

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

19th January 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen Margaret Roberts (A) Parishioners Marie O'Connor Colman Fitzgerald (A)
Sun 19th			
Mon 20th	No Confessions St Fabian, St Sebastian	7.00 pm	Special Intention (SM)
Tues 21st	St Agnes	9.30 am	Rita & Family (SI)
Wed 22nd	St Vincent	12.00 noon 1.30 pm	Ferguson Family (A) Funeral Service: Mary Magdalen Kelly
Thu 23rd		12.00 noon	Special Intention
Fri 24th	St Francis de Sales	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 25th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Maria & John McCarthy (A) Parishioners Kayleigh Prentice Mary & Thomas Cleary
Sun 26th			



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.**

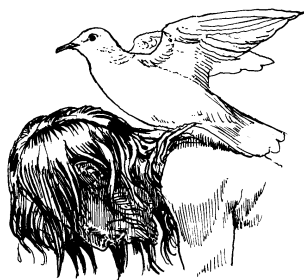


**We pray also for those who mourn that they
come to experience the peace of the Risen
Christ.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Neville Ashton, Kathleen M Roberts, Colman Fitzgerald, Neville Ashton, Bassim Safar, George Davies, Peter Brooks, Kathleen Roberts, Margaret Porter, Pat Taylor, Ronnie Gray, William Finnegan, Margaret Langhorn, Sheila Morgan, Veronica Phillips, Winifred Myles, Alcuin Feeny, Francis Chapman, George Seddon, Maria & John McCarthy

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, Betty Roberts

LATELY DEAD: Mary Magdalen Kelly, Thomas James



'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is to baptise with the Holy Spirit.'

Jn 1:33



Candle Intentions This Week:

Sanctuary Candle:

Fr Mangan

Marian Candle:

Peggy Farrell (bd)

Sacred Heart Candle:

John Dalton (snr)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family
Beatrice and Phoebe Evans-Murphy
who will be baptised.

Please remember them and their
family in your prayers.



Welcome Children 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 26th January

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00 am MUSIC GROUP



Offertory 11/12 January

Plate: £709 Envelopes: £571.26

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1690.26**

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 11/12 January

5.00 pm: 161

9.30am: 193

11.00am: 185

Total: 539

Thought for the week:

If you make room in your heart for others, you'll
find you have accommodation everywhere.

Parish Safe Guarding Audit

In the autumn term the Trustees of the Archdiocese decided that every parish in the Archdiocese must undertake a Parish Safeguarding Audit. This self-assessment audit has two aims...

1. to measure how close each parish in the Archdiocese is to meeting the national standards currently expected of all Catholic parishes within England and Wales
2. to ensure all parishes create a six month plan to address any areas of concern so that they are fully compliant by summer 2020.

Unfortunately, we are already behind scheduled as the audit and improvement plan was supposed to have been completed and returned to the Archdiocese by the 30th November 2019.

As a new Parish Priest I requested a little more time to complete the audit. I was aware that it would highlight areas where we need to improve and we may well need to change some of our practices and increase the number of volunteers for some of our activities which involve children or vulnerable adults in order to comply with the new standards that are being asked of us.

On Friday I completed and returned the audit and in the coming weeks will need your help so that as a parish community we can work together to make the changes necessary in order to ensure that we are making our community as safe as possible for all who gather here.

Parish Minibus

In a similar, but unrelated news, an issue arose with the minibus last week-end when with great reluctance the decision was taken to suspend using the minibus to transport people who need to use either a zimmer frame or wheelchair to Sunday Mass while a review of the legal and health and safety implications is concluded.

A meeting of all drivers is to be arranged as soon as possible to discuss this situation, our current practice and to establish a way forward which complies with our obligations under health and safety rules and laws.

Nugent - Crib Appeal 2019/20

Please help us to continue the work of our founder, Fr James Nugent, by giving your support to our Crib Appeal. All proceeds will be used to help children and adults in need across the Archdiocese. There is a box marked Crib Offerings in between the doors at the back of the church if you would like to donate.

JUSICE & PEACE COMMISSION

*Annual Memorial Lecture on
Modern Day Slavery*

"We see you"

Sunday 19th January 2 - 4pm

LACE Croxteth Drive L17 1AA

*The lecture will be given by Kevin Hyland OBE
who is the UK's first independent
Anti-Slavery Commissioner. All welcome.*



Pizza and Prayers

meets again on Sunday, 19 January
6:30-8pm in the parish room.

All young people in Secondary School are welcome. Bring along £1 for pizza.

We will be starting to plan for our away week-end in Keswick 13-15 March.

Please mark the dates in your calendars!

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 20th January
2pm - 3.30pm in the parish hall.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The meeting on 20th January has been cancelled.

The next meeting is on

Monday, 3rd February, 8pm, usual venue.

*Call Frances on 0151 727 2195 for details and
information if this is your new year resolution.*

Everyone is welcome.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 22nd January
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

Pre-school children are invited
to come along and join in with their
parents/guardians/grandparents.

CUPPA AND A CHAT

Next meets on Thursday 23rd January
between 2pm - 3:30 pm in the parish hall.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

*Thursday 23rd January at 7pm
in the parish hall.*

Bingo

Friday 24th January at 7.30 pm
in the parish hall.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting

after the 7 pm Mass on **Monday 27th January**

If you have any suggestions for topics or
questions that might help our discussions
please let me know in advance.

WITH YOU ALWAYS CATECHISTS' MEETING:

A Pastoral Area informal gathering will be held to
share experiences and resources
on Tuesday 28 January at 7:30pm
in the Presbytery at Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
27 High Park Street, L8 8DX at 7:30pm .

Details h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk / 07449 633977.

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, Wroughtington WN6 9PA
(refreshments available from 7pm)**

0151 522 1042 or Email: diaconte@rcaol.co.uk

Support for the Journey

A second session for RCIA Catechists, clergy and those who support enquirers to the Catholic Faith – no need to have attended the previous session.

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
Queens Drive, Mossley Hill,
Saturday 1 February 9:30 – 1pm.
Please register: formation@rcaol.co.uk

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.

Catch up Sessions

Arrangements are being made for those who missed session 3, 4 and the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and will be advertised here in the coming weeks.

Marriage & Family Life Celebration Mass

On Sunday 9 February at 11am
at the Metropolitan Cathedral

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

Year 8 - Confirmation 2020

Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8?
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

Pastoral Associate Update:

Nurturing relationships has been very much the connecting thread of my week whether it be first communion parents and children, the Justice and Peace Commission, clergy, Synod members, parishioners, administrators, teachers or my own family and friends. Although we may wear different hats, the “who we are” deep inside remains constant and I need reminding that ‘busyness’ should not detract from the most important relationship – the “who we are” with and through God. *“What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.”* quote by Eleanor Powell.

God Bless, Helen.

I will be at the Human Trafficking Lecture on Sunday at LACE (2-4) – hope to see some of you there.



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.

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**