

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) - 10th February 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th Sun 10th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen Margaret Roberts (bd) Parishioners David George Parry (A) Mary & Thomas Cleary
Mon 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes	7.00 pm	Retired & Sick Clergy
Tues 12th		9.30 am	Special Intention Brougham Family
Wed 13th		12 noon	Mary Anne Weston (A)
Thu 14th	Ss Cyril & Methodius	12 noon	Charles Jones (A)
Fri 15th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 16th Sun 17th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Terry Langton (A) Parishioners Thanksgiving (Cath Dixon) Bernadette Morgan & Peter Benger (A)



Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch

Luke 5:10

Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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: Elizabeth Reid, Pauline Latimer, Carol Laing, Joanne Kay, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley, Albert Smith.

LATELY DEAD: Brian Burke, Sylvia Pomford, Anne Ashton.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

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



ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Langton, Mary Anne Weston, David Parry, Charles Jones, Catherine Parker, Anne Elizabeth Wallace, Rosa Gorrino, Glyn Thomas, Elsie Lilian Armstrong, Paul St James Downes, John Owens, Edward Alban Hateley, Agnes L Kermode, Weislaw Kevryn Kokar, James Anthony Humphreys.

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Charles Kelly

Marian Candle: Albert Smith

Sacred Heart Candle: Catherine (Int.)



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr. James after Mass to discuss arrangements for a Sunday, after completing a three-week course. Attendance of the course is an essential part of preparing for this important moment in your family.

Courses are held in:

Jan for baptisms in Feb, March, and April

Mar/April for baptisms in May, June and July

Jun/July for baptisms in August September and October.

Sept/Oct for baptisms in November, December and January.

Saint Vincent de Paul will be making a collection this weekend after all Masses.



MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7.30 pm Monday 11 February 2019

at Christ the King Church, Childwall.

MUSIC ON 17 FEBRUARY

9.30am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP

MASS ATTENDANCE 2/3 February

5.00pm: 141 6.00 pm: 32 9.30am: 153

11.00am: 189 **Total: 515**

OFFERTORY 2/3 February

Plate: £611.61 Envelopes: £503.50 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1514.86

Lourdes Tea Money: £13.92

Thank you for your generosity.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **James Joseph Niall Donnellan-Murphy** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Welcome child of Light. Receive my Life!

New Office Hours.

The Parish Office is now closed on a Friday beginning week commencing 25th February. The new office hours will be **Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm.**

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT

from the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department.

The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown.

Topics will cover:

- Facing the effects of what's happened; Communication and Conflict Resolution;
- Letting Go; Managing other relationships; Legal matters; and Being single and moving forward.

For further details see the poster on the notice board or contact: Maureen 07967 753371 or Jacqui 07793 825815.

Thought for the Week:

Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.'

(St. Charles Borromeo)

Welcome

This week-end we welcome **Abbé Benoît d'Arras**, a Deacon for the Archdiocese of Paris, to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on 29th June, at the Cathedral Church of Notre Dame de Paris. He will arrive in our Parish on 9th February and will be staying here with us until 10th June. Whilst he's staying with us, Benoît, as well as working in the Parish will be on part-time placement with the Missionaries of Charity in Seel Street.

Lucky Numbers the proceeds of this will continue to go to the Assin Foso Project.

Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Sunday 17th February at 11am.** All welcome. See poster in porch.

Psalms

Psalm 95:1

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

REQUEST FOR HELP

We are looking for people to join us in singing the Psalms at Sunday Mass.

If you have sung at school, in a choir or at church before or if you just love singing for the sheer joy of it then, this could be for you.

You don't need any prior experience. You don't need to be able to read music. We have all the psalms as music files and many of us listen to them on our devices in order to prepare. The psalm settings which we use are simple and you will be given full training and support, until you decide that the time is right, and that you are ready to take part.

For more information please speak to Bill Hughes, Jeremy Mitchinson, Cath Hopkins, Emily Murphy or Bill Reilly.

As St Augustine is supposed to have said,
"Those who sing pray twice."

Parish Rooms

The mice are still in the Parish Hall, they are not attempting to eat the bait that has been put down. Therefore they must be getting food from other sources. Can I ask all those who use the hall to keep all biscuits, crisps etc in boxes and not leave any food in the cupboards or any bags on the floor as all these things attract them. Please ensure that the entrance door is kept closed at all times.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested. Please contact the Parish Office.

FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 12th February at 7.30 pm

in the Parish Hall.

Edie

Starring Sheila Hancock and Kevin Guthrie

Entrance will be by donation, all proceeds to Thomas Clarke's Ordination Celebrations.

Pastoral Associate Update: It's been a busy week with the Synod Commissioning last Sunday providing the bedrock of my experiences in the Pastoral Area. I have spent an uplifting week at St Anne and St Bernard's and continued meeting those who are so dedicated and committed to living their faith so practically and prayerfully. My sincere thanks to all who are helping me find out about parish life and being most knowledgeable tour guides! I've also been at Holy Trinity School in St Wilfrid's for their inaugural 'Stay and Pray' session giving teachers and parents a chance to stop and take a moment to listen out for the still small voice of God in the bustle of their lives – a very blessed moment. Next week I'm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Patrick's.

Thought for the week :

Prayer is – listening for the still small voice of God... with the "ear of our hearts". Richard J Foster

PIZZA AND PRAYERS

Sunday 10 Feb pizza and prayers meeting at 6pm uni chaplaincy Sunday Mass at St Philip Neri Catharine St. Meet at 5.30 at St Charles for parish van or come on your own or with family. Meet some Dominican sisters from Nashville Tennessee! Mass and cup of tea with sisters after.

You must let Eleanor or Netti know (by text or Facebook or email) if you want to go in parish van or make your own way. Sleep in next Sunday and still get to Mass!

Fundraising

Thomas Clarke Ordination Celebration

Quizzes in the Parish Hall

28 February -small number of tickets still available

11 April - limited numbers

Quiz at St Anthony of Padua club

23 May

All quizzes start at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3 each, available after all Masses.

Summary of Notes from Parish Leadership Group 28.01.19

Report from Fr James

There is a problem with mice in the meeting room. This is being addressed by Pest Control. All groups are asked to remove any food from their cupboards and to ensure that items such as soft toys or anything that can be nibbled is stored in sealed containers. The external door needs to be kept closed. It was suggested that a new doorbell be fitted on the external door (nearest the barracks).

Synod 2020. Margaret Thelwell will represent the Pastoral Area. A Parish Representative is still needed.

A question was raised about providing Mass Sheets for Christmas Masses. This will be addressed.

We ran out of hymn books at Christmas Masses. Maybe people have taken some home by mistake. A note will be put in the Newsletter.

Information about Parish Groups

Baptism Preparation. There is a team of 9 catechists working to provide a course of 3 weekly meetings following the 9.30 Sunday Mass. Parents and child are welcomed at Mass before the first meeting. Parents book a date for Baptism within 3 months of the preparation course. Administration support is provided by Val.

Young Adults Group The current group has up to 10 people attending. Most are active participants at Mass and have come through the Pizza and Prayer Group. They meet each month and catechesis is included. A Pilgrimage to Poland is planned for September.

Junior Youth Group Up to 10 youngsters of primary school age meet 6pm – 7.30pm on Mondays during term time. Facilitated by Benedict and Sue.

Bereavement Care Group There are 12 people who have all attended Diocesan training. They visit recently bereaved families and provide a booklet to assist with funeral planning. They also visit after the funeral if required.

Pizza and Prayer Group. Comprises up to 20 young people from school year 7 up to age 18 who meet monthly to meet friends, pray – and eat pizza! They work hard at bag-packing, selling bacon butties etc. to raise funds to go to Lourdes.

Messy Church is now in its 4th year. Up to 30 children and their parents meet on one Saturday each month where they are welcomed, enjoy crafts together, share a simple liturgy and enjoy food.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation takes place each month, together with Reconciliation Preparation. Children and parents work together. Small groups of children receive First Holy Communion at the various Sunday Masses in June.

Parish Website. Can be found at www.stcharlesandstthomasmore.org.uk and contains lots of useful information including Newsletters, information on the Sacraments, Prayers etc. Profiles, testimonies and news items would be very welcome.

Prayer Group meets monthly in a parishioner's home, usually on the first Monday of the month.

Thursday Afternoon Tea meets every Thursday in term time, 2pm – 3.30pm. There is tea, coffee and cake to enjoy and a different activity each week.

Journey Into Faith meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in term-time.

Toddler Group meets every Wednesday morning in term time, 9.30 – 11.30 and up to 20 toddlers have great fun!

Pastoral Associate is Helen Jones. She is recently appointed to work across the parishes of St Anne & St Bernard, St Anthony of Padua, St Charles & St Thomas More, St Clare & St Hugh and St Wilfrid. Helen is currently spending a week in each of the parishes and visiting as many groups as possible.

The Neo-catechumenal Community is 18 people aged 15 – 70 years who evangelise by showing love and community. They would welcome any parishioners to their Mass on Saturday at 6pm.

Assin Foso, Ghana Over £13,000 has been raised to help with repairs and equipment for the school.

Date of next Meeting This will be on **Monday, 25th February at 7,30pm**