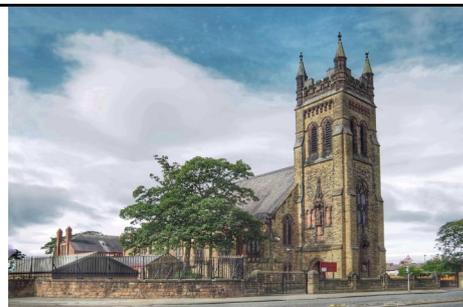


**THE PARISH OF
ST CHARLES & ST THOMAS MORE
PARISH NEWSLETTER
10th JANUARY 2021**



**The Feast
of the
Baptism
of the
Lord**



**'You are my Son,
the Beloved;
my favour
rests on you'**

*Picture of the Baptism of the
Lord taking from the
Chapel at Segovia, Spain.*

Temporary Mass Times

Day	Feast	Times	Mass Intention
Saturday	<i>Vigil for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	4.30 pm 6.00 pm	<i>Ellen McCormick People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	<i>Vigil for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am	<i>Dr William D. Fitzsimmons Roseleen Wainwright Fr Des Power</i>
Monday		7.00 pm	<i>Patsy Farrell</i>
Tuesday	<i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	7.00 pm	<i>John Morgan</i>
Wednesday		12 noon 7.00 pm	<i>Teresa Kelly Thanksgiving (Cath)</i>
Thursday	<i>St Kentigern</i>	7.00 pm	<i>Pat Cowell</i>
Friday		7.00 pm	<i>Michael Brodie</i>
Saturday	<i>Vigil Masses for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4.30 pm 6.00 pm	<i>Dec Mem Ferguson Fam People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am	<i>Prayers Answered (VB) Richard Henry Margaret Burns</i>

From Fr Ron's Desk...

As the nation enters this third National Lockdown to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus we are grateful that our Churches are able to remain open for public worship. This is a great comfort and support to many but we know that this new strain makes the virus much more easily transmitted and so we must be even more careful. We must ensure that we are following all the guidelines which are designed to keep us safe both inside the Church and within the Church grounds.

Over the recent months many parishioners have continued to view Masses online and to pray at home, and at this point others may decide that they should do the same because of age or infirmity. This is fully understandable and everyone must feel free to do what they need to keep themselves safe.

It is plain to see that the next few months are going to be difficult but with the role out of the vaccine there is now light at the end of the tunnel.

Online Opportunities...

Keys to Religious Rome

A series of Lectures on Monday evenings at 5 pm UK time offered by Masters' Gallery Rome on Monday evenings at 5 pm lasting approximately 45 mins and can be accessed through a link on the website by searching Masters' Gallery Rome.

The first is this Monday the 11th January at 5 pm and is entitled What did Jesus look like? The faces of Christ in Art and Relics. lead by Liz Lev.

Scripture Studies online

Check out the website for details www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

Monthly Scripture Sessions from Menevia (YouTube)

Dom Henry Wansborough
Livestream on 23rd January
from Brentwood

Echoes of God by David McLoughlin
Zoom groups to be lead by the
Pastoral Associates.
More details to follow.

PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us
at this time, as the Coronavirus
threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper
in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding
the Sick and give courage to all
in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of
your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you would like to request a dedication for either the Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart lamp please write the name and the date you would like on an envelope and then either put it in the basket at the back of church, give it to Fr Ron or make arrangements to deliver it to the Parish Office

Livestream Masses

Sunday Mass

10:00am Vincent De Paul Church,
Facebook Live;
10:00am St Anne and St Bernard's,
YouTube Channel;
11:00am Met Cathedral, Facebook
and YouTube Channel;

Daily Mass

10:00am: St Anne and St Bernard's,
YouTube Channel (Mo-Fri)

The J&P Memorial Lecture

"To prepare a future full of hope amid chaos and uncertainty".

This year will be held on Zoom
between 2-3:30pm on the
17 January.

This should provide a great
opportunity to hear a powerful
speaker Mary Colwell.

Register at
jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk .

Parish Office Opening Times 2021

*The Parish Office is open
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
between 9 am to 2 pm.*

Contact us...
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Candle Intentions this Week:

Sanctuary Candle
Mary Roddy

Marian Candle
Applicants
for Seminary

Sacred Heart Candle
Priests of the Diocese

Mass Attendance...

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday
4.30 am 47
6pm 15

Sunday
8.30 am 20
10 am 59
11.30 am 49

Total 190

Parish Income...

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Envelopes
£ 286.00
Loose plate
£ 254.65

Standing Orders
£ 383.52
Total
£ 924.17

*Thank you for
your support.*

Let us Dream
by Pope Francis,
A reading group
facilitated by the FCJ
sisters on Friday
afternoon on Zoom
between 4-5pm
[fcjcentresthughs@
gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com)

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened, and the Spirit
descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized
in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First reading**Isaiah 55:1-11**

**Come to me and your soul will live, and I
will make an everlasting covenant with you**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come! Buy corn
without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine
and milk. Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay
attention, come to me; listen, and your soul
will live. With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never
knew, those unknown will come hurrying to
you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the
Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked

man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways
not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my
ways are above your ways, my thoughts above
your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does
not return to me empty, without carrying out my
will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm**Isaiah 12**

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

Second reading**1 John 5:1-9**

Jesus Christ came by water and blood

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been
begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father

that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The Word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

**'You are my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rests on you'**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour
the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him
who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1: 32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have
seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening
to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclusion

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**