

# 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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		<b>8th March 2020</b>			
DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION		
Sat 7th	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Neocatechumenal Community</b>	4.30-4.45pm	Kathleen Langton (A) Parishioners		
Sun 8th		5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am		Patricia Andre & Jean Louis Janssis (A) Claire Kellgren Parker (Id)	
Mon 9th	<b>Confessions</b> St Frances of Rome	6.30-6.45pm 7.00pm	Margaret Okyerefo (Id)		
Tues 10th	<b>Funeral Service at Springwood Crem</b>	9.30 am <b>10.15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (CH) <b>For Gerard James Cruickshanks</b>		
Wed 11th		12.00 noon	Successful Operation (JM)		
Thu 12th		12.00 noon	Josie Bell (RIP)		
Fri 13th	<b>Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Light Lenten Lunch</b>	12.00 noon	Joseph & Marie Farrell (Intentions)		
Sat 14th	<b>Exposition</b>	10.30 am 11.00 am	Joan Finnegan (RIP)		
Sat 15th	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Neocatechumenal Community</b>	4.30-4.45pm	Hugh Halpin (A) Parishioners		
Sun 16th		5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am		Peter and Helen Kane (A) Good Intention (KB)	



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:

Kathleen Hanna, Gerard Cruickshanks, Peter Purcell.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Shearon, John Costello, Margaret Worswick, Alan Taylor, May Gray, Marie Mulhearn, Francis Hilliard, Terence Whitworth, Josephine Harris, Joseph Gough, Hugh Kelly, Mary Deegan, Celia McCarten, Kathleen Langton, Patricia Mary Janssis, Hugh Halpin.

From the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

Matthew 17:5



## Second Sunday of Lent... 'Listen to him'

THE  
GOD  
WHO  
SPEAKS

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples.

We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.  
(Laudato Si, 84-85)



### Candle Intentions This Week:

**Sanctuary Candle: Margaret Okerefo (Id)**

**Marian Candle: Marie & Vincent Regan (A)**

**Sacred Heart Candle: Sylvia Henwood (A)**

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family

**Rafael Sandor Dow-Jones**

who was baptised yesterday.

Please remember him and his family  
in your prayers.



**Welcome Child of Light. Receive my Life!**



### Music Sunday 15th March

9.30 am: MUSIC GROUP

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

Plate: £704.04    Envelopes: £651.50

S/O: £410.00    **Total: £1765.54**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Mass Attendance 29 Feb/1 March

5.00 pm: 153    9.30am: 169    11.00am: 184

**Total: 506**

### Baptism Preparation Course

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

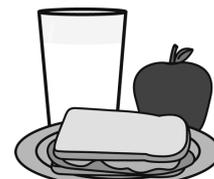
### Thought for the week:

*Joy and wonder are found along the way  
and not just at the end of the road.*

### 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 can 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.

## Coronavirus / Covid-19

The Archdiocese updated the advice it has given aimed at helping to limit the spread of the Coronavirus during the week.

- Priests and ministers should wash hands thoroughly before Mass begins
- Holy Water stoups are to remain empty
- The sign of peace is suspended
- Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended
- The faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in the hand rather than in the tongue
- There should be no pastoral visits to those who are self-isolating until isolation ends.
- Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick relies on touch so it would be preferable to defer a Mass with Anointing until later in the year though priests should offer to anoint the sick in their homes.  
Hands should be thoroughly washed and sanitised before and after each anointing.

## Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 6th March

Please return any Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes by placing them into the regular collection plate this weekend.

**Thank you very much**

## Former Club Land / Car Parking

As you are aware work has started on the former club site. The plan is to build an apartment block at the front of the site with carparking for residents to the rear.

Once this work is completed a new parish car park at the rear of the site will be available for parish parking. This car park will have about 30 spaces and will be accessed from Tramway Road, however during the building phase, I ask for your understanding and patience.

## Easter Raffle

Tickets on sale after Mass £1.00 a strip.  
1st prize £50    2nd prize Wine Hamper  
3rd prize Easter Goodies Basket  
All proceeds to Parish Funds.

## PENSIONERS CLUB

Monday 9th March 2pm - 3.30 pm  
in the Parish Hall.

## Synod Talks:

### *The Church as Fragmented Mirror*

David McLoughlin

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

## Drop-in Tea and Coffee

**Tuesday 10th March 9.30am - 12noon**

**Everyone welcome.**

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

## Continuing Conversations for Catechists

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

Register at 0151 522 1040 or

[formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

## PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

next meets on Wednesday 11th March 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 12th March 2pm - 3.30pm. All welcome.

Friday 13th March at  
7.30pm in the Parish Hall



CEILIDH

**CEILIDH CANCELLED**

We are sorry to announce that the Ceilidh has, unfortunately, been cancelled. All ticket money will be refunded - please see a member of the Social Committee.  
Thank you for your support and please accept our apologies.



**Sunday 15th March**  
at 3.00 pm. in the Parish Hall.  
Tickets £2.00 on sale.

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

The author will be at St Anne's, Edge Hill  
on Thursday 19 March at 7:30pm  
to talk about his book.

***Amazon Synod***

As one of the youngest participants and the only  
English-Speaking indigenous woman in the synod  
hall Leah Casimero will share her unique  
perspective on the Amazon Synod on  
Thursday 19 March 7:30pm at SFX, Salisbury  
Street, L3 8DR [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk)



It's Messy Time again on  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 11-1pm  
and this month we are exploring  
the story of Noah's Ark.

There will be crafts, activities and stories to enjoy  
and feel free to bring your favourite toy animal.  
As always, Messy Church is for all and free!

**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 or bottles  
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:**

Dementia awareness week is 12 – 19 March.  
Dementia is an emotive topic (as I know only too  
well within my own family) and support, however  
modest, both for those who have the disease and  
for their carers and a basic understanding of  
dementia can make a real difference. We pray too  
for Pope Francis as he celebrates his seventh  
Anniversary as Pope on 13 March. His focus on  
accompaniment and meeting others where they  
are continues to inspire and is especially poignant  
in terms of those with dementia.

*"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,  
but beautiful old people are works of art"*

Eleanor Roosevelt.

God Bless, Helen

*P.S. We See You - A vigil for victims of human  
trafficking and modern slavery,  
at the Anglican Cathedral, Lady Chapel  
from 1pm on Saturday 14 March.*



**LiveSimply**

Our current collection period for the  
Micah Food Bank will take end on the  
15th March. 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.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Archdiocese is now ready again to process  
DBS forms. Priority will be given to new  
volunteers and those whose DBS Certificates were  
issued before 2017. Please check your  
certificates and if necessary ask for forms.  
If you have any questions please contact Father  
Ron, Ann Firkins and Christina Reilly.