

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## Easter Sunday (C) - 21st April 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION	
Sat 20th	<b>Holy Saturday Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter Easter Sunday</b>	9.00 pm	Easter Mass Intentions Parishioners Fr George Russell (A) Holy Hour	
Sun 21st		9.30 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm		
Mon 22nd		12 noon		Thanksgiving (HH)
Tues 23rd		9.30 am		Rev Deacon Benoit d'Arras
Wed 24th		12 noon	Josephine & Czeslaw Stencil	
Thu 25th		12 noon	Pat Campbell (bd)	
Fri 26th		No Mass	Private Prayer	
Sat 27th	<b>Vigil</b> Neo-Catechumenal Community Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd of Easter)	5.00 pm	Nancy Ward (A) Parishioners Maureen & Joe Smith (A) Juanita Morris (A) Holy Hour	
Sun 28th		6.00 pm		
		9.30 am		
		11.00 am 4.00 pm		



*The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia. Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.*

### 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.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Neary, Sarah Frances Donnelly, Veronica Fielding, Roberta Doris Linford, Elizabeth Michael, John Thomas Burquest, Josephine Farrell, Elizabeth McGlynn, Albert Atkin, Thomas Pemberton, Ellen Smyth, Joseph Hall, Marie Celeste Hanlon, Maurice Beer, Anthony Terence Sarmin, Daniel Gerard Henderson, Michael William Lewis.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Carol Laing, Joanne Kay, Teddy Love, Ann Rowley, Pat Manson, Peter Connell, Barbara Miller, Sadie, Peter Bridson, Roy Davis, Bernard Roberts., Teresa Jolly.

**LATELY DEAD:** Pauline Latimer



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.

### Thought for the Week:

The greater the storm the brighter your rainbow.

## CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**Sanctuary Candle:** Norah Mary Toohey

**Marian Candle:** Tony Heron

**Sacred Heart Candle:** Paul Heron



*Fr James, deacons Paul and Jeremy would like to wish our parishioners every blessing during this Easter Season. We pray that you will experience the joy that comes from knowing the Risen Christ.*

## MASS ATTENDANCE 13/14 April

5.00pm: 159    6.00 pm: 32    9.30am: 138

11.00am: 160    **Total: 489**

## MUSIC ON 28 APRIL

9.30am    MUSIC GROUP

11.00am    ORGAN



## GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

## OFFERTORY 13/14April

Plate: £637.44    Envelopes:    £571.13    S/O: £399.75

**Total: £1608.32**

**Tea Money:        £27.80**

**Soup and a roll:    £20.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 8-9 pm. All welcome. 727 2195 for information or details.



## CUPPA AND A CHAT

Next meeting on Thursday 25th April.

New members welcome!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped prepare for our Easter Celebration: those who cleaned the church and arranged the flowers, musicians and singers, readers and ministers.

## Fundraising -Thomas Clarke Ordination

The final fundraising quiz will be held on 23rd May at 7.30 in the parish hall at St Charles and St Thomas More. Tickets £3 each will be available after all week-end Masses.

## Ordination Preparation Meeting

Wednesday 24th April @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Sonny Stephen Grimes, Finlay Francis Eugene Larkin and Maxwell John Henry Larkin** who will be baptised during 11 am Mass today. **Welcome child of Light. Receive my Life!**

### Welcome!

**Congratulations** to Jade Crocket, Stephen Grimes and Tony Liu who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil and to Kerry Cave who will be Confirmed in the Catholic faith. Please remember them in your prayers

## Pizza&Prayers

will be selling raffle tickets for their Easter raffle after Sunday Masses in the meeting room until Easter. Prizes include chocolate hampers and a family games box set. We thank you all for your continued support.

## Pizza&Prayers

would like to thank Phil Grice from the Catenian Society for the bursary cheques he distributed at Mass last weekend. A total of £850 was awarded to the youth going to Lourdes this year to part-fund their pilgrimage.

## Junior Youth Group

The group will start back on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Open to ages of Y3-Y6. Have a blessed Easter!

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr James to celebrate his Ministry at St Charles and St Thomas More on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm followed by refreshments at St Anthony of Padua Queens Drive.

## A New Appointment for Fr. James.

In early August, I will be leaving the parish to take up a new ministry at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Two weeks ago, I was asked by Archbishop McMahon if I would take on the role of being one of the Spiritual Directors in the Seminary, at Oscott.

After having served, most happily, as your Parish Priest for the last seven years, I am extremely sad to be leaving this wonderful community; a community that has always made me feel welcome and at home throughout my time with you. During the last seven years we have been on quite a journey together - bringing two former parishes/communities together to form one new parish, as well as establishing many new parish groups. It has been a joy for me to work alongside so many joyful and committed people; I don't think I will ever find a parish as good as this one again! Throughout the remainder of my priestly ministry, I will always be truly grateful to God for the love, enthusiasm, fun, support and commitment I have received from so many people in this parish. From the moment I arrived in September 2012 until today, I have always felt part of this community. I am not going to find leaving here in August easy, so please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you and your families in mine.

Archbishop McMahon assures me that he will be able to send you a new priest in September - once I have more details about who be replacing me, I will keep you informed. I am sure you will make the new priest as welcome as you have made me.

I look forward now to celebrating my last Easter with you, and hope to find time to come and visit as many of you as possible before I leave.

Every blessing for the remainder of Lent and Eastertide.

Fr. James

## Towards Synod 2020



The synod is an important moment for the church in Liverpool, which means it's an important moment for all of us. In the coming months there will be opportunities for all of us to contribute our opinions, thoughts, hopes and ideas for the future of the church in Liverpool.

To help us prepare for this great work that we will do together, during Eastertide we will have some thought-provoking talks from visiting speakers, each on a different topic.

All talks will be in the church with refreshments served afterwards in the parish hall.

7pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

### **Challenges Facing the Church – Lessons from Scripture**

*Fr Francisco Javier Ruiz Ortiz, Lecturer in Scripture at Allen Hall Seminary*

7pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Social Mission of The Church**

*Monsignor John Armitage, Rector of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham*

7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Mission of All the Baptised**

*Fergal Martin, General Secretary of the Catholic Truth Society 1995 - 2019*

7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### **Going Out to the Peripheries**

*Mary Ebbasi, Catholic Chaplain HM Prison Pentonville*

7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **The Church as Leaven in Our Culture**

*Monsignor Peter Fleetwood, Chaplain to Maryton Carmel and Aintree University Hospital*

## HISTORY OF ST THOMAS MORE PARISH ON THE WEBSITE

The parish website already includes a history of St Charles Parish. A history of St Thomas More Parish up to closure of the church building has been taken from the booklets already existing. Illustrations come from the power point of the parish and some include children. I think all were taken at least ten years ago, except possibly the 'Youth at Lourdes'. Copies have been placed at the back of the church, in the hall and in the parish office and if anyone objects to any of them being used **on the website** they will be withdrawn. Simply note the number and phone me on 0151 727 2195 or contact Val by 21<sup>st</sup> April. Frances Trotman.

## **Pizza and Prayers/Justice and Peace Group**

On Sunday evening we had a joint meeting during which we watched the documentary film, "Speak Truth to Power".

It is a challenging film about the impact of climate change and we had an stimulating discussion after watching it. Both groups plan to liaise further about this very important topic.

**Pastoral Associate News:** Along with so many others, I was sickened seeing the flames envelope Notre Dame. Watching the Parisians singing in the streets surrounding the Île de la Cité and reading messages of solidarity from people of all faiths and nationalities was profoundly moving in the way it brought us all together - a moment of deep connection. I thank you all for your warmth and connectedness that has been so evident here in Liverpool South during my first months of ministry and wish you all a very Happy Easter. I will be at St Anthony of Padua on 27/28 April. God Bless, Helen.

## **SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH**

**Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.**

**MESSY CHURCH** Third Saturday of every month, 11am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

**AFTERNOON TEA** We meet on Thursdays, 2.00 - 3.30. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

**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.

**PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP** meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 – 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

**PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

**TEA AND COFFEE** is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

**PENSIONERS CLUB** Mondays at 2pm.

**SOUP AND A ROLL** is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18–25)** meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the Presbytery.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** for junior years 3-6 meets on Monday nights 6-7.30pm in the parish hall.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS.** There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available on the trolley at the back of church before Mass.

**BINGO** Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

**JOURNEY INTO FAITH** meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in term-time.

**ASSIN FOSO GHANA** Fund-raising to help with repairs and equipment for the school.