11.00am: 158

Total: 443

Please note: Due to Fr Ron having a prior engagement at Bellerive there will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday this week.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Christine Elizabeth Lamb** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please ring the Parish Office for more details. Attendance of the course is an essential part of preparing for this important moment in your family.

The final course for this year is:

Sept/Oct for baptisms in November, December and January.

First Holy Communion 2020

Please pray for the 30 children who are being enrolled on the First Holy Communion Preparation Course today at the 11am Mass.



The first session for group 1 will take place on **Thursday 12 September** at 6.00pm.

The first session for group 2 will take place on **Saturday 14 September** at 1pm.

Pizza and Prayers begins again Sunday, 22 September 6:30-8pm for all young people in Year 7 up to age 18/sixth form. All welcome!

We will eat Pizza, laugh, talk, pray and plan for the year and for the Lourdes 2020 Pilgrimage! Our first fundraising bag pack is at Aigburth Tesco on Sunday, 29 September. Meet in the parish room.

TEA AND COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes fund



LITTLE CHURCH will resume next Sunday 8th September at the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. Many thanks to the teams of catechists who continue to give loyal service by planning, preparing and delivering a simplified liturgy for our young parishioners.

Pastoral Area Update: I hope you have all had a quieter summer period. Please find my update below. I hope that the forthcoming LSMT website will enable parishioners to easily access event details and provide a "one stop shop" for the Pastoral Area, encouraging links and wider support of all our individual parish endeavours. The website is an ongoing concern, so is not the finished product – it will evolve and the aim is to get more people able to update various sections as time progresses. Please also do encourage any of those wishing to participate in the Eucharistic Ministry reflection to get in touch. I am confirming a venue for the Reader training and will let you know as soon as this has been established.

Hope to see you soon, God Bless Helen.

SUNDAY 15 and 22 September *Reflection for current Eucharistic Ministers*, Carmel Monastery, Maryton 2:15pm (for 2:30 start) – 4:15pm (ending with Evening Prayer) led by Fr Peter Fleetwood. Register with Helen Jones (h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk 07449 633977) - sessions are identical.

Wednesday 25 September Liverpool Romero Lecture *Prophetic Trajectories of Hope from San Salvador to Liverpool*, David McLoughlin of Newman University at 001 Theatre, Cornerstone, Hope University, Everton Campus L3 8DR. Bookings: d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com or 0151 298 1911

Monday 7 October Synod Talks *The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis: A Synodal Catholic Church*, Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ, at Liverpool Hope University, Hope Chapel monthly 7:00 for 7:30pm

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 October *Come and See Conference* Christ the King High School, Southport, PR8 4EX. Information: www.iraneaus.co.uk 0151 949 1199

Sunday 3 November *Training for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word* 2pm – 4.30pm at LACE. Register: formation@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1040 Cost £10 includes refreshments.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,
23-27 September 2019.
Led by Fr Paul Standish.
Cost: £599.00 per person sharing.**

Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supplement £100.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

LUCKY NUMBER CLUB

It's two years since we started and it is £2.50 a month for a number with the chance of winning £60, £40 or £25. If you would like to join, there are forms at the back of church. If you have a Lucky Number already and make payment yearly by cash or cheque it is time to renew your membership. The yearly subscription is £30.00. Cheques made payable to St Charles please. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When it's God who is speaking... the proper way to behave is to imitate someone who has an irresistible curiosity and who listens at keyholes. You must listen to everything God says at the keyhole of your heart. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Thursday Afternoon Tea Group will host a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on



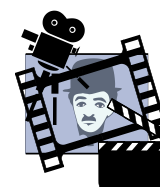
**Thursday, 19th September,
10.30am – 12midday.**

Donations of Tombola Prizes and Cakes (on the day, please) will be very welcome. Further details from Margaret Thelwell 427 0407.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

FILM NIGHT

**Monday 16th September
at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.**



Fisherman's Friends

Based on a true story, An uplifting film that tells the story of how a Cornish singing group hit the big time.

Entrance will be by donation.

All proceeds to the church funds.

Justice and Peace Group
FOOD BANK COLLECTION,
September 1-15, 2019



As part of the *LiveSimply* campaign we are once more asking for your support for the MICAH food bank. They have been very pleased with the the donations that the Parish have made in the past. They have requested the following items:

UHT/Long life milk, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, soup, pasta sauces, dried rice/pasta, Weetabix (own shop brands OK), tea bags, instant coffee, tinned fruit/vegetables, biscuits, cereal bars, cake bars, lentils/pulses, nappies (size 4.5 and 6), sanitary towels, Bags for life.

Donations can be left in the boxes at the back of Church.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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. If you have any queries please talk to Fr Ron Johnson or the safeguarding representatives.

Thank you for your ongoing 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, 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, 2.00 - 3.30. 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.

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.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP First and third Thursdays of the month 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

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.

PENSIONERS CLUB Mondays at 2pm.

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.

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 (18-25) meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the Presbytery.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is provided at the 9.30 and 11am Masses each Sunday. Children hear the Gospel and use various materials to help them to understand it.

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 on the trolley at the back of church before Mass.

BINGO Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

JOURNEY INTO FAITH meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in term-time.

ASSIN FOSO GHANA Fund-raising to help with repairs and equipment for the school.