

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A)

23th February 2020

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Little Family (A) Parishioners Caroline Henderson (Id) Margaret Tobin (A)
Sun 23rd			
Mon 24th	Confessions	6.30-6.45pm 7.00pm	Kathleen Hanna (bd)
Tues 25th		9.30 am	Fr Thomas Mangan
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am 12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Donors Intentions John Dalton (bd) Michael Foley (RIP)
Thu 27th	Funeral Service	10.00am 12.00 noon	Carole Waring Special Intention (PB)
Fri 28th	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Light Lenten Lunch	12.00 noon	The Britt Family
Sat 29th	Exposition Mass	10.30 am 11.00 am	Donors Intentions
Sat 29th	Confessions Vigil Neocatechumenal Community	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Sophie Armstrong (A) Parishioners Special Intention (EG) Joan Coyne (Id)
Sun 1st			

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,

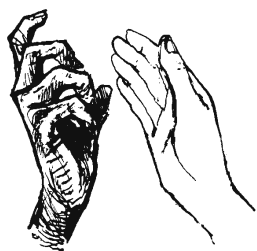
Winnie Donohue, Peter Bridson

LATELY DEAD:

Carole Waring, Peggy Mulholland, Kevin McElroy, Eva Taggart.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Joan Garnett, Paul Anthony Saunders, Thomas Neary, Lorne Forster, Christopher Scattergood, Margaret Morris, Klara Owczarczuk, Charles Edward Thompson, Anne Buckley, William Pye, Irene Grant, Bernard William Richter, Sophie Elizabeth Armstrong, Ethel Bernard.



"You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Leviticus 19:18

Candle Intentions This Week:

Sanctuary Candle: Norah Mary Toohey

Marian Candle: Happy Birthday Mum

Love Joan & Peter

Sacred Heart Candle: Peace of Mind



TEA AND COFFEE

will be served after the

9.30am and 11.00am Masses today.

All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.



Music Sunday 1st March

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00 am ORGAN

Offertory 15/16 February

Plate: £ 653.16 Envelopes: £477.75

S/O: £410.00 **Total: £1540.91**

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Attendance 15/16 February

5.00 pm: 152

9.30am: 185

11.00am: 163

Total: 500

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.

Thought for the week:

Silence is an opinion. Inaction is an action.

Pastoral Associate Update:

Helen is taking a short break this week.

Lent

On Wednesday the Church begins once more the great Season of Lent with our celebration of Ash Wednesday Masses. The great challenge and opportunity this season of preparation gives us to each of us is to pause a little from our busyness of our everyday lives and to reflect on who we are and we are called to be and to ensure our relationship with God and one another is as good as it can be.

Lent as a Time to Pause...

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the 'noticeboard' that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey.

Pause in order to look and contemplate!

Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018

Lucky Numbers Winners

1st prize 76 Anne Barber
2nd prize 36 Mr & Mrs Mulkerrin
3rd prize 109 Helen Kelly

If you have changed address or contact phone number since joining the Lucky Numbers draw will you please email your new details to assinfo@gmail.com

Easter Raffle

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



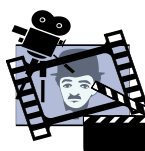
1st prize £50
2nd prize Wine Hamper
3rd prize Easter Goodies Basket
All proceeds to Parish Funds.

PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 24th February 2pm - 3.30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

FILM NIGHT

Monday 24th February



at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Sometimes Always Never

Starring Bill Nighy, Sam 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.

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

Drop-in Tea and Coffee

Tuesday 25th 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.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 26th February 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

Meets 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.

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.



Friday 28th February
at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall



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



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

With You Always Catch up Sessions

For those who missed the Service of Reconciliation for First Confession and have completed session 3 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.



LiveSimply

The next collection for the Micah Food Bank will take place from February 29 to 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.

A Military Chaplain's Holy Saturday Experience...

Tuesday 3th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

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

Pastoral Area Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

Tuesdays 10 & 17 March

Continuing Conversations for Catechists

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.

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.