

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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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 29th September 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 28th	Confessions	4.30-4.45pm	Fred & Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners
Sun 29th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	
Mon 30th	Confessions St Jerome	6.30-6.45pm 7.00 pm	Paul Mullin (Id)
Tues 1st	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	9.30 am	Shelagh Preston Intentions
Wed 2nd	Holy Guardian Angels	12 noon	Cathy Mardell (Id)
Thu 3rd		12 noon	Margaret Goldbourne
Fri 4th	St Francis of Assisi		Private Prayer
Sat 5th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Dan O'Brien (A) Parishioners Paul Mitchinson (Id) Eileen Smith
Sun 6th	27th Sun. in Ordinary Time		

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.



Mary Hilliard, Sabina Mulhearn, Fred & Marie Ferguson, Dan O'Brien

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

LATELY DEAD: Anthony Gil

ANNIVERSARIES: Austin McGing, James O'Hara, Christopher McBride, John Douglas, Louise O'Halloran, Ann Burton, Joan Lopez, Gerard McDonald, Elizabeth Hosey, Mary Chapman, Kathleen Evans, Paul McDermott, Canon John Short, Katherine O'Neill, Marie Logan, Mary Sexton, John McHale, Stephanie Roberts, Patrick Dolan, David Goodfield,



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.



The rich man replied: ' Ah no, father Abraham, but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham said to him: 'If they will not listen either to Moses or the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'

Luke 16:30 - 31

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Norah Mary Toohey

Marian Candle: Chris McBride

Sacred Heart Candle: Bob McCappin (A)



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Grace Mary Gemmell** who will be baptised during the 9.30am Mass and **Daisy Kewley** who will be baptised at the 11am Mass. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Welcome Children of Light. Receive my Life!

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 noon Mass on **Thursday 3rd October**. All welcome.



MUSIC ON 6th October

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 21/22 September

Plate: £ 650.06 Envelopes: £553.74 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1603.55

Film Night: £156.00 (This included a donation)

Cafod: £24.21

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 21/22 September

5.00 pm: 178 9.30am: 140 11.00am: 184

Total: £502

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



Baptism Preparation Course

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

To the parents of our young children.

We welcome you and your children with warmth and a smile and encourage you by our prayerful support as you journey with your children in faith.

Relax!

God put the wiggle in children! Don't think you have to suppress it in His house.

All are welcome.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass, the actions of the priest and altar servers.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses.

Children learn by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please** come back.

As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond... to the Church, to God and to one another.

Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

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.

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.

Pastoral Area Update: Finding time to just be still is sometimes a challenge: the Fcj's at St Hugh's provided a sacred space for reflection on Creation last week - do look out for future reflection evenings in Advent: they are well worth attending. We keep them in our prayers as they celebrate their bicentenary. The four Synod themes were presented to members last week and the chance to come together to suggest proposals will keep us all focussed over the next months – talks coming up. If you are interested in Family Groups/Welcome, you are invited to attend the meeting at LACE. Please see the LSPA website for resources from the Eucharistic Ministers Reflections – a booklet for those who visit the sick and housebound by Mgr Peter Fleetwood is available for download. We now also have a “News & Event Reports” section. Meetings galore at the moment: I look forward to seeing you all at Sunday Masses again after half term. A thought originating from the Talmud “*We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.*” God Bless, Helen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Wednesday 2 October *How Family Groups can support the Ministry of Welcome in your Parish*, at LACE 7.30pm—9.00pm. Register 0151 522 1047 or s.faulkner@rcaol.co.uk A chance to listen to people who have had experience in setting up and who are involved in leading Family Groups.

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>>

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.
Thank you for your support.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Be kind and merciful. Let no-one ever come to you without going away better and happier. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

CAR PARK

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 4 October

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people.

Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety.



Donations from parishioners across England and Wales including from here at St Charles St Thomas More helped install a solar powered water pump in the village.

Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. Thank you.

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from the J&P members at the back of church this week and give generously. Next week, please don't forget to return the Fast Day envelopes to church.

CAFOD
Just one world

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.