

**THE PARISH OF
ST CHARLES & ST THOMAS MORE
PARISH NEWSLETTER
2nd May 2021**



**Parish Office
Opening Times**

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between 9 am to 2pm
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Prayer Intentions

Please remember in your prayers...
Lois and Liam who were married this week. May the Lord bless their life together everyday in His love.
Also all the sick of the parish and those who have died recently including Shirley O'Sullivan. May she rest in peace.
Amen.

Priest Training Fund

The annual collection for the priesthood raised £ 637.26.
Thank you for your support.

Candle Intentions this Week:

Sanctuary Candle
Special Int
Marian Candle
Fr George Russell
Sacred Heart Candle
Bob McCappin

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Temporary Mass Times

Day	Date	Feast	Times	Mass Intention
Saturday	1/5/21	Vigil 5th Sunday of Easter	4.30 pm	People of the Parish
		Vigil 5th Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm	Gerard Kelly
Sunday	2/5/21	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am	Fr T Mangan
		5th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	Dr Joseph Gonsalves
		5th Sunday of Easter	11.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday	3/5/21	Ss Philip & James, Apostles	7 pm	Declan Reilly
Tuesday	4/5/21	English Martyrs	7 pm	Teddy Murphy
Wednesday	5/5/21	Weekday of Easter	12 noon	Catherine Doyle
		Weekday of Easter	7 pm	Joan Cassidy
Thursday	6/5/21	Weekday of Easter	7 pm	Sick Parishioners
Friday	7/6/21	Weekday of Easter	7 pm	Margaret King
Saturday	8/5/21	Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter	4.30 pm	Shelagh Preston
		Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter	6.00 pm	Special Int M.C.
Sunday	9/5/21	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am	People of the Parish
		6th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	Trixie Farrell
		6th Sunday of Easter	11.30 am	Safe Confinement - Helen

**Mass Attendance on
4th Sunday of Easter**

Saturday
4.30 pm 69
6pm 28
Sunday
8.30 am 24
10 am 58
11.30 am 42
Total 221

**Parish Income...
4th Sunday of Easter**

Envelopes £ 576.80
Loose plate £ 244.92
S. Orders £ 383.52
Total £ 1205.24

The offertory envelopes are available for collection from Fr Ron.

Prayer for Mary's Meals...

Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. Mary's Meals, currently feed over 1.8 million children in educational establishments and throughout the month of May we invite individuals, churches and faith groups to pray with us, that our work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children throughout the world will see their lives transformed by receiving a daily meal

Prayer for Mary's Meals

Our Father give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all.
Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.
Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep.
Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do.
Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May...

May is traditionally the Month of Mary and so let us unite ourselves and all those we love to Mary in prayer, asking her to bring those intentions closest to our hearts to the heart of her beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to fill in a prayer intention card they are available at the back of Church or you can email your intention to the Parish Office and we will fill a card in for you.

Baptisms Update

We are now taking bookings for Baptisms. Dates are available from the 17th May but please note that numbers will be limited to 30 between the 17th May and at least the 21st June (for more details see the Newsletter from last weekend). If you would like to book a Baptism please contact the parish office during the week.

With You Always

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

The restrictions in place since March 2020 have made it very difficult to make arrangements for Sacramental Preparation but as restrictions are beginning to ease it is time to begin to make tentative plans.

Children in Year 5

While most children from the 2020 programme made their First Holy Communion early in the Autumn Term there are still a few children who have not received their First Holy Communion. When things are clearer about numbers and dates we will be in touch with those families we have contact details for but please keep checking the Newsletter too.

Children in Year 4

We are now looking to commence the preparation programme to prepare baptised Catholic children currently in Year 4. If your child attends St Charles Primary School you should have received a letter this week about First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation and if you have a child, currently in Year 4, who does not attend St Charles School you are invited to speak with Fr Ron this weekend or after one of the Masses during this week. He will provide you with an application form and an explanation of how the programme will be run this year.

Children in Year 3

After the next half term we will look to make contact with parents who currently have children in Year 3 to discuss the 2022 programme which will begin in the new academic year.

Confirmation Programme 2021

Confirmations for our Pastoral Area of Liverpool South are due to take place at the end of November 2021 and is offered to all Baptised Catholic Students who are currently in Year 8 or above and wish to be confirmed this year.

If you attend one of our Catholic High Schools you will receive information about the preparation programme through the school. If you are at a non-Catholic High School you will need to sign up at <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/> Please note that somehow the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More has been missed off the list of parishes for this website but hopefully this will be resolved soon.

While Covid has affected the Confirmation Catechesis Programme timeline there will still be opportunities to engage with aspects of local Catholic parish experience and some additional input will be available online.

“Echoes of Isaiah”

Following on from Echoes of God, as part of the “God who Speaks”, you are invited to join for the next Zoom sharing “Echoes of Isaiah” which looks at Isaiah chapter 43 and links it to the Gospel using clips from “The Chosen”. It is a very welcoming and open group suitable for all levels of engagement.

Please note that there is no session this Monday 2 May but sessions resume on the 10 May.

Laudato Si

FCJ Reading Group
continue their review
of Laudato Si Friday at 4pm.
Contact
fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

Job Opportunities...

The Archdiocese has two new job opportunities which we are looking to fill
**Director of
Pastoral Development &
Communications Manager**
more detail of both posts can be found in the online edition of the parish newsletter or on the Archdiocesan website -
Liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

The Way of Light

The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) for our Pastoral Area will be both a Zoom prayer on Sunday 16 May at 6:30pm and also online thereafter more details to follow.

Entrance Antiphon**Cf. Ps 97: 1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Sign of the Cross

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, And, striking their breast, they say: **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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**Acts 9:26-31****Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and

they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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,

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice

have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,

that, as we have come to know your truth,

we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches,

says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,

bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,

we pray, O Lord,

and lead those you have imbued

with heavenly mysteries

to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Director of Pastoral Development.



The Pastoral Development Department is a significant and exciting development in the life of the Church in Liverpool, and we are looking for someone who can lead a new and agile department that responds to the existing and evolving needs of the Church and works alongside the Church to enable it to plan for its own sustainable future.

Supporting the Synod process and areas such as Mission Development, Catechesis, Development, Procurement and Training, Ordained Ministry Development, Laity Development, Catholic Social Action and Stewardship this role is pivotal in supporting our Churches to maintain a faithful, healthy, and active presence in every part of the Archdiocese, now and in the future.

If you are interested in joining us in carrying the messages of the Synod beyond the traditional walls of the Church into the communities we serve, we would love to hear from you.

The role is full time, 35 hours per week (Monday – Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm), with the ability to work flexibly as per the needs of the business.

We are offering a salary of £45,000 plus an attractive pension package with 38 days holiday plus a range of other benefits.

**Closing date:
5pm on Monday 10 May 2021.**

Interviews to be held
Wednesday 26 May 2021.

Communications Manager.



Are you seeking a challenge?
Can you play a pivotal role in supporting the Archdiocese in the furtherance of its mission and service, driving forward a step change in our approach to communications, using modern communication channels and platforms to reach out and engage with the wider world in fresh and creative ways? If so, then we would welcome an application from you for the post of Communications Manager.

The Communications Manager, under the direction of the Trustees, and the Chief Operating Officer, will lead the strategic development, direction and day-to-day delivery of the Archdiocese communications, digital presence, and information management function.

This is a new role, and the post holder will act as the principal communications adviser to senior clergy, parishes, and Archdiocesan officers, overseeing media and public relations, internal communications, IT, and information management along with brand and crisis management.

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