

# 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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## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 17th November 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16th	<b>Confessions Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community	<b>4.30-4.45pm</b> 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Keith Byrne (A) Parishioners Helen & Peter Kane (A) Pious Lists
Sun 17th			
Mon 18th	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>6.30-6.45pm</b> 7.00 pm	Knights of St Columba Council 9
Tues 19th		9.30 am	Mary Willingham (A)
Wed 20th		12 noon	Pious Lists
Thu 21st	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	12 noon	<b>Requiem: Patricia Mary Brougham</b>
Fri 22nd	St Cecilia		Private Prayer
Sat 23rd	<b>Confessions Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community	<b>4.30-4.45pm</b> 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Pious Lists David Larkin (A)
Sun 24th	<b>Christ the King</b>		

**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.**



**SICK:** Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, T McAndrew, Trixie Farrell

**LATELY DEAD:** Patricia Brougham, Dr Vincent O'Reilly, Barbara Duff.

**Christmas Cards** are on sale in the Piety Shop.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Keith Byrne, Helen & Peter Kane, Albert Williams, Jim Charles, Mary Owens, Phil Thompson, Dorothy Cowan, Mary Byrne, Lilian Moran, Martha Wallace, Henry Mason, John Healy, John Douglas, David Larkin, Antonio Sanchez, Rene Mannion, Doreen Lynskey, Anthony Cooney, Mary Willingham, Mary Wilcox.



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.



*Men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.* Luke 21:12

### CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**Sanctuary Candle: Nora Lloyd (A)**

**Marian Candle: T McAndrew**

**Sacred Heart Candle: Skyla Jane Hewitson**



### LITTLE CHURCH

There will be no Little Church on Sunday 24th November because of the Christmas Fayre.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Lucille Carvell** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



**Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!**

### SVP COLLECTION

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be making a collection after all Masses this week-end.



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Don't wait for the Last Judgement. It takes place every day.

### MUSIC ON 24th November

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



### OFFERTORY 9/10 November

Plate: £565.54 Envelopes: £463.71 S/O: £407.75

**Total: £1437**

**Mission Appeal (LDWP): £732.17**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 9/10 November

5.00 pm: 180 9.30am: 163 11.00am: 175

**Total: 518**

### 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



### 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](mailto:cathriley@blueyonder.co.uk) or call her on 0151 280 9545.

Thank you in advance.

### 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.

### 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.

*As we look at our second Synod theme, we are coming to the end of our Liturgical Year, Luke's Year, as it were, Luke who wrote a Gospel and Acts of the Apostles or as some scholars say 'the Gospel of Luke part 2' or how the mission of Jesus was lived out in the early Church, in the Body of Christ. This is what we are considering here; how do we, the Church, God's chosen people, the Body of Christ, continue to share in the Mission of Jesus today?*

*This is essential to each one of us being a Christian means moving from a faith in Jesus to a sharing in the faith of Jesus, as Jesus never said worship me, but he did many times, say follow me. How do we follow Jesus by Sharing in His mission? First we need to ask the question what is the mission that we are called to share in, what was and is Jesus' Mission? Jesus healed and he preached and as we hear today in our Gospel, he turns over tables.*

***Who did he heal?** Anyone who had need, but especially those on the periphery, the foreigners, the outsiders and especially on the Sabbath, the one day some didn't like it happening.*

***Who did he preach to and what did he preach?** He preached to firstly those who followed him, challenging them to change their lives, to share what they have with those who present with needs (you notice how he didn't sort out the worthy and unworthy in the feedings of the 5 or 4 thousands). He also preached to those in authority within his own people, his own religion: challenging them to heal not hurt, that sabbath was made for humanity not humanity to serve the sabbath.*

*We can sum up the two prongs (as it were) of his mission as comforting the afflicted and afflict the comfortable! We see that in our Gospel today. Jesus enters the Temple in order to reclaim it. He censures those of the Jerusalem elite who refuse to hold themselves accountable to God and who use their positions and the temple system itself to oppress and tyrannise the vulnerable (20:45-21:4). So if we are to share in Jesus mission then we are called to the same, to bring comfort to those in need, through our acts of charity and our works of mercy, at work, at home, and in our neighbourhoods, to continue Jesus mission of healing. As Pope Francis says: The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction... The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness. 1 EG 88*

*We are also called to bring people to a greater knowledge and understanding of God's love and mercy, to invite people to participate in the mission of Jesus and give them the language and understanding to live it out. Finally, our preaching in action and words call us to challenge those who have power or authority in the world:*

- *By bringing healing to the world with our actions.*
- *In joyful service of all*
- *Taking seriously our calling as stewards of creation*
- *Living lives that respect the environment and all creation with whom we share God's gift of the earth.*

*But also, by how we use our words, challenging prejudice and naming the injustices in the world. Calling all to truly value each person and every part of God's creation, to listen and respond to all who are in need, the marginalised, the refugees, those on the peripheries of society. And if we worry about what to say remember Jesus' words today: 'I ... shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict' paralleling Jesus earlier in Luke's Gospel when he promises that 'the Holy Spirit will teach [them] what they must say'. If we ask whose mission this is? It is the mission of all the Baptised as Pope Saint John Paul II said in his Inaugural sermon: "[Jesus] came to make us all 'a kingdom of priests' ... the fact that Christ's mission as Priest, Prophet-Teacher and King continues in the Church. Everyone, the whole People of God, shares in this threefold mission."*

*So we are all called to share fully in the mission of Jesus by virtue of our Baptism alone, it is not just for the professional religious, Pope Francis actually warns us against this saying 'it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelisation to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients'.*

*In sharing Jesus' Mission do we have the courage to face the reality of the world and not shy away from the difficult choices we have to make trusting that Resurrection is God's action, if we faithfully live out the Mission of Jesus, God's mission, in the world today:*

- *To en flesh the compassionate love of God.*
- *To name, to anoint, the good in the world.*
- *To bring healing to the places and people that hurt.*

*Or as Pope Francis says, "This is our mission: to show by our lives, and perhaps even by our words that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone." So how do we do this? How do we enable all God's people to be part of this great mission of Jesus?*

**Pastoral Associate Update:** This is the last call for the Readers' Enrichment this Sunday afternoon in St Clare's Parish Hall! If you can join us you would be very welcome: please call or text: 07449 633977 me if you are planning to come and haven't registered yet. Many are taking part in discerning Synod Proposals and we begin our second theme "Sharing the Mission of Jesus." The Synod Talk by Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle on Monday highlighted the role of those in later life within the Church and the gifts they bring to continue the chain of memory of our Faith. The text of her talk will be on the Synod Website shortly and I do recommend it as a source of inspiration for all of us, especially those in 'later years'! A quote from Sirach 2: 1,6 *"If you aspire to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for an ordeal. Trust God and he will uphold you."* I'll be at Our Lady Mount Carmel and St Patrick's this weekend. God Bless, Helen.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.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.

**Tuesday 19 November (7:15pm – 9pm, LACE)** *Part One of Continuing Conversations for Catechists* Exploring the soil in which we are called to be sowers, the Church's vision for catechesists and the call to Accompaniment.

**Saturday 23 November** *Space To Be Service* 12 noon – 1pm St Matthew's RC Church, 19 Townsend Avenue, Liverpool, L13 9DL. All welcome particularly those bereaved by suicide and those who are or have been suicidal. Quiet periods of reflection and testimonies from Fr Conor Stainton-Polland and 4 guests.

**Monday 9 December** *Synod Talk (3) Complex Catholicism: Discovering the Reality of Young Catholics in England & Wales*, Stephen Davies at Hope University Chapel L16 8ND (free parking). 7 for 7:30pm- 8:45pm. Night Prayer at 9pm Register at least a week in advance 0151 522 1040 or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk).

\* To book these events please email [h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto: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.