

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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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 22nd September 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	George Corcoran (A) Parishioners
Sun 22nd		9.30 am 11.00 am	Bala O'Rourke (Id) Aidan Kirwan (A)
Mon 23rd	St Pius Pietrelcina	7.00 pm	Jack Furlong (A)
Tues 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30 am	Barbara Ashcroft RIP
Wed 25th		12 noon	Russell Mills RIP
Thu 26th	SS Cosmas & Damian, St Paul VI	12 noon	Jonathon Devlin (Id)
Fri 27th	St Vincent de Paul	11.15	John Quane Requiem
Sat 28th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Fred & Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners
Sun 29th	26th Sun. in Ordinary Time	9.30 am 11.00 am	Tricia McDonnell (Id) Neina Cave (Id)

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: George Corcoran, Aidan Kirwan, Fed Ferguson, Dcn Bill Strype, James Walsh, Kath Henderson, Peggy McCarthy, George Scott, Jack Furlong, George Fearon, Maureen Marsden, Patricia Dallas, Jackie Ashton, Thomas Greene, Marguerite O'Callaghan, Ernest Lundstrom, Ingrid Bennett, Doreen Codack, Austin McGing, James O'Hara,

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, Betty Dines

LATELY DEAD: Bernie Morgan, John Quane, Mary Memery



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.



There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Luke 16:19-22

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Fr Collins

Ordination Anniversary

Marian Candle: Sheila Carr

Sacred Heart Candle: Vera Mason



MICAH Foodbank - Liverpool Cathedral

The following is an extract from a letter that the J&P group has received:

" I am writing to pass on my warmest thanks to you for your donation to Micah Liverpool Food Bank. Your donations will help others who are in difficult situations to get a proper meal. Across the two pantries we expect to see about 800 people a month. As an independent food bank we are totally reliant on the kindness of others to help feed local people who are in the most need, so any donations that are received do wonders to help us to support local residents and families.

Thank you for thinking of us "

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Any worry, anxiety a problem - hold it out to God for his touch.

MUSIC ON 29th September

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 14/15 September

Plate: £ 567.03 Envelopes: £567.90 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1534.68

Home Missions: £181.93

Lourdes Tea Money: £15.90

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 14/15 September

5.00 pm: 186 9.30am: 163 11.00am: 179

Total: 428

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.

Fun quiz

The next fun quiz will be held on Thursday 3 October at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Limited numbers. Tickets £3.00 available after all Masses.

Donations for Raffle prizes gratefully received.

ASSIN FOSO

Lucky Number Winners

1st Prize: 26 E. Smith

2nd Prize: 43 J. Beckett

3rd Prize: 103 C. McDonnell

You have to be in it to win it!

LOURDES 2020

Be part of something special... Be part of the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Ages 15 (or in year 10—22years old.

Cost £530 Deposit £50

Applications available from 1st October 2019

From Animateyouth.org

See posters in porch and parish hall.

Christmas Carol Service and Choir Practice- dates for your diaries

This year's carol service will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm. Choir practice will start on Monday 7th October at 7:30pm after Mass. New members are very welcome, especially tenors and basses. Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson on 07808 000042 for details.

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



Pastoral Area Update: It's the last chance to attend our enrichment day for Eucharistic Ministers this Sunday afternoon - do text/call me to register (07449 633977). We had a great turn out last week at Carmel - thanks to each of you for taking time to come - and we are very grateful to Sr MaryAnne fcJ and Fr Peter Fleetwood for leading us so profoundly and sensitively. Coming up: Season of Creation (fcJ), the Romero Lecture, St Vincent and Synod Talks - broadening our understanding of our Faith encourages us to grow together. It was with great joy that we celebrated the National Mass of the Guild of St Stephen (for our altar servers) on Saturday at the Cathedral with servers attending from dioceses all over the country - To Serve is to Reign! A thought from JRR Tolkien: *"Even the smallest person can change the course of the future"*
God Bless, Helen

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.

Sunday 17 November* *Experienced Readers - Enrichment 2* 5pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. St Clare's Parish Hall, Arundel Avenue, L17 2AU

Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 November *Funeral Minister Training at LACE* 10:00am - 4:00pm Applications: m.knight@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1046 - requires sponsorship by your parish priest

* To book these events please email h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk or 07449 633977

FAMILY GROUPS

There will be an open, informal meeting to find out more about Family Groups and how this Ministry of Welcome can support a parish community. Like a natural family, Family Groups are made up of people of all ages and circumstances who simply commit to meet regularly and get to know each other better. The groups are linked by a common faith bond but are not exclusive to Catholics. Family Groups do not replace other groups in the parish but help their members develop genuine friendships and support networks and to build a sense of community in the parish and a sense of parish in the community.

Leaders from Family Groups that have recently been set up in our Archdiocese will share their experiences of the rewards and challenges they have encountered setting up these groups. If you think this is something that could benefit your parish, please come along to: LACE, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm to find out more.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Faulkner on 522 1047 or email:

s.faulkner@rcaol.co.uk <<mailto:s.faulkner@rcaol.co.uk>>

KSC SPONSORED WALK

The Knights of St. Columba Council 9 Annual Charity Walk took place last **Sunday, 15th September.**



This year we will be supporting Zoe's Place, Liverpool, and also The Sisters of Mercy, who provide education and support for underprivileged children in Mukuru, Kenya.

The walk was instigated nearly 20 years ago, and over this time, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have raised thousand of pounds in donations for a variety of charities, including The Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, Nugent Crisis Fund and Children with Cancer Support Group of Liverpool. Last year we managed to raise over £9,000 for The Whitechapel Centre.

Donation envelopes will be collected this weekend, 21st/22nd of September.

Many thanks, Pat McCole, Grand Knight.

CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.

Messy Church is back! Saturday 28th

September 11-1pm in the Church Hall. Come along, get involved with some fun and messy crafts, sing some songs and listen to stories. Then its time for lunch and a nice of cup of tea! All children are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. If you are 14 or older and would like to get involved or help on the day, please get in touch. Look forward to seeing you all. Nickie 07545613590

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a members home on the first Monday of the month from 8 -9 pm. Please note that the next meeting will be **on the second Monday, 14th of October**. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring Frances on 0151 727 2195 for details of dates and venues.

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 or the safeguarding representatives Ann Firkins and Christina Reilly.

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.