

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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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 3rd November 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Veronica Fielding (bd) Parishioners
Sun 3rd		9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Caffrey (ld) Smith family
Mon 4th	St Charles Borromeo	7.00 pm	Pious List
Tues 5th		9.30 am	Pious List
Wed 6th	St Illtud	12 noon	Pious List
Thu 7th	St Wilibrord	12 noon	Pious List
Fri 8th			Private Prayer
Sat 9th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thanksgiving Parishioners Pious List Mary and Thomas Cleary
Sun 10th	32nd 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Morris, Maureen Norris, George Garnell, William Fraser, Barbara Pratt, Rhona Cullen, Julie O'Brien, Eileen Quinn, Elliot Price, Alex Price, Joan Clarke, William Dunn, Bernard Leech, Frederick Harrison, Mary Johnston, Anne Glavisky, George Fitzsimmons, Francis Hourston, Monica

Hanratty, Ann Dolphin, Brenda Cotter.

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens,

LATELY DEAD: Jim Doyle, Myles Manley



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.



"Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham."

Luke 19:9

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Healing (JR)

Marian Candle: Thanksgiving (K&C)

Sacred Heart Candle: Billy Kelly (bd)



Sacramental Preparation 2020

The next session for all those who enrolled on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme is on Thursday 7th November at 6pm and Saturday 9th November at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 noon Mass on **Thursday 7th November**. Everyone welcome.



Christmas Cards are on sale at the back of the Church and in the Piety Shop.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Fionn James Moutray** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



Welcome Children of Light. Receive my Life!

MUSIC ON 10th November

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 26/27 October

Plate: £517.98 Envelopes: £618.01 S/O: £407.75

Total: £1543.74

Lourdes Tea Money £16.30

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 26/27 October

5.00 pm: 198 9.30am: 152 11.00am: 153

Total: 503

Mass for Deceased Parishioners and their Relatives

On Monday 11th November at 7.00pm, Holy Mass for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed will be offered in a special way. We will remember those who have died in the past two years along with our deceased priests, friends and family members. All are welcome to attend this Mass and are asked to bring along a photograph (in a stand-up frame) to place before the Altar preceding the Mass. ALL are welcome and please invite bereaved friends and family to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after Mass.

Invitation

to a Memorial Mass

to remember our loved ones who have died.

Monday 11th November 2019

at 7.00 pm

Please invite any of your family and friends

who may also wish to attend.

*'They now rest in
God's Care'*



PARISH PRAYER GROUP

meets on Monday, 4th November, 8-9 pm, usual venue. Everyone welcome; 0151 727 2195 for further information.



Mission Appeal

Next weekend Br John Deeney will be making a Mission Appeal at all Masses on behalf of Lassallian Developing World Projects (LDWP). Lassallian Projects sponsor modest school buildings in small towns/villages and send a group of UK students to work on the construction with the local people for 5 weeks in July and August. We are currently working in a number of countries in Africa and in India. The volunteers raise money to cover all their own costs. Any donations from parishes are used solely overseas for these educational purposes.

Pastoral Associate Update: The gospel this week is a powerful example of reaching out to those on the margins. Social isolation can be due to many factors, and occasionally we can even exclude ourselves from participating fully in life. Sometimes all it takes is a kind gesture to feel valued and affirmed in our communities. As Christmas approaches if you, or anyone you know is spending Christmas Day on their own and wishes to have a bit of company, do contact Nickie Smith (St Charles & St Thomas More) on 07545613590 to join the Frontline Churches in Wavertree Christmas Lunch (at no charge) – a table has been reserved for us! A quote from Verna Myers “Diversity is being invited to the party; Inclusion is being asked to dance!” I’m at St Wilfrid’s Parish this weekend. God Bless, Helen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Tuesday 5 & 19 November (7:15pm – 9pm, LACE) or Saturday 16 November (9:30am – 1pm St Joseph’s, Wrightington) *Part One of Continuing Conversations for Catechists* Exploring the soil in which we are called to be sowers, the Church’s vision for catechesis and the call to Accompaniment. Register at least a week in advance 0151 522 1040 or formation@rcaol.co.uk.

Wednesday 6 November *Synod Reflections* 7:30 - 9pm at St Philomena’s, Sparrow Hall Rd L9 6BU **Monday 11 November** Synod Talk (2) *Faith & Theology in Later Life*, at Liverpool Hope University, Hope Chapel 7:00 for 7:30pm Speaker Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle

Sunday 17 November* *Experienced Readers - Enrichment* at St Clare’s Parish Hall, on Rutland Avenue, L17 2AU, 2 - 5pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. Reflection and practical considerations for Ministry of the Word.

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

FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 19th November

at 7.30 pm

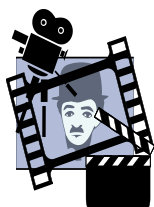
in the Parish Hall.

Rory’s Way

A touching drama about fatherhood and forgiveness. Based on the bestselling novel by Jose Luis Sampedro, *Rory’s Way* stars acclaimed Scottish actor Brian Cox as Rory MacNeil.

Entrance will be by donation.

All proceeds to the church funds.



Information about Safeguarding

The Archdiocese is now ready again to process DBS forms. Priority will be given to new volunteers and those whose DBS Certificates were issued before 2016.

Please check your certificates and if necessary ask for forms. If you have any questions please contact Father Ron, Ann Firkins and Christina Reilly.

Christmas Day Lunch

We have secured a table for 12 at the ‘Imagine If’ Frontline Churches Christmas Day Lunch. The places are for Parishioners who are wanting company and a traditional dinner on Christmas Day.

The event is well established and attended and enjoyed by some of our Parishioners already, so this year we have taken the opportunity to arrange our own table.

Places are free, though donations are welcome. There is entertainment on the day and transport can be arranged for those who require it.

We will let you have more information next week and if there is the demand, we can secure further places, if you or someone who know would like to be included please contact Nickie Smith on 07545 613590.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday/Sunday 23/24

November

after all Masses in the Parish Hall.

If you have any items you would like to donate please put them in the box at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize - Food Hamper

2nd Prize - Amazon Echo

3rd Prize - Wine Hamper



Tickets on sale after all Masses, £1 per strip.



Dates for you diary!

Christmas Fun Quiz

Thursday 5 December at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £3. Wear your Christmas jumpers!

Christmas Bingo

Sunday 8 December at 3.00 pm. Tickets £2

(including mince pie and coffee/tea).

Christmas jumpers optional!

In the parish hall.

Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received.

Tickets available after all week-end Masses.

All proceeds to parish funds.

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 every Monday at 7:30pm after Mass.

New members are very welcome, especially tenors and basses.

Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson on 07808 000042 for details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Circle me, O God. Keep hope within, despair without.

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.