

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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

16th February 2020

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th	Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Kathleen Margaret Roberts (bd) Parishioners Charles Jones (A) Special Intention (ERG)
Sun 16th		6.00 pm	
		9.30 am	
		11.00 am	
Mon 17th	Founders of the Servite order	7.00pm	Anthony O'Shea
Tues 18th		9.30 am	Jim Doyle (ld)
Wed 19th		12.00 noon	All Suffering Souls
Thu 20th		12.00 noon	Special Intention (Pat Connor)
Fri 21st	St Peter Damian	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 22nd	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm	Little Family Parishioners Caroline Henderson (ld) Margaret Tobin (A)
		5.00 pm	
		6.00 pm	
Sun 23rd		9.30 am	
		11.00 am	



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:

Francis Fox, Norma Carney

ANNIVERSARIES:

Weislaw Kevryn Kokar, James Anthony Humphreys, Alma McVey, William John Poole, Jean Veronica Atkinson, Celia Stephenson, Charles Allen Kelley, Linda O'Hara, Florence Mary Farrell, Anne Rubina Rowlands, Andrew Gerrard, Margaret Tobin, Charles Jones.



*Blessed are you Father, for
revealing the mysteries of
the kingdom to mere
children*

Matthew 11:25

Candle Intentions This Week:



Sanctuary Candle: Charles Kelly

Marian Candle: Healing (JL)

Sacred Heart Candle: Happy Birthday Nan
miss you Love Jane x

Thought for the week:

Love is an occupation from dawn to dusk.

TEA AND COFFEE

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



Music Sunday 23rd February

9.30 am ORGAN
11.00 am MUSIC GROUP

Offertory 8/9 February

Plate: £ 567.77 Envelopes: £575.67

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1553.44**

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 8/9 February

5.00 pm: 250

9.30am: 167

11.00am: 126

Total: 543

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

Synod Theme Three: How do we pray?

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.

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 17th February 2pm - 3.30 pm

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

The next meeting is Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

*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 Church Hall.

Synod 2020 Parish Meeting

7pm Wednesday 19th February

In the Parish Hall

Everyone is invited

Please come to reflect on the 3rd & 4th synod themes and make your proposals for the future of the church in Liverpool.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

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

Friday 21st February at
7.30pm in the Parish Hall
New members welcome.



Easter Raffle

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



1st prize £50

2nd prize Wine Hamper

3rd prize Easter Goodies Basket

All proceeds to Parish Funds.

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.

kathrynlydon@hotmail.com or www.lentretreat.uk

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meet on Wednesday 26th February
from 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

AFTERNOON TEA

There will be no Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall during Half-Term.

Back on 27th February 2pm—3.30pm.

All welcome.

FUN QUIZ

27th February at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets available after all week-end Masses at £3.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully received.

All proceeds to Church funds.

Vocations Weekend for young women

Theme: Discernment and Vocation

Dates: 28th Feb - 1 March 2020

Location: Liverpool



The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ
at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our
website www.fcjsisters.org

Pastoral Area Music Day

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

St Clare's Arundel Ave Sefton Park Liverpool 17

With You Always Catch up Sessions

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.

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.

Tuesdays 10 & 17 March

Continuing Conversations for Catechists

at LACE,

7.15 - 9pm Register at 0151 522 1040 or

formation@rcaol.co.uk

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

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 Associate Update:

The Pastoral Area Music Day is being hosted at St Clare's on Saturday 29 February with the highly energetic Nick Baty: do try and make it – All are Welcome! I will be getting the route for the Lenten Stations of the Cross to you after half term (I'm having a short break next week) so do take a look. The Pope's recent exhortation on the Amazon certainly provides the laity with a clear instruction to get involved in spreading the Gospel and minister to each other in new ways. Perhaps our coming together as the People of God from our own parishes can encourage us to walk alongside one another and share our journey of Faith. "*Love is the law of God. You live that you may learn to love. You love that you may learn to live*" quote from the writer Mikhail Naimy.

God Bless, Helen