

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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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 10th November 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th	No Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Thanksgiving Parishioners Pious List Mary and Thomas Cleary
Sun 10th		6.00 pm	
		9.30 am	
		11.00 am	
Mon 11th	St Martin of Tours	7.00 pm	Holy Souls Bereavement Mass
Tues 12th	St Josaphat	9.30 am	Pious List
Wed 13th		12 noon	Requiem: Miles Manley
Thu 14th		12 noon	Requiem: James (Jim) Doyle
Fri 15th	St Albert the Great		Private Prayer
Sat 16th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time	4.30-4.45pm	Keith Byrne (A) Parishioners Helen & Peter Kane Pious Lists
Sun 17th		5.00 pm	
		6.00 pm	
		9.30 am	
		11.00 am	

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.



Keith Byrne, Helen & Peter Kane

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

LATELY DEAD: Michael Foley, Jim Doyle, Myles Manley, John Coakley

ANNIVERSARIES: Elliot Price, Alex Price, Monica Hanratty, Ann Dolphin, Brenda Cotter, Rosemary Braga, Josephine Atkin, Frank Loftus, Alice Seddon, Sally Lewis, Christopher Kelly, Pat Burns, Ellen McCann, John Connolly, Elizabeth Edwards, Frederick Williams, Albert Williams, Jim Charles, Mary Owens,



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.



Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.
Luke 20:38

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Successful Operation

Marian Candle: Thanksgiving

Sacred Heart Candle: Harry Mason



Mission Appeal

Today we welcome Br John Deeney who will be making a Mission Appeal at all Masses on behalf of Lassallian Developing World Projects (LDWP). Lasallian Projects sponsor modest school buildings in small towns/villages and sends 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.



Synod 2020

Parish Meeting

7pm Wednesday 13th
November

In the Parish Hall

Everyone is invited

Please come to reflect on the first synod theme
and make your proposals for the future of the
church in Liverpool



MUSIC ON 17th November

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 2/3 November

Plate: £634.37 Envelopes: £600.63 S/O: £407.75

Total: £1642.75

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2/3 November

5.00 pm: 181 9.30am: 180 11.00am: 181

Total: 542

Christmas Cards are on sale in the Piety Shop.

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.

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. The Mother Teresa sisters 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.

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 have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.

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.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Today, we remember all service men and women who have died defending our country in the two world wars and all recent conflicts.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 we will remember them.*

Laurence Binyon

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Don't say "I'm not good enough". If that's the case then you're God's first mistake and God does not make mistakes.

Pastoral Associate Update: It's been a busy week with Synod meetings— the passion which we show for our faith and church is truly humbling (it's worth attending if you can, to give your proposals on the theme of Called & Gifted by God) – and two funerals. Attending the Requiem Mass of Bishop Emeritus Brian Noble in Shrewsbury Diocese was testament of how the ripples of faith from one individual can have a profound impact on a diocese. At the funeral of a parishioner in my home parish, the ripples of the faith she lived so fully in her everyday life, ran deep through our community as we gathered in love to remember her. Both are buried in the same churchyard and their witness, together with all those souls who have gone before each and every one of us, will continue to sustain us. A quote from Leo Buscaglia *"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."* God Bless, Helen. PS If anyone needs a lift to the Catechists' training in Wroughtington on 16/11 do get in touch.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Tuesday 19 November (7:15pm – 9pm, LACE) or Saturday 16 November (9:30am – 1pm St Joseph's, Wroughtington) *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.

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

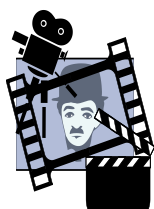
in the Parish Hall.

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.

INVITATION TO 'SPACE TO BE SERVICE'

We wish to invite you and your parishioners to our "Space To Be Service" which will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 23 November 2019 (International Survivors of Suicide Loss day) in St Matthew's RC Church, 19 Townsend Avenue, Liverpool, L13 9DL. The service is open to people of all religions and none; and whilst it is open to everyone, we particularly welcome those bereaved by suicide as well as those who are or have been suicidal. The hour long service will include testimonies from Fr Conor Stainton-Polland and 4 guest speakers. There will be quiet periods of reflection, music, and a dance performance.

We would encourage you to stay for refreshments, which will be served afterwards. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who you may feel would benefit from attending. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

paulsplace@beaconcounsellingtrust.co.uk

Kind regards,

Agnes Williams, Paul's Place Co-ordinator

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.