

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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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

22nd December 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Brian Brooks (A) Parishioners
Sun 22nd		9.30 am 11.00 am	Paul Heron (bd) Dooley & Buckley family
Mon 23rd	Confessions	6.30-6.45pm 7.00 pm	Angus Kilbane
Tues 24th	Christmas Eve	9.30 am 5.00 pm Midnight Mass	Paul Farrell (A) Christmas Novena of Masses Christmas Novena of Masses
Wed 25th	Christmas Day	9.30 am 11.00 am	Christmas Novena of Masses Christmas Novena of Masses
Thu 26th	St Stephen first martyr	11.30 am	George & Peter Plummer (bd)
Fri 27th	St John apostle, evangelist	11.30 am	Thanksgiving Parishioners (Cath Doyle)
Sat 28th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Kathleen Sykes (A) Parishioners
Sun 29th	The Holy Family (A)	9.30 am 11.00 am	Tony Gil (bd) Mary Hunter (A)



to all visitors and new parishioners.

Thank you for your participation in our worship.
Your presence has enriched our Eucharistic celebration.

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: George McVey, Hilda Halford, Francis James Coyne, Annie McCarthy, Mary Gledhill, Amalia Paz Gonzalez, Betty Birrell, Thomas Whitworth, Thomas Pritchard, Veronica Quinn, Teresa McAndrew, James Murphy, Gary Peter Smith.
SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens.
LATELY DEAD: Angela Doran, Tony O'Shea, Paulina Jasinski, Tommy McAndrew.



GOD IS WITH US! *They will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us."*

Matthew 1:23

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Maureen Hall

Marian Candle: Brenda Heneghan

Sacred Heart Candle: Intention

MUSIC



CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN

SUNDAY 29th

9.30am & 11.00 am ORGAN

SUNDAY 5th

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00 am ORGAN

OFFERTORY 7/8 December

Plate: £604.00 Envelopes: £500.33

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1514.33**

Charity Collection taken after

Carol Service £236.25

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

14/15 December

5.00 pm: 173

9.30am: 156

11.00am: 185

Total: 514

LUCKY NUMBERS

1st Prize: £60 - Julie Devine

2nd Prize: £40 - Sean Morgan

3rd Prize: £25 - Joanne Davitt

Pastoral Associate Update:

I'll be at St Charles and St Thomas More this fourth Sunday of Advent and my prayer is for all of you in gratitude for your support and kindness in this, the end of the first year of the Pastoral Associate Pilot Programme.

It has been a joyful experience full of learning, listening and discovery - not least of the wonderful Liverpool spirit. I am both humbled and proud to be working alongside you in this time and in this place.

As we all open our hearts a little wider to share the love of the Christ Child perhaps we can extend that love to include those who may feel alone, anxious or isolated over the festivities. I ask for your prayers as I take a short break over Christmas with my boys to be with my mum who, at 88, is still managing on her own! *May you all experience the peace and joy of a love filled Christmas. Helen*

Pizza and Prayers

would like to thank the parish for supporting the Christmas raffle. We made an amazing £375.85 towards the Lourdes pilgrimage.

The winners were

1. Mrs Heron,

2. Sandra McCarten

3. Anna De'Ath.

The young people also packed bags at Tesco last Sunday and would like to thank our Aigburth Tesco for their generous support of our youth group! and endless patience letting us bag pack there and we would like to thank them publicly. Also we would like to continue bag packs there.

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.

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, MARIAN CANDLE AND THE SACRED HEART CANDLE

can be requested for many reasons. A dedication to a member of your family, young or old, living or dead. For a friend who is in need of prayer. An anniversary, or for yourself for a private intention.

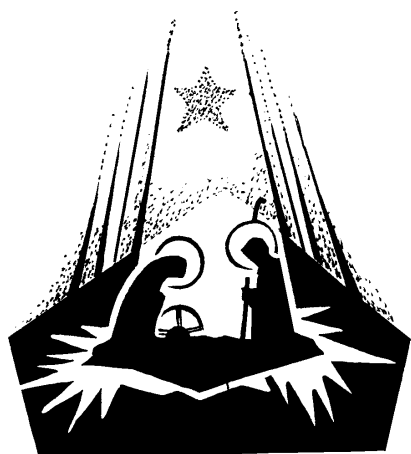
Choose a particular week throughout the year, put the name and date on an envelope together with a donation and bring it to the parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested. Please contact the Parish Office.

Thought for the week

Lord, help me remember that nothing is going to happen today that you and I together can't handle.



Father Ron
 and Deacons Paul and Jeremy wish
 Christmas Joy and Peace
 and a Happy New Year
 to all our parishioners

Masses for the Octave of Christmas

<i>24th December</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>5.00 pm</i> <i>Midnight Mass</i>
<i>25th December</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>9.30 am</i> <i>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</i> <i>Neo-Catechumenal Community</i>	<i>5.00 pm</i> <i>6.00 pm</i>
<i>29th December</i>	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	<i>9.30 am</i> <i>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>

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.

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.

