

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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	1st March 2020			
	DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
	Sat 29th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sophie Armstrong (A) Parishioners
	Sun 1st		9.30 am 11.00 am	Special Intention (EG) Joan Coyne (Id)
	Mon 2nd	Confessions St David	6.30-6.45pm 7.00pm	Des Osbourne (A)
	Tues 3rd		9.30 am	Paul Burns (A)
	Wed 4th		12.00 noon	Jesus' Suffering and Agony in the Garden
	Thu 5th		12.00 noon	Marian Bowen (RIP)
	Fri 6th	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Light Lenten Lunch	12.00 noon	Monica Nugent (RIP)
	Sat 7th	Exposition Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am	Jeanette Anderson (RIP)
	Sat 7th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Kathleen Langton (A) Parishioners
	Sun 8th		9.30 am 11.00 am	Patricia Andre & Jean Louis Janssis (A) Claire Kellgren Parker (Id)



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.

SICK:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Laurence Bailey, Ann Quinn, Joan Devlin, Mary McNulty

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ethel Bernard, Mary Royden, Anne Gargan, Elizabeth Conway, John Sunners, Sheila Turnbull, Molly Roscoe, Gail Jones, Jean Owens, Catherine Lundstrom, Helena McNamara, Elizabeth Shearon, Sophie Armstrong, Des Osbourne, Paul Burns, Kathleen Langton, Jimmy Miller.

*Be off, Satan! For scripture says:
'You must worship the Lord your
God, and serve him alone.'*

Matthew 4:10



Candle Intentions This Week:

Sanctuary Candle: Sophie Armstrong

Marian Candle: Kathleen Winter (Bd)

Sacred Heart Candle: Peace of Mind

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family

James David Kelly

who will be baptised.

Please remember him and his family
in your prayers.

Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!



Music Sunday 8th March

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00 am ORGAN

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

is provided at the 9.30 and 11am Masses each
Sunday. Children hear the Gospel and use various
material to help them to understand it.

TEA AND COFFEE

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



Offertory 22/23 February

Plate: £864.06 Envelopes: £502.50

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1776.56**

Film Night: £125.60

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 22/23 February

5.00 pm: 200 9.30am: 158 11.00am: 168

Total: 526

Baptism Preparation Course

Next Sunday at the 9.30am Mass we welcome
to our Parish Community the families
whose children will be Baptised over
the next few months.

First Sunday of Lent...

At the start of His ministry,
Jesus goes into the desert for forty
days of fasting and at the end of this
time the devil comes to tempt Him.

There are three temptations...

In the first temptation the devil uses the physical
hunger of Jesus to tempt Him but Jesus responds
that "Man does not live on bread alone but on
every word that comes from the mouth of God."

In the next temptation the devil appeals to His
vanity, saying, "If you are the Son of God throw
yourself down; for scripture says: "He will put you
in His angels' charge and they will support
you on their hands..." but Jesus replies,
"Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord
your God to the test."

Finally, in the third temptation Jesus is promised
great rewards if only He worships the devil but He
rejects this spiritual temptation, saying, "You must
worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone."

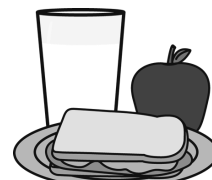
This Lenten Season, we are called upon to reflect
on what temptations do we need to resist?
Are they temptations of a physical nature, from the
emotional sphere or of a more spiritual kind?

Jesus resisted the devil through His knowledge of
the Word of God. In this year, as we focus on the
God who speaks, perhaps we can make some time
to reflect more on God's Word and find ways to be
strengthened by God's Word.

Looking for something extra this Lent...

*During Lent we will have an extra Mass at 12 noon
on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross
and a light Lenten lunch.*

*During the lunch a collection
will be taken with the proceeds
going to charity.*



*If you would like to attend the lunch
please sign the sheet at the back of church so
that we ensure there is enough food.*

*And on Saturday morning we have
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 a.m.
followed by Mass at 11 a.m.*



Easter Raffle

Tickets on sale after all Masses
this week-end £1.00 a strip.

1st prize £50

2nd prize Wine Hamper

3rd prize Easter Goodies Basket

All proceeds to Parish Funds.

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 2nd March 2pm - 3.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on Monday,
2nd March, 8-9pm, usual venue.

Everyone is welcome. For information or more
details if you would like to join us please contact
Frances on 0151 727 2195.

Drop-in Tea and Coffee

Tuesday 3rd March 9.30am - 12noon

Everyone welcome.

Betty and friends from St Anne's Church, Aigburth
who will be continuing to meet in our Parish Hall
while refurbishments are taking place in
St Anne's Church Hall.

Between Cross and Resurrection - A Military Chaplain's Holy Saturday Experience...

on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
*A number of people have asked about my time in
the military and so I have prepared this Lenten
Reflection on my experiences as a Chaplain
in the British Field Hospital in Iraq in 2003.*

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 4th March
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

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

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after
the 12 noon Mass on **Thursday 5th
March**. Everyone welcome.



AFTERNOON TEA

Meets on 5th March 2pm - 3.30pm. All welcome.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Thursday 5th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

With You Always Sessions

The next sessions for the With You Always First
Holy Communion Preparation Programme are on

**Thursday 5th March at 6pm
and Saturday 7th March at 1pm**
in the Parish Hall.

Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 6th March

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an
opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest,
most marginalised of our sisters and brothers.
Your donations will go to highly-trained, highly-
skilled local experts around the world who save
and support the health of the world's poorest
families.

Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun
in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister
Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives
each and every day. Cafod needs help to fund more
local experts like Sister Consilia.

On Friday 6 March, we are asked to eat a simple
meal and put what we save into the Family Fast
Day envelope. Please collect your envelope from
the back of the church and return it on the
collection plate next week.

Thank you very much



Friday 6th March at
7.30pm in the Parish Hall



Pastoral Area Lenten Stations of the Cross



Saturday 7 March starting with Mass

at 10am at Carmel - Maryton,

St Anthony-Mossley Hill, St Francis-

Garston, OLMC, St Vincent, St

Patricks (lunch), St Charles-Aigburth,

St Clare-Sefton Park, St Anne-Edge Hill, ending at

the Met Cathedral at around 4pm. Timings and

details on the posters at the back of Church.

Synod Talks:

The Church as Fragmented Mirror

David McLoughlin

Monday 9 March 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at LACE.

Continuing Conversations for Catechists

Tuesdays 10 & 17 March at LACE, 7.15 - 9pm

Register at 0151 522 1040 or

formation@rcaol.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.



Sunday 15th March

at 3.00 pm. in the Parish Hall.

***Pope Francis: The Wounded Shepherd* by Austin Ivereigh.**

The author will talk about his book on

Thursday 19 March at 7:30pm

St Anne's, Edge Hill.

Lenten Talk... The God Who Speaks...

During this year and, perhaps especially within this Lenten Season, we are encouraged to reflect on the God who speaks to us and so this will be the theme of our second Lenten reflection on Monday 23rd March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Easter Fayre

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March

After all Masses in the Parish Hall.

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles (homebake on the day)

Please put them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you. All proceeds to Church Funds.

Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 1 April at 7:30pm at

St Charles, Aigburth.

Pastoral Associate Update:

Along with so many others, I am sure, it was with a heavy heart that I read the internal report from L'Arche regarding the conduct of Jean Vanier. It reminded me how cautious we should be in idealising any one person, but also that the values that L'Arche embodies remain a shining light of the all-encompassing love of God. It is God who is our never-failing guide.

Our Pastoral Area Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 7 March – please do join us for some, or all of our journey around our Pastoral Area Churches praying the stations of the Cross.

*“God uses people who fail –
because there aren't any other kind around”*
quote by American writer John C Maxwell.

God Bless, Helen

LiveSimply

The collection for the Micah Food Bank will take place until March 15. If you can help please donate any of the following items:

- Milk (UHT/Long Life),
- Tinned fish, Tinned Tomatoes, Soup, Pasta sauces, Weetabix (own shop brands OK),
- Tea bags, Instant coffee,
- Lentils, Pulses, Pot noodles, Dried rice/Pasta,
- Tinned fruit/vegetables,
- Biscuits, Cereal bars, cake bars,
- Sanitary towels, Nappies (size 4,5,6)
- Bags for life

Please leave items in the boxes at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support.

Thought for the week:

Sometimes people come into your life not to love you, but to make you feel you are worth loving.