

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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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

1st December 2019

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 30th | Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | John Stanley Roberts (A) Parishioners |
| Sun 1st | | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Mary Memery (Id) Ryan Family@ |
| Mon 2nd | Confessions | 6.30-6.45pm 7.00 pm | William James & Billy Weston (bd) |
| Tues 3rd | St Francis Xavier | 9.30 am | Heron, Kelly & McKeivitt family |
| Wed 4th | | 12 noon | Sister Bernadette (A) |
| Thu 5th | St John Almond | 12 noon | Loftus & Owens family |
| Fri 6th | | | Private Prayer |
| Sat 7th | Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Elizabeth Turley (Id) Parishioners |
| Sun 8th | 2nd Sunday of Advent (A) | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Violet & Leslie McKeown Clare Kellgren-Parker (Id) |



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.

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: Catherine Joan Donoghue, Catherine Shields, Ann Green, Joan Barr, Anne Heighway, Katie Fagan, Veronica Pemberton, James Buckley, Patricia Ann Grout, Angela Buckley.

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, T McAndrew

LATELY DEAD: Theresa Onwu, Joan Coyne



If the householder had known at what time the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not allowed anyone to break the wall of his house.

Matthew 24:43

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those who helped and all who supported the Christmas Fayre the amount raised was £1110.64.

Christmas Raffle – winning tickets

First Prize – Food Hamper **Blue ticket 941-945**

Second Prize – Amazon Alexa **Blue ticket Claimed**

Third Prize – Wine Hamper **Pink ticket 441-445**

Fourth Prize – Champagne **Pink ticket Claimed**

Fifth Prize – Cuddly toy **Yellow ticket 376-380**

Name the Teddy

The winning name was Joey

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Maureen Hall

Marian Candle: Special Intention

Sacred Heart Candle: Special Intention (sick)



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family

Dylan Stuart Wall who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!



MUSIC ON 8th December

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 16/17 November

Plate: £549.16 Envelopes: £436.72S/O:

£410.00 **Total: £1395.88**

Youth Sunday: £144.57

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 23/24 November

5.00 pm: 179 9.30am:162 11.00am: 168

Total: 509

Christmas Day Lunch

This is the last week for people to book on to the Christmas Day Lunch. The Lunch is a free and very popular event for people who would like company on Christmas Day.

If you would like to book on or you would like more information, please speak to either Val in the Office or call Nickie on 07545613590

Justice and Peace Group

Christmas Cards for the Middle East



We will be asking parishioners to sign Christmas cards on this weekend. This year parishes in the Archdiocese have each been twinned with 2 parishes in the Middle East and the ones selected for St Charles are in Jordan. You will see from the quotes that the cards are much appreciated:

I wholeheartedly endorse the Diocesan Holy Land Christmas Card campaign and I would encourage our parishes and justice and peace groups to send Christmas cards to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. On my visits to the Holy Land people often remark how supported they feel when they receive a Christmas card from our diocese, and I believe it to be a real sign of our solidarity with those who live there. It's also a promise of our prayers for them at Christmas, and this means so much to them."

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

"Thank you for your concern about the situation here. Believe me it is a really difficult situation. About the Christmas card I must confess to you that it is a personal joy for me and for my parish to receive every year your cards. It is a joy to know that many people are concerning about our situation. So I advise, if it is possible, to continue to send the cards. But really if it is possible."

Fr Mario da Silva IVE, PP at Holy Family, Gaza.

Archdiocese Directories

on sale at the back of church price £3.50. Please put your money in the papers box. Thank you

Christmas Cards

are on sale in the Piety Shop.

With You Always
Sacrament of First Reconciliation

*For the celebration of the
Sacrament of First Reconciliation there will be
two services held on Tuesday 10th December
at 4.30 pm and 6 pm here in St Charles Church.
Parents speak with Fr Ron to sign up for a slot at
one of these services this weekend.*

Catch up Sessions

*If your child has missed any of the preparation
sessions, there is a catch-up on the following dates*

*Session 2: After the 11am Mass today
Session 3: 8th December after 11am Mass.*

LIVE SIMPLY

The next collection for the Micah Food Bank will be from **30 November to 15 December**. We know that the foodbank is very pleased with our contributions.



If possible please donate: tea bags, instant coffee, milk (UHT/ Long life), tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, soup, Weetabix (own shop brands ok), tinned fruit/vegetables, dried rice/pasta, pasta sauces, lentils, pulses, biscuits, cereal bars, cake bars, chocolate bars, pot noodles, nappies (size 4, 5, and 6), sanitary towels, bags for life.

Items can be left in the boxes at the back of church.
Many thanks.

Carol Service Choir Practices

*will take place on Monday 2nd and Monday 9th at
7:30pm and a final rehearsal with our organist
Steve Mannings on Sunday 8th
starting at 12pm directly after Mass.*

SOUP & A ROLL

There will be no Soup and Roll
after the 12 noon Mass this Thursday.



Christmas Fun Quiz

*Thursday 5 December at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.
Tickets £3. Wear your Christmas jumpers!*

Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received.
Tickets available after all week- end Masses.
All proceeds to parish funds.

Pizza and Prayers

are holding an Advent Retreat Day at St Charles
**Dec 7th from noon - up until and including 5pm
Mass.** During the day we will deliver donations to
the Missionaries of Charity in town.

More information will go out soon on Whats App
and Facebook! If you are in high school and don't
usually attend Pizza and Prayers but would like to
come, please contact the parish office.

You are welcome to join us!

Christmas Bingo

*Sunday 8 December at 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets £2 including mince pie and coffee/tea.*

Christmas jumpers optional!

Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received.

Tickets available after all week- end Masses.

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Complex Catholicism:

***Discovering the Reality of Young Catholics in
England & Wales***

talk presented by Stephen Davies at
Hope University Chapel L16 8ND (free parking).

Monday 9 December 7 for 7:30pm- 8:45pm.

Night Prayer at 9pm

FILM NIGHT

The Flint Street Nativity
Monday 9th December at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

*It is a 1999 British television comedy film
starring Frank Skinner, Neil Morrissey, Jane
Horrocks, John Thomson, Stephen Tompkinson,
Mark Addy, Ralf Little, Julia Sawalha, Mina Anwar
and Dervla Kirwan.*

*Entrance will be by donation, so please be your
usual generous selves. There will be a glass of
mulled wine and mince pies (but feel free to bring
your own bottle as well) and raffles. It will be a
great night for everyone. Please let us know if you
are coming as places are limited.*



Advent Penance Service

will be held this year on
Monday 16th December at 7.30 pm.

St Charles & St Thomas More Carol Service

Our carol service this year will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm. The Parish choir has been practising very hard and will lead our singing. Please do invite family and friends for what will be a wonderful evening in preparation for our Christmas celebrations.

Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 22nd December at 3pm

This is a short service of carols, readings and a tableau, prepared and delivered for and by our children. Please come and support and encourage your child/children to get involved.

Tableau / Readings

There will be lists at the back of church from next week-end. Once the cast is assembled we will contact you with details nearer the date

Afternoon tea

You are invited to meet for a small tea party in the hall after the service and also to provide the food!! Please see and sign another list at the back of the church.

Presents for the children of prisoners

As a sign of sharing at Christmas, you are asked to bring the gift of an activity which prisoners can use to engage with their children, during visiting. Things like stationery, puzzles, games, books and make believe toys would all be very welcome.

Pastoral Associate Update:

Staying awake during these dark, damp evenings, getting ready for Christmas and fitting in multiple carol services can often be a challenge – and having had both my sons succumb to the prevalent “virus” each a week apart (thanks lads!) I’m looking forward to a time of rest! But being mentally awake and taking time to create a few moments of stillness and peace in prayer, allows us to prepare for our encounter with Jesus in our own messy, chaotic lives. As we light the first Advent candle here is a quote from Robert Alden: “There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle.” God Bless, Helen. I will be at St Clare and St Hugh’s this weekend.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to the Missionaries of Charity, in Seel Street, will give these items to the very poor and homeless in Liverpool over the Christmas period.

Your generous donations will be gratefully received.

TWIDDLEMUFFS, KNITTED HATS & OTHER CRAFT ITEMS

are on sale throughout Advent. All proceeds in aid of **Network for a Better World (N4BW)**, a Liverpool-based lay missionary organisation which works with marginalised people in a remote corner of southern Malawi. To see items contact Barbara 07939 497694.



MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve and during Christmas week oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. Each candle will be inscribed with the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated.

If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones please place £5 in an envelope along with their name and write ‘Memorial Candle’ on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave in the sacristy.



KNIT A SQUARE

It is estimated that there are 1.9 million orphans in South Africa. KNIT A SQUARE is a Charity aiming to reach children of all races who are vulnerable, deprived or parentless by providing squares to be made into blankets. If you can help in any way, by knitting, crocheting squares or by donating wool, needles or a small amount of money towards postage, for a copy of the information please ring or e-mail the Parish Office or contact Cath Riley at cathriley@blueyonder.co.uk or call her on 0151 280 9545. Thank you in advance.