

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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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 20th October 2019

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th	Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community	5.00 pm	Shane Halpin (A)
Sun 20th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Elizabeth Turley (ld) Teresa Bray (bd)
Mon 21st	Confessions	6.30-6.45pm 7.00 pm	Kathleen Thomas (A)
Tues 22nd	Requiem	12 noon	Clare Kellgren-Parker
Wed 23rd		12 noon	Joseph Ennis (A)
Thu 24th	Requiem	12 noon	Joan Fitzgerald
Fri 25th	Requiem	12 noon	Norah Ashton
Sat 26th	Confessions Vigil Neo-Catechumenal Community 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time	4.30-4.45pm 5.00 pm	Fred Ferguson (bd) Parishioners
Sun 27th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John Monaghan (A) Magdalene & Kevin

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: Anne Jane Riley, Catherine Rowlands, Frances Dyson, James McCarthy, Anthony Clarke, James Montgomery, Marian Louisa Gunning, Kathleen Thomas, Rosemary Edwards, Elizabeth O'Riordan, John Norris

SICK: Susan Bell, Rachel Gordon, Mary Owens, Betty Dines.

LATELY DEAD: Clare Kellgren-Parker, Joan Fitzgerald, Norah Ashton, Penny Brady, Stanley Charles Cummings.



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.



Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily

Luke 18:7,8

CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sanctuary Candle: Anna Williams (A)

Marian Candle: Special Intention

Sacred Heart Candle: Thanksgiving



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Joni Burge and Francesca Louise Tolongo** who will be baptised. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Welcome Children of Light. Receive my Life!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Be the first to give encouragement, the last to criticize.

MUSIC ON 27th October

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 12/13 October

Plate: £ 699.02 Envelopes: £538.00 S/O: £399.75

Total: £1636.77

Lourdes Tea Money £27.88

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 12/13 October

5.00 pm: 169 9.30am: 166 11.00am: 164

Total: 499

Pizza&Prayers met the Lourdes coach 9 leader last weekend. Richard came from Preston to chat to us about our 2020 Lourdes pilgrimage. It was also the first time we welcomed Fr Ron to our group. Home made cake for our visitors went down really well



World Mission Sunday – Together we are Mission - Sunday 20 October 2019

Today is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all creation – 'Together we are Mission'. There will be a collection after all Masses today.

For more information, visit missio.org.uk Thank you.

Christmas Carol Service and Choir Practice - dates for your diaries

This year's carol service will take place on **Tuesday 17th December at 7:30pm.**

Choir practice every Monday at 7:30pm after Mass. New members are very welcome, especially tenors and basses.

Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson on 07808 000042 for details.

Pastoral Associate Update: The strength that comes from collaborative work is quite phenomenal – the breaking of the recent marathon records pay tribute to the dedication of *teams* behind each runner. Within our communities, as we work together in supporting each other whether it's participation in the liturgy, speaking out for justice, or engaging with Synod – we go further and deeper than we can ever do so in isolation. Opportunities available for shaping our church through Synod 2020 is our chance to participate which **will** bear fruit. You can see examples of our 'belonging' if you visit the *Events News* on our website as we individually and collectively experience unity as one Catholic community. Any Readers – a reminder for formation/enrichment in November - let me know if you can join us. One of my favourite quotes from Paulo Coehlo "*When you want something; all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.*" God Bless, Helen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Saturday 19 October RCIA: *Beginning the Journey* at St Anthony of Padua Hall, (off Queen's Drive), Mossley Hill, Liverpool, L18 8AY, 9:30am – 12:30pm. An opportunity for RCIA teams to share ideas. Register with formation@rcaolp.co.uk or 0151 522 1040. (This is a two-part event covering the four stages of RCIA- attending both is recommended but not required.)

Saturday 2 November* *New Readers - Formation* at St Clare's Parish Hall, on Rutland Avenue, L17 2AU 9:15 am (for 9:30pm)-4pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. Bring lunch! Comprehensive introduction to Proclaiming the Word with practical elements.

Saturday 2 November *Planning your last Goodbye* at St. Teresa's Club, College Road, Upholland WN8 0PY Informal drop in anytime between 10am- 3pm. All ages welcome. Advice from professionals and information available including: Writing a Will/Power of Attorney/Probate; funeral planning and more.

Sunday 3 November *Training for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word* [at LACE 2pm – 4.30pm](#). Register: formation@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1040 Cost £10 includes refreshments

Monday 11 November Synod Talk (2) *Faith & Theology in Later Life*, at Liverpool Hope University, Hope Chapel 7:00 for 7:30pm Speaker Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle

* To book these events please email h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk or 07449 633977

Christmas Fayre

Saturday/Sunday 23/24 November
after all Masses in the Parish Hall.

If you have any items you would like
to donate please put them in the box
at the back of the Church.

Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to our Charity Shop and these can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am -4.45pm, Monday to Saturday. Please contact the Charity Shop on 0151 737 2951 for more details. Thank you.

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

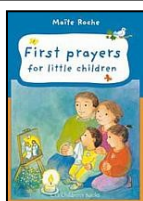


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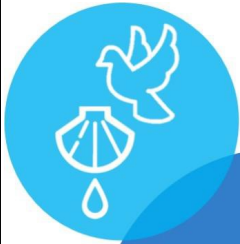
Traditionally the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please fill in a pious list and hand it into the sacristy or parish office before the 1st of November together with your donation.

TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

There are some prayer books and story books on the hymn book trolley at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



Synod 2020



**All called
and gifted
by God**

In the Scriptures today we hear how Moses could not keep his arms raised without the support of Aaron and Hur. In the same way, each one of us can't live out our vocation on our own. We need each other.

The vocation of each and every person enables God's mission to reach fulfilment in the body of the Church. A person's vocation is lived out in the whole of their life, it is each person's calling by God, given specially at Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. It is not about "Helping Father" or "Supporting Father" but about building up the Body of Christ, celebrating the genius of each and everyone's gifts and enabling them to be used in the living out of God's mission for the Body of Christ, the Church. It is about being agents of the Mission God has given the Church rather than just clients of a Church trying to maintain itself. As Pope Francis says: "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptised, ... are agents of evangelisation".

The living out of our vocation is an accepting of our Identity as a Child of God and a sharing of the gifts God has given us with the Church and the world, especially God's little ones, the poor, the marginalised, the outcasts. As Pope Francis says: "We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Jesus today tells his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. But what does it mean to pray always? Prayer is not just words we say! It is how we live our lives. We say we believe, 'the word became flesh', well that means not just a singular event 2000 years ago, but an on-going event in the lives of all Christians. Is my life a prayer? Do I "image" God's love, compassion and mercy? How do I live out my vocation, given to me in Baptism, as a Child of God?

How can our communities of Parish, Pastoral Area and Diocese enable everyone's giftedness to be valued and made use of in building up our communities? The Church at local and diocesan level? And including Laity and Clergy, men and women, young and old, not forgetting the middle aged.

Our prayer, the prayer of Christians isn't meant to be contained in buildings or constrained by liturgy, but rather cultivated in our Church buildings and fed by our liturgy so that we can live out our prayer in responding to our Call and share the gifts that God gives us with all those God sends us. To pray always is to live out our true vocation, it is as Pope, Saint John Paul II said to "not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium!"

So, our lives are meant to be a prayer; but for this to take place we need to go back time and time again to the well of God's love, to immerse ourselves in prayer to God. Because only prayerful, contemplative thinking, ideally within a praying and discerning community, can draw forth the deeper meaning of our lives, of how we are called by God to use the gifts God has given us, some of which we might not even see in ourselves.

In Baptism each of us is told that we are loved, gifted and belong to God. Yet the voices of the world so often say we are 'not enough', that we will 'never measure up'. We need so often to be reminded of who we are, because we are not just the sum of life's ups and downs, or our perceived successes and failures.

We are Children of God, gifted, and chosen. Therefore, our lives are not about competition and winning. Jesus has already won the race for us. Our lives are an invitation into deeper relationship with our God and with each other. The question is then how do we, like Moses, Aaron, Hur, Joshua and the many unnamed, respond to our calling, share our giftedness and work together for the building up of God's kingdom.

We must also remember that Moses, God's voice and prophet, was a stutterer who had stage fright. David, God's chosen King, was the youngest brother who brought a rock to a sword fight. And Jesus picked twelve outsiders who no vocations director, management consultant or politician would ever have put in the same room. So when the world says 'who do you think you are?' we answer a Child of God, we know we have a purpose because it has been given us by God.