

# 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 in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

**25th January 2020**

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> Neocatechumenal Community	<b>4.30-4.45pm</b> 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Maria & John McCarthy (A) Parishioners Kayleigh Prentice Mary & Thomas Cleary
Sun 26th			
Mon 27th	<b>Confessions</b> St Angela Merici	<b>6.30-6.45 pm</b> 7.00 pm	Special Int (Chris)
Tues 28th	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30 am	Thanksgiving St Anthony
Wed 29th		12.00 noon	Clare McGinn
Thu 30th		12.00 noon	Pat & John Keatley (A)
Fri 31st	St John Bosco	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 1st	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> Neocatechumenal Community	<b>4.30-4.45pm</b> 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Veronica Corcoran (A) Parishioners Brian Brooks (bd) Maurice Davitt (A)
Sun 2nd			

## Funeral Service for Thomas James:

10.45am at the Myrtle Chapel, Springwood followed by burial at Allerton Cemetery at 11.30am on Tuesday 28th January 2020.

**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:** Francis Chapman, George Seddon, Martha Wills, Catherine Evans, Leroy Walker, Marnie Williams, Elizabeth Quinn, Bridie Davies, Nonnie Codd, Thomas Ware, Ellen Kearney, Eveline Smith, Geoffrey Morley, Tony Farrell, Hilda Davies, Catherine O'Hare, Veronica Corcoran, Mary Ferguson, Margaret McKeown, Stella McCarthy, Maria & John McCarthy, Pat & John Keatley, Maurice Davitt.

**SICK:** Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, Betty Roberts, Winnie Donohue

**LATELY DEAD:** Tommy Hughes, Albert Brough, Richard Sweeney, Pat Connor, Anthony O'Shea,



*And he said to them:  
"Follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men."  
And they left their nets at  
once and followed him.*

*Mt 4 : 19-20*

### Candle Intentions This Week:



#### Sanctuary Candle:

Norah Mary Toohey

#### Marian Candle:

Maria & John McCarthy (A)

#### Sacred Heart Candle:

Winnie Donohue

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family  
**Arianna Grace Cook** who will be  
baptised during the 11am Mass.  
Please remember her and her 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 2nd February

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00 am ORGAN



### Offertory 18/19 January

Plate: £ 678.28 Envelopes: £499.11

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1587.39**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Mass Attendance 18/19 January

#### 11/12 January

5.00 pm: 205

9.30am: 200

11.00am: 198

**Total: 603**



to all visitors and new parishioners.

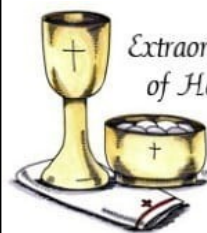
Thank you for your participation  
in our worship.

Your presence has enriched our Eucharistic  
celebration. May the same Eucharist enrich your  
life. We wish you all a blessed week.

### Parish Minibus

With great reluctance the decision has been 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 take place this  
Sunday at 1 pm 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.



*Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion*

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

### PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 27th January 2pm - 3.30 pm  
in the parish hall.

**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.

**Drop-in Tea and Coffee**

**Tuesday Morning 9.30am—12noon**

**Everyone welcome.**

### 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](mailto:h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk) / 07449 633977.

## PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 29th January  
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

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

## AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 30th January  
2pm - 3.30 pm  
in the parish hall.



Friday 31st January  
at 7.30pm  
in the parish hall

## *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 - 1 pm.  
Please register: [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

## PARISH PRAYER GROUP

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.

## 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](mailto:diaconte@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.

## MOTHERS PRAYERS

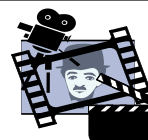
Thursday 6th February at 7pm in the parish hall.

*Marriage & Family Life*  
*Celebration Mass*

On Sunday 9 February at 11am  
at the Metropolitan Cathedral

## 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.**



Liverpool Archdiocesan  
Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Association

## MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRESIDER BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS

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

### **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](http://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](mailto:s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk)



### **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.

### **LUCKY NUMBERS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	59	£60.00	Sheila Teale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	29	£40.00	Frances Stoddart
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	7	£25.00	Claire Sharpe

***You have to be in it to win it!***

### **Thought for the week:**

Lord, by your grace may I embrace life's challenges, frustrations and irritations as opportunities to grow in holiness and be blessed with your love.

### **Pastoral Associate Update:**

As we continue to celebrate Christian Unity week, it is our coming together that enables us to be more than we could be on our own. In this spirit, the Human Trafficking lecture last weekend struck a chord: many different agencies were present and, combined with law enforcement representatives, were focussed on stopping modern slavery.

The theme for Christian Unity week is  
"Unusual Kindness."

I wonder if this may encourage us in modest ways, to play our part in combatting this horrific crime. It was encouraging that many parishioners from across our deanery attended and perhaps as a pastoral area we can look to come together and work in partnership by supporting the follow-up meeting at St Vincent's on Friday evening on 7<sup>th</sup> February (full details tbc). Pope Francis on modern slavery: "*Things have a price and can be for sale. But people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things.*"

God Bless, Helen

### **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.**

### **JOB VACANCY**

### **ST CHARLES' CATHOLIC 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](http://www.stcharlescatholicprimary.com)  
for full details, along with application forms.