

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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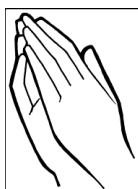
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

9th February 2020

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 8th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Terry Langton (A) Parishioners David George Parry (A) Mary & Thomas Cleary
Sun 9th			
Mon 10th	Requiem Mass Confessions St Scholastica	12.00 noon 6.30-6.45pm 7.00pm	Sheila Wright Margaret Farrell (A)
Tues 11th		9.30 am	Special Intention (BH)
Wed 12th		12.00 noon	Bridie & Thomas Connoles
Thu 13th		12.00 noon	Marie Stafford RIP
Fri 14th	Feast of Sts Cyril & Methodius	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 15th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen M Roberts (bd) Parishioners Charles Jones (A) Special Intention (E&RG)
Sun 16th			

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:

Sheila Wright, Tom Farrell, Patrick Nixon, Gary Honeyball, John Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Eugene Chesters, Stephen Paul McDonough, Arlene Willis,
Ann Elizabeth Wallace, Catherine Parker, David Parry, Rosa Gorrino,
Glyn Thomas, Elsie Lilian Armstrong, Paul St James Downes, John Owens,
Edward Alban Hateley, Agnes L Kermode.



Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Racial Justice Sunday 9th February 2020

The theme this year is
 “You are the heart of the Church”
 and celebrates the contribution made by the
 traveller communities to the Church
 in England and Wales.

Messy Church

We would like to say a huge thank you to the very
 kind parishioner who made an anonymous
 donation to our funds and to those who have
 recently donated craft materials.
 #reuse #recycle #reduce #simplylivingCAFOD



Candle Intentions This Week:

Sanctuary Candle: Ramon Brown

Marian Candle: Thanksgiving (A)

Sacred Heart Candle: Dcn Peter Murphy

TEA AND COFFEE

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



Music Sunday 16th February

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00 am ORGAN

Offertory 1/2 February

Plate: £ 631.89 Envelopes: £530.08

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1571.97**

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 1/2 February

5.00 pm: 198

9.30am: 167

11.00am: 181

Total: 546

Thought for the week:

Lord, teach me the paradox that if I love
 until it hurts, there will be no more hurt,
 only more love.

Synod Theme Three: How do we pray?

On Thursday and Saturday, the young people preparing for Holy Communion spent time reflecting on the importance of prayer and how it helps us to grow in faith.

The Second Vatican Council said that ‘the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows’. So the source of all our prayer is the Church’s liturgy. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we enter into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and we find in the struggles, sufferings and deaths of our own lives meaning and we learn to trust in God’s saving grace.

In this synod theme we are challenged to ask how do we help people to engage more profoundly with the Liturgy and understand how they fully and actively participate in the celebration of the Eucharist in our Parishes?

“Full” refers to the whole of our being, mind, body, emotions, history and spirit. “Active” refers not so much to ‘what we do’ but ‘our attitude’... are we actively praying... are we actively giving the whole of ourselves to this celebration... are we engaged actively in the mystery we say we are celebrating... or do we come along pre-bored?

Are the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments truly the font, the source from which all our prayer flows and is it also the Summit the high point of all our prayer? If not, then we must ask the question why? What are the things that get in the way of it being the summit not just of our prayer but the whole of our lives?

The Scriptures tell us that God has no favourites. Each of us is just as important as each other and prayer is meant to be an integral part of each of our lives.

- How do we develop into praying communities and who is the God to whom you pray?
- What is your image of God? Is your image different from your neighbour?
- Where do you find God... in silence... in other people... in liturgical prayer? Is God ‘up above’ you, transcendent and distant to you or do you experience God’s intimate presence in your life?

It is important that we make sure we always pray with open windows, with an ear to the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears of our daily lives and those of the brothers and sisters we gather together with. As for prayer to be living, it needs the fresh air of people’s lives.

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.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room

Pizza and Prayers meets again this Sunday

6:30-8pm in the parish meeting room for all young people in high school. Bring along £1. Advance notice that we are going for our **yearly retreat in Keswick 13 - 15 March**. All welcome!

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 10th February 2pm - 3.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

Parish Lay Shared Leadership Group

Monday 10th February 7.30 pm

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.

With You Always Catch up Sessions

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

For those who missed session 4 a catch up session is arranged for Tuesday 11th February at 6.45 pm.

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

The next session for the With You Always First Holy Communion Preparation Programme is on Thursday 5th March at 6pm and Saturday 7th March at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

President: 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

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 12th February
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

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

Norma Carney Memorial Mass

She was a 'welcomer' at the 9:00am Mass in St Thomas More for many years and has died.

Fr. Philip Inch is saying a Mass for her next

Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00pm

in Holy Rosary. If you would like to attend please contact Val in the Parish Office or speak to Sue McNicholl for more information.

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

AFTERNOON TEA

There will be no Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall on 13th and 20th February.

Back on 27th February 2pm—3.30pm.

All welcome.



Friday 14th February at
7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Messy Church is almost here!

If you want a morning of craft, painting, play and stories followed by lunch and a cuppa the date is 15th February 11-1pm. Messy Church is free to attend but your donations are very welcome.

We have lots of fun & messy crafts for you to enjoy so come along! Messy Church is for age 0-99 so all are welcome, and it is a community event, so friends and neighbours are very welcome.

For more information see our L-17 Messy Church Facebook page or call Nickie on 07545613590'

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

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

Drop-in Tea and Coffee

Tuesday 18th February 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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Thursday 20th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Journey into Freedom for Lent and Easter

*Information evening on the Lenten Retreat at the
Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW
on Monday 24th February 7 for 7:15pm.*

Group starts 2 March. [kathrynly-
don@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynlyndon@hotmail.com) or www.lentretreat.uk

FUN QUIZ

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

Pastoral Area Music Day

led by Nick Baty, Concept Music
Saturday 29 February 10:30am – 13:30 Venue tbc.

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 Area Lenten Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7 March starting with Mass at 10am at
Carmel, Maryton and ending in the Cathedral
around 4pm.



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.

Easter Bingo

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.

Easter Fayre

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March

Pastoral Associate Update:

With the third Synod theme of how "We pray
together" in full swing it's a busy time in our
Pastoral Area! I invite all those who enjoy singing
and any musicians amongst us to keep the morning
of Saturday 29 February free for a Music Day
gentle get together led by Nick Baty.

We also are planning a Pastoral Area Lenten
Stations of the Cross on Saturday 7 March starting
with 10am Mass at Carmel in Maryton and praying
the stations in churches within our Pastoral Area
ending in the Cathedral around 4pm. If you would
like to be involved in leading a station or in any
other way, please do let me know. Full details of
both to be shared in the coming weeks.

Apt for today's Gospel - from Pope Francis
*"The family is the salt of the earth and the light of
the world. It is the leaven of society"*

God Bless, Helen