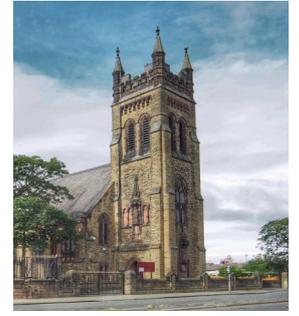




**THE PARISH OF
ST CHARLES & ST THOMAS MORE
PARISH NEWSLETTER**



15th May 2022

5th Sunday of Eastertide

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Mass Intention
Saturday	14/5/22	5.00 pm	Vigil 5th Sunday of Easter	Prayers Answered (CH)
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Community	People of the Parish
Sunday	15/5/22	9.30 am	5th Sunday of Easter	Tony Heron
		11.00 am	5th Sunday of Easter	Marija Susil
Monday	16/5/22	11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		12 noon	5th Week of Easter	Stephen Hooks
Tuesday	17/5/22	7.00 pm	5th Week of Easter	William James & Billy Weston
Wednesday	18/5/22	10.00 am	5th Week of Easter	Mary O'Leary
Thursday	19/5/22	7.00 pm	5th Week of Easter	55 Wedding Ann - Sean & Olga
Friday	20/5/22	12 noon	5th Week of Easter	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	21/5/22	4.15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter	Terry Langton
Sunday	22/5/22	6 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Community	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	6th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	6th Sunday of Easter	Albertina Sousa

Mary,
Mother of God and Mother
of the Church,

Your Son gave you as a Mother
to all who believe in Him,
we ask that you place each one
of us, our families and our
parish community under your
protection and care.

Intercede for us we pray,
that our parish community
may be renewed and our
personal faith deepened.

May our ears be open to hear
God's word anew,
to recognize his voice and his
call in our lives.

Awaken in us a desire to serve
Him in one another
and in the poor so that we may
live each day in the power of
His merciful love.

In times of trial and difficulty,
help us to entrust ourselves
fully to Him, recognising that
in these moments our faith is
called to mature and grow.

Remind us that because of your
Son, the Word made Flesh,
we are never alone on our life's
pilgrimage and help us to see
all things through the eyes of
Him who has been revealed to
us as the Way, the Truth
and the Life.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Open Parish Meeting

In the Easter Season, we are given readings that remind us of the story of the Early Church. These stories remind us of the successes and struggles of the first Christian believers and provide hope and encouragement for us as we strive to live the Good News today. Speaking with our Parish Deacons we discerned that this Easter Season we should come together to review the difficulties of the past few years of pandemic and to begin to plan for the future.

If you would like to be involved in this discussion please come to our open parish meeting on the 17th May after the 7 pm Mass. This will be an opportunity to listen to one another and share our hopes and dreams for our parish community as we emerge from the pandemic.

Priests Training Fund

The annual collection for the PTF takes place this weekend.

Thank you for your support.

Pentecost

The Bishops' of England and Wales have agreed that the great Feast of Pentecost should be the time when parishioners who have not yet returned to public Mass should be encouraged to do so. Anyone who is medically vulnerable is under no obligation to return to Sunday Mass but might like to consider if a quieter Weekday Mass might be suitable.

This coming week...

Sunday 15th May

*Children's Liturgy of the Word
during 9.30 am Mass*

*Organ Music at 9.30 am Mass
Music Group at 11 am Mass*

Monday 16th May

*The Pensioners' Club
meets at 2 pm.*

Tuesday 17th May

*Open Parish Meeting
after 7 pm Mass.*

Wednesday 18th May

*Playgroup meets between
9.30 & 11.30 am.*

Thursday 19th May

*Afternoon Tea Group
2pm - 3.30 pm.
All are welcome.*

Friday 20th May

Bingo meets at 8 pm

Sunday 22nd May

*Children's Liturgy of the Word
during 9.30 am Mass*

*Music Group at 9.30 am Mass
Organ Music at 11 am Mass*

Deanery Synodal Council

Each Parish is entitled to a lay parish representative on this new body. Perhaps it could be you or you might like to nominate someone else (but please get their agreement first).

The initial commitment is expected to be monthly meetings with some additional training and an annual meeting which will bring together all the Deanery Synodal Councils in one big meeting with the Archbishop.

Names should be offered to Fr Ron as soon as possible.

Vocations Weekend for young women Theme: Discernment and Vocation Dates: 27-29 May 2022 in Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along?

You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Lamp Dedications

There are very few lamp dedications at present so if you would like to dedicate a lamp to a loved one please give their details to Fr Ron.

A donation of £5 is requested per candle to cover the costs.

Offertory Envelopes 2022-23

There are 56 boxes of Offertory Envelopes to be collected. If you would like to collect yours please speak to Fr Ron.

Mass Attendance...

4th Sunday of Easter

<i>5 pm</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>109</i>
<i>11 am</i>	<i>128</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>357</i>

Parish Income...

4th Sunday of Easter

<i>Envelopes</i>	<i>£ 427.10</i>
<i>Loose plate</i>	<i>£ 389.26</i>
<i>Standing Orders</i>	<i>£ 390.32</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>£1206.68</i>

Thank you for all support.

Candle Intentions:

Our candle dedications are for Hugh Donleavey, James Finnigan, Martin Fyles & Peter Ross who have been elected as Candidates for Holy Orders and for Dan, Paul & Rhys who are applying to the diocese.

Covid Restrictions

The Archdiocesan Trustees encourage the continued use of masks in Church to help create a safe environment for all.

With You Always - Sacramental Preparation

Due to the continued uncertainty of the pandemic, the programme this year has experienced some disruption but most families have agreed their dates for Holy Communion with Fr Ron.

There is another opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thursday the 26th May at 5.30 pm in St Charles Church

The First Holy Communions will take place in June and July at the normal weekend Masses.

With You Always - Sacramental Preparation 2022 – 23

Do you have a child about to leave year 3? Thinking about First Holy Communion? We will begin issuing application forms for the next Sacramental Preparation Programme in June.

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.*

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

Penitential Act

*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.*

Gloria

***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 14:21-27**

***They gave an account to the church of all that
God had done with them***

*Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and
Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the
disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the
faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships'
they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In
each of these churches they appointed elders, and
with prayer and fasting they commended them to
the Lord in whom they had come to believe.*

*They passed through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at
Perga they went down to Attalia and from there
sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been
commended to the grace of God for the work they
had now completed.*

*On their arrival they assembled the church and
gave an account of all that God had done with
them, and how he had opened the door of faith to
the pagans.*

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):8-13a

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

*All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.*

*They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,*

*to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.*

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

*Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.*

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:1-5

**A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem,
the bride of the Lamb**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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

Gospel Acclamation Jn13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord. Alleluia!*

Gospel John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.'

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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

*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*