

# 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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	DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
	Sat 14th	<b>No Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Neocatechumenal Community</b>	5.00 pm	Hugh Halpin (A) Parishioners Peter and Helen Kane (A) Good Int (KB)
	Sun 15th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	
	Mon 16th	<b>No Confessions</b>	7.00pm	Jean Ennis (bd)
	Tues 17th	St Patrick	9.30 am	Mary Jane & Thomas Farrell (A)
	Wed 18th	<b>Funeral Service</b> St Cyril of Jerusalem	<b>10.00am</b> 12.00 noon	<b>Kathleen Hanna</b> Catherine Duffy (A)
	Thu 19th	<b>St Joseph</b>	12.00 noon	Henry Halliday (bd)
	Fri 20th	<b>Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Light Lenten Lunch</b>	12.00 noon	Mary Caffrey (RIP)
	Sat 21st	<b>Exposition</b>	10.30 am 11.00 am	Josie Bell (RIP)
	Sat 21st	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Neocatechumenal Community</b>	4.30-4.45pm	Nancy Ward Parishioners Tony Heron (A) Isabelle & Keven Smith (ld)
	Sun 22nd		5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	

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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, George Jones

### LATELY DEAD:

Kathleen Hanna, Kitty Ward

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Hugh Halpin, Helen & Peter Kane, Mary Deegan, Mary Janssis, Celia McCarten, Jackie Ball, Harry Halliday, James Fowler, Joe Armstrong, Grancis Graham, Rose Robinson, Marie & Terry Donohue, Mary Jane & Thomas Farrell, Catherine Duffy, Tony Heron, Isabelle Morgan-Dalton

"...anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give him will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14



### Candle Intentions This Week:

**Sanctuary Candle: Carole Waring (Id)**

**Marian Candle: Henry Halliday**

**Sacred Heart Candle: Successful Treatment**



### Music Sunday 22 March

9.30 am: ORGAN

11.00 am: MUSIC GROUP

### 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.



### 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.

### TEA AND COFFEE

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



### Offertory

Plate: £687.44 Envelopes: £651.67

S/O: £379.50 **Total: £1718.61**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Mass Attendance 29 Feb/1 March

5.00 pm: 156 9.30am: 236 11.00am: 158

**Total: 550**

### Thought for the week:

*The world is charged with the Grandeur of God*  
(GM Hopkins)

## TO REDUCE RISKS OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION

### Guidance Update 10 March 2020

In response to the developing situation concerning the Coronavirus and COVID-19, in addition to measures introduced last week

- the suspension of the sign of peace
- the suspension of Holy Communion from the chalice
- the faithful should be encouraged to receive the sacred host in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- Holy water stoups in churches and chapels are to be emptied.

the following additional advice has been given

- Churches and chapels that are open daily for private prayer should continue to remain open but care should be given to ensuring that surfaces of high contact (e.g. light switches, door handles and areas around the door) are regularly sanitised throughout the day. Ideally door handles should be cleaned before and after every Mass.
- Shared towels should not be used in toilet areas or the sacristy.
- Shared hymnbooks and Mass books should cease to be used. Single-use Mass sheets may be used, though these should be disposed of immediately after use.
- Ask everyone attending Mass to sanitise their hands as they come into church using sanitised gel dispensers, assuming they are available. These should be placed in porches or entrances.
- Do not pass the collection plate around; alternative methods for the collection should be sought.
- Suspend catering (teas, coffees etc) at large parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc.
- Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending liturgy or other public events and to not attend the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic. They may have an ordinary cold but equally it is important to ensure a precautionary approach.
- Advise those most vulnerable to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.
- On Good Friday, the traditional 'Veneration of the Cross' is to be observed by a simple genuflection or bow.
- Veneration of relics should be observed without physical contact.

### Third Sunday of Lent...

**'Give me a drink!'**

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful account of the woman at the well. We hear of physical thirst but also of a much deeper thirst, for connection and conversion.

During Lent, we are invited into the lives of our brothers and sisters in the global south. We meet Madris in Kenya, who walks around the dusty brown patch of land beside her small home, where she lives with her six children. There are no crops visible, just a few scraggy bushes. Madris tells us, 'I feel very bad when the rains don't come because all my plants depend on rainfall.' Water scarcity worldwide is being accelerated by changes in weather patterns. Scientists tell us that rain-fed agriculture will drop by 50% world-wide by 2030, due to global warming.

When we think of how we might help, we give, and that is good. But we must also be aware of a deeper conversion that is needed. Change is possible, solutions are there, and as faith communities we are invited into this journey of change. The woman in the Gospel today is so deeply affected by her encounter with Christ that she runs to tell the others. May we also be enthused and open to a real thirst for climate justice, aware that we are called to *'an ecological conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'* (Laudato Si, 217)  
How much water do you use?

### 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.

### Cafod Lenten Fast

The amount raised was £431.99 including a donation of £26.79. Thank you.

### Drop-in Tea and Coffee Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday 17th March 9.30am - 12noon**

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

Tuesday 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 18th 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 19th March 2pm - 3.30pm. All welcome.

### MOTHERS PRAYERS

Thursday 19th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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

**Cancelled**

**Ivereigh.**

The author will be at St Anne's, Edge Hill on Thursday 19

### 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)

Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall





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.



### **KSC Council 9**

are pleased to invite you to a

### **"Late St Patrick's Night"**

at 8pm on Sat 28th March in Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel Club, 27 High Park St, Liverpool L8  
8DX. Featuring the one & only Michael Coyne.  
Bingo and Raffle. Tickets: £5 at door.



## **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:**

Our Lent Way of the Cross Pilgrimage last  
Saturday to many of our local churches was a time  
of grace as we connected with our past, present and  
future. Over 50 of us participated throughout the  
day with many accompanying the Cross for all 14  
stations. Halfway round we stopped at St Patrick's  
for a prayer at the memorial cross for those who  
had died during the typhoid epidemic which  
touched us deeply.

The reverence and peace we experienced certainly  
will sustain us in the coming weeks of Lent. Thank  
you to all who prayed both with us and for us  
especially the believing witness of the Carmelite  
community with whom we celebrated morning  
Mass, marking the start of our pilgrimage. The  
warm welcome by our pastoral area priests and the  
sense of coming home to our mother church at the  
Cathedral gave us a feeling of deep belonging. By  
sharing our faith journey with one another we  
continue becoming the church that God is calling  
us to be.

My sincere gratitude to all who helped in so many  
ways, our ever supportive clergy and, of course, to  
our Liverpool South pilgrims both young and not  
so young! "May you appreciate the wonder that  
you are and the miracle of all creation" Reverence  
from the 'Twelve Gifts of Birth' by Charlene  
Costanzo.

*God Bless, Helen.*

### ***Synod Talks:***

### ***Participating in***

### ***Christ's Ministry in the 2020s***

Kate Wilkinson & Rev Dr Peter McGrail  
Monday 20 April 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at LACE.

### **PIZZA & PRAYERS**

The young people will be having an Easter Raffle  
with tickets being sold on 4-5 and 11-12 April with  
the raffle draw on 12 April at 11am Mass.

You may also see the 'yellow shirts' at Aigburth  
Tesco on 22 March and 5 April bag packing.  
Thank you so much for your support of parish  
young people and their Lourdes pilgrimage!

### **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.