

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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Presentation of the Lord (YEAR A)

2nd February 2020

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 1st | Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Veronica Corcoran (A) Parishioners |
| Sun 2nd | | 9.30 am 11.00 am | Brian Brooks (bd) Maurice Davitt (A) |
| Mon 3rd | | 7.00 pm | Marie T McKenna (A) |
| Tues 4th | | 9.30 am | Marie Ferguson (A) |
| Wed 5th | St Agatha | 12.00 noon | Eileen & Patrick Connoles |
| Thu 6th | St Paul Miki & companions Funeral Service | 12.00 noon 2.00pm | Nora & Patrick Farragher Andrew Kelley |
| Fri 7th | | No Mass | Private Prayer |
| Sat 8th | Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community | 4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Terry Langton (A) Parishioners |
| Sun 9th | | 9.30 am 11.00 am | David George Parry (A) Mary & Thomas Cleary |

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.



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.

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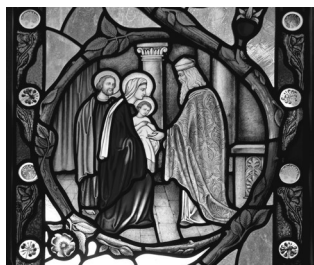
Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, Betty Roberts, Winnie Donohue

LATELY DEAD:

Andrew Kelley, Sheila Wright, Christopher Bates, Michael Boothe

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Traynor, Eric Thistlewood, Maurice Davitt, John Kevin Mitchell,
Kathleen Bull, Susan Elliot-Carlone, Josephine Mottram, Mary Egan, James Gill,
Kathleen Foran, Catherine Bostock, Anne Valentine, Anne Graham.



*Now, Master, you can let
your servant go in peace, just
as you promised; because my
eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared.*

Luke 2:29



The St Vincent de Paul Society

will be making a collection after all
Masses this week-end.



Candle Intentions This Week:

Sanctuary Candle:

JR (healing)

Marian Candle:

Julie Seddon

Sacred Heart Candle:

Vocations

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family

Alexander James Watson

who will be baptised today.

Please remember him and his family
in your prayers.

Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!



TEA AND COFFEE

will be served after the 9.30am and
11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to
the Lourdes Fund



Music Sunday 9th February

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00 am MUSIC GROUP



Offertory 25/26 January

Plate: £ 825.15 Envelopes: £550.79

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1785.94**

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 25/26 January

5.00 pm: 207

9.30am: 167

11.00am: 186

Total: 560

Thought for the week:

Lord, my heart is restless
until it rests in your love.

With You Always

In previous years dates for First Holy Communion were not set until after Fr James had held meetings with all the parents involved. Unfortunately it has not been possible to arrange these meeting with parents but I know a number of families are anxious to set a provisional date so other family members can make arrangements to be here and so to assist you I have devised a form to help me plan the dates for First Holy Communion for 2020.

Parents are asked to fill this form either at Mass today or when they attend the next preparation session on Thursday or Saturday this week.

Obviously any date arranged will remain a provisional date until all the preparations session have been completed and your child is fully prepared for this Sacrament.

Catch up Sessions

For those who missed Session 3 a catch up session is arranged for Tuesday 11th February at 6 pm.

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For those who missed the Service of Reconciliation for First Confession there will be another opportunity on 3.45 pm on Saturday 29th February.

Minibus Meeting

A very constructive meeting was held about the minibus. It is clear that those who use this service and those who help provide it all gain a great deal from the experience.

Reflecting on our obligations to ensure a safe environment for transporting parishioners and, after seeking advice from the Archdiocese and other sources, we recognise that more safeguarding measures are needed to protect both those using this service and the volunteer drivers whose generosity helps to provide it.

It was decided that we cannot safely continue to use the tailgate lift without further training and so must continue the suspension of this aspect of the provision.

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 3rd February 2pm - 3.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

Parish Lay Shared Leadership Group

Monday 3rd February 7.30 pm
This meeting has been postpone.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on Monday,
3rd February, 8pm, usual venue.
Call Frances on 0151 727 2195 for details.
Everyone is welcome.

Drop-in Tea and Coffee

Tuesday Morning 9.30am - 12noon
Everyone welcome.

Welcome to Betty and friends from St Anne's
Church Aigburth who will be using our Parish Hall
for the next three months while refurbishments
are taking place in St Anne's. Everyone welcome.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 5th February
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.
Pre-school children are invited to come along and
join in with their parents/guardians/grandparents.

Why we need more deacons

"...YOU WILL RECOGNISE THEM AS
DISCIPLES OF HIM WHO CAME NOT TO BE
SERVED, BUT TO SERVE"

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host
an evening for men who may be wondering if
they are called to serve as deacons
and what the formation involves.

Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome.

Wednesday 5th February 2020, 7.30 - 9.00pm
at St Joseph's Parish Centre,
Crow Orchard Lane, Wrightington WN6 9PA
(refreshments available from 7pm)
0151 522 1042 or Email: diaconte@rcaol.co.uk

Soup and a roll

Thursday 6th February after the 12noon Mass.

AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 6th February 2 - 3.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

Sacramental Preparation 2020

The next session for the With You Always First
Holy Communion Preparation Programme is on
Thursday 6th February at 6pm
and Saturday 8th February at 1pm
in the Parish Hall.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Thursday 6th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall.



Friday 7th
February at 7.30pm
in the parish hall

Human Trafficking follow up

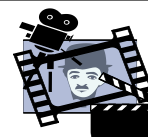
A Vigil for St Josephine Bakhita's Feast Day,
after the recent Anti-slavery memorial lecture will
be held on Friday 7 February at St Vincent's,
James Street, L1 5JP from 6:30 – 7:30pm.
Estelle Blake, the National Chaplain for Anti-
Trafficking & Modern Slavery for the Salvation
Army will be outlining how we can recognise
victims and how we can respond. There will also
be time for reflection as well as an opportunity for
action. Flyers with a prayer are available – please
do take one: your prayers would be welcomed.

Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join
him at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the
King on Sunday 9th February 2020 at 11am.
*This Mass will include the renewal of marriage
vows and a special blessing for those celebrating
significant anniversaries.*

FILM NIGHT

Monday 10th February at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.



Sometimes Always Never

Starring Bill Nighy, Sam Riley, Jenny Agutter.
Alan is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his
suits. He has spent years searching for his missing
son Michael who stormed out over a game of
Scrabble. Easily one of the best British comedies to
be released in recent years.
Donation for church funds.

**MASS IN HONOUR OF
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PRESIDER: BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS**



Liverpool Archdiocesan
Lourdes Pilgrimage
Association

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 11 February 2020
The Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady
Christ the King Church, Wavertree L15 6YQ

Restored Lives

Recovery from Divorce and Separation

6 week course beginning Wednesday 12 February
for more details contact
Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371
or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815

*The Church in an Individualistic Society
Today's Economic Inequality –
Where is the Church?*

Rt Rev Dr Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth,
Monday 17 February at LACE
7:00/7:30 – 9:00pm

FUN QUIZ

27th February at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets available after all weekend Masses at £3
each. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received.
All proceeds to church funds.

Date for your diary:

Easter Bingo Sunday 15th March at 3.00 pm.
Easter Fayre Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March.



**CEILIDH
FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020
TIME: 7.30
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA,
QUEENS DRIVE
PRICE: £7.50
BUFFET INCLUDED**

Dancing to Gerry Jones Country Dance Band

This event is strictly entry by TICKET ONLY and
tickets must be purchased in advance.

There will be no tickets for sale on the night.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office or
after Mass from members of the Social Committee.

Pastoral Associate Update:

We had a very positive and well attended *With You
Always* Catechists' Gathering at OLMC which
generated much discussion and sharing from
catechists from four of our deanery parishes.

The next informal gathering will be on Tuesday 21
April at 7:30 at OLMC and we hope other parish
WYA catechists will be able to join us.

In a similar vein there will be an opportunity for
the Pastoral Area singers and musicians to come
together for a gentle sing together and play
together for a few hours led by Nick Baty on
Saturday 29 Feb – more details to follow.

Coming together does generate such a positive
energy and being able to support each other on
our individual journeys in our parish ministry is a
great blessing for us all. In the words of Henry Ford
*"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together
is progress, working together is success."*

God Bless, Helen

PS Please do try and support the St Josephine
Bakhita Vigil on Friday 7 February at St Vincent's.

JOB VACANCY

**ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ASSISTANT**

We are looking to recruit an After School Club
Assistant at our school. This will be for five nights per
week working 3 pm until 6 pm.

If you are interested, please see our school website

www.stcharlescatholicprimary.com

for full details, along with application forms.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on wanting your child
to receive the gift of Baptism.

Please see Fr Ron after Mass to discuss it.

A date can be arranged for a Sunday,
after completion of a three-week course.

Courses are as follows:

March for baptisms in **May, June and July**

July for baptisms in **Aug, Sept and Oct.**