

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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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

15th December 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	No Confessions Mary Owens Parishioners
Sun 15th		9.30 am 11.00 am	Anne Rudd Agnes Hilliard (bd)
Mon 16th	Service of Reconciliation	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Jim Doyle (ld) Service of Reconciliation
Tues 17th	Carol Service	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Mary Lawler (A) Carol Service
Wed 18th		12 noon	Fr Mangan & Marie T McKenna (A)
Thu 19th		12 noon	Fr James Essandoh (A)
Fri 20th			Private Prayer
Sat 21st	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Brian Brooks (A) Parishioners Paul Heron (bd)
Sun 22nd	4th Sunday of Advent (A)	9.30 am 11.00 am	Dooley & Buckley family



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: Kevin William Norris, James O'Hare, Constance Veronica Costello, Arthur Gordon Fryer, Sheila Anne Calvey, Josephine Fagan, Mary Ann Kelly, Helena Greatex, Maurice Foran, Peter Michael Farrell, Eileen Woods, Eileen Devaney, Terence Ryan, Joyce Caldwell, William Alden
SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, T McAndrew
LATELY DEAD: Mr Evans, Angela Doran, Keith Homan



Gaudete in Domino semper.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Philippians 4:4

A great big thank you!

Over recent weeks I am aware your support has been asked for and generously, given to so many good causes from the Micah Food Bank Appeal - which ends today- to the knit a square appeal; from help for the homeless to the Youth Pilgrimage Raffle and of course parish fundraising projects too.

So a sincere thank you for all you do to support these and so many other good causes...

Thank you. Fr Ron

Parish Fundraising

Christmas Quiz

The Quiz raised £ 157.00

Christmas Bingo

The Bingo raised £ 162.52.

Film Night

Film night £ 115.00

Thank you for your support!

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Norah and George Toohey

Marian Candle: Brian Brooks (A)

Sacred Heart Candle: Doyle Family

MUSIC ON 22nd December

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am KEYBOARD



OFFERTORY 7/8 December

Plate: £600.04 Envelopes: £531.19

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1541.23**

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

7/8 December

5.00 pm: 169 9.30am: 169 11.00am: 187

Total: 525



Bambinelli Sunday

Today we celebrate Bambinelli Sunday at all Masses here at St Charles. Everyone who has brought their Baby Jesus figure is invited to hold them for the blessing after communion and then following the blessing, to take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas.

Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the nativity for your whole family.

Pizza and Prayers Chocolate Raffle

to raise funds for the Youth Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Tickets are on sale this week-end at all Masses and the raffle draw will take place at the end of the 11am Mass. Thank you for your support!

Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten at the Cathedral

Today at 3pm as part of Evening Prayer.

Pensioners Club

meets in the parish hall on

Monday 16th December

between 2 - 3.30 pm.



will be held this year on
Monday at 7.30 pm

Creative at Christmas: crafting course at the Cathedral Inside Out

making a door hanging to welcome guests

Tuesday 17 December 1 – 4pm,

Gibberd Room £15.

booking: c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Parish 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.*

Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service

with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
on Thursday 19th December at 2pm. Featuring the students from
Great Crosby and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary Schools.

Thursday Afternoon Tea

Next meets on Thursday, 19th December between 2pm – 3.30pm. New members welcome.
Come and enjoy tea/coffee and cake. Our Christmas Party this week!
Details from Margaret on 427 0407.

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.

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.

Year 8 - Confirmation 2020

Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8? Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation to empower, guide and strengthen you?

If you are willing to mark this milestone in starting your adult journey in Faith then:

If you are in Year 8 at a Catholic School - Animate Youth Ministries will be delivering confirmation preparation as part of the Religious Education curriculum and you will be contacted through school.

If you are in Year 8 in a non-Catholic School - Please register online to attend the free preparation day on Saturday 29 February 2020. The link is under the tab *Confirmation // Called to Serve* at www.animateyouth.org.

If you are the parent or relative or a friend or neighbour of a potential Confirmation candidate, please do pass on this information. For further details contact Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740461/467 or s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

*Donations of toiletries, underwear, hats, gloves,
scarves and socks are requested by the
Missionaries of Charity, in Seel Street, for the
poor and homeless in Liverpool over the
Christmas period. Your generous donations
will be gratefully received.*

Piety Shop

is open before and after week-end Masses and has a
selection of Christmas Cards, rosary beads, pictures
and prayer books available for sale.
Parish Diaries for £1 at the back of Church.
Please put the money for these in the papers
box. Thank you.

Pastoral Associate Update:

As I write, the prospect of the election looms large. I hope *Gaudete* Sunday will find cheer for us one way or other. Preaching at Hope University last weekend for the graduation of the first cohort of the Loyola University of Chicago's Certificate/Diploma in Lay Pastoral Ministry students, Archbishop Malcolm emphasised the similarities between the turbulent times of the biblical era with those we are living through today. What personally gives me comfort is that the God who never fails us is always by our side - rejoicing with us as we delight in the joy of the season and holding us in his tender embrace in times of despondency. I've appropriated this sentiment for our times: "*Together, we can get through this.*" God Bless, Helen.

Masses for the Octave of Christmas

<i>24th December</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Christmas Eve</i>	<i>5.00 pm Midnight Mass</i>
<i>25th December</i>	<i>Christmas Day Christmas Day</i>	<i>9.30 am 11.00 am</i>
<i>26th December</i>	<i>St Stephen's Day</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>27th December</i>	<i>St John the Apostle</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>28th December</i>	<i>Holy Innocent Martyrs</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
	<i>Vigil Mass Neo-Catechumenal Community</i>	<i>5.00 pm 6.00 pm</i>
<i>29th December</i>	<i>Feast of the Holy Family Feast of the Holy Family</i>	<i>9.30 am 11.00 am</i>
<i>30th December</i>	<i>6th Day of the Octave of the Nativity</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>31st December</i>	<i>St Sylvester</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
<i>1st January 2020</i>	<i>Mary Mother of God</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>

Requiem Mass

for Angela Doran 30th December at 12.45pm

Thought for the week

I have you, Lord. I have enough.