

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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Christ the King - 24th November 2019

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 23rd | Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.30 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Mary Wilcox (A) Parishioners Pious Lists David Larkin (A) |
| Sun 24th | | | |
| Mon 25th | Confessions St Catherine of Alexandria | 6.30-6.45pm 7.00 pm | Pious List |
| Tues 26th | | 9.30 am | Pious List |
| Wed 27th | | 12 noon | Jim Doyle (Id) |
| Thu 28th | | 12 noon | Pious List |
| Fri 29th | | | Private Prayer |
| Sat 30th | Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | John Stanley Roberts (A) Parishioners Mary Memery (Id) Ryan Family |
| Sun 1st | 1st Sunday of Advent (A) | | |

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.



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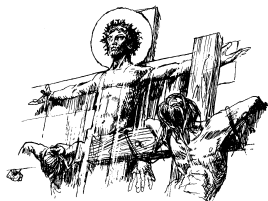
LATELY DEAD: Francis Ryan

Christmas Cards are on sale in the Piety Shop.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Oates, Mary Philburn, Maura Leslie, Vera Flynn, Mary Willingham, Sydney Crosthwaite, Anne Jackson, Patrick Rowlands, Margaret Peters, Laurence Dempsey, Mary Brady, Patricia Clark, Kathleen Carlisle, Anne Alley, Agnes Mooney, Mary Wilcox, David Larkin, Paul Farrell, John Stanley Roberts,



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.



'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

'Indeed, I promise you,' today you will be with me in paradise.' Luke 23:42-43

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Norah Mary Toohey

Marian Candle: Shaun Leslie

Sacred Heart Candle: Maura Leslie



LITTLE CHURCH

There will be no Little Church this Sunday because of the Christmas Fayre.



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.

THANK YOU to all those who came along to the Film Night. The amount raised was £138.02.

RETIRING COLLECTION

This week-end there will be a mandatory collection for **ANIMATE**.

MUSIC ON 1st December

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 16/17 November

Plate: £668.88 Envelopes: £773.56 S/O: £410.00

Total: £1852.44

Tea Money: £6

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 16/17 November

5.00 pm: 180 9.30am: 157 11.00am: 173

Total: 510

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARTION

Catch up Sessions

If your child has missed any of the First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions, there is a Catch-up session for each one on the following dates

Session 1: The Treasure Hunt Wednesday 27th November at 5.45pm in Church.

Session 2: Sunday 1st December after 11am Mass.

Session 3: Sunday 8th December after 11am Mass.

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.

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: Our Readers' Enrichment afternoon last Sunday was indeed enriching for all who attended: many thanks for the impressive turnout at St Clare's and for Fr Aidan and the parish for hosting us. Being aware that Christ is alive in the words we proclaim was insightful and humbling for all of us. It was particularly encouraging to have two of the Pastoral Area Clergy join with us as we all had a turn at proclaiming God's Word: we are all learning as we journey together. A quote from Franklin D Roosevelt which is quite apt for our Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King *"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future"* God Bless, Helen.

I will be at St Anne and St Bernard's this weekend.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Wednesday 27 November *Synod Reflection on Sharing the mission of Jesus* 7:30pm - 9pm at St Philomena's, Sparrow Hall Road L9 6BU

Monday 9 December *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

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 know of someone who would like to be included please contact Nickie Smith on 07545 613590.

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.



Justice and Peace Group

Christmas Cards for the Middle East



We will be asking parishioners to sign Christmas cards for the weekend of **30th Nov - 1st Dec**.

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.

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.

LUCKY NUMBERS

1st Prize: £60 - No 94 F. Laird

2nd Prize: £40 - No 103 C. McDonnell

3rd Prize: £25 - No 7 C. Sharpe

You have to be in it to win it!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

For all that has been, THANKS. For all that shall be, YES.

TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

There are some prayer books and story books on the hymn book trolley at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



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.