

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



## FOR THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES & ST THOMAS MORE AIGBURTH

### 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.

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Ron Johnson

#### Deacons:

Rev Paul McNicholl  
Rev Jeremy Mitchinson

#### Office Admin Assistant:

Mrs Val Hogg

### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is closed until Thursday 30th November although it is possible to leave messages by phone or email...

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# Sunday 26th November 2023 Feast of Christ the King Times of Masses and Services

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	25/11/23	5.00 pm	Christ the King	Mary Wilcox
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Community	Pious List
Sunday	26/11/23	9.30 am	Christ the King	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Christ the King	Pious List
Monday	27/11/23	11.30 am	<b>No Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Pious List
Tuesday	28/11/23	7.00 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Pious List
Wednesday	29/11/23	10.00 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Pious List
Thursday	30/11/23	7.00 pm	St Andrew the Apostle	Pious List
Friday	1/12/23	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Val Hogg (B'Day)
Saturday	2/12/23	4.15 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		5.00 pm	1st Sunday in Advent	Marie O'Toole
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Community	Marija Susil
Sunday	3/12/23	9.30 am	1st Sunday in Advent	Margie Corless
		11.00 am	1st Sunday in Advent	People of the Parish

### World Youth Sunday 2023



### World Youth Sunday Second Collection

Each year, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and Youth Sunday, we take a Second Collection to support the work of Animate the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team based in St Helens.

Since its formation, Animate has worked with thousands of young people across our Archdiocese in schools, parishes and through the Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

### Pilgrims on the Synodal Way...

As an Archdiocesan Family we made a significant step this weekend to change the structures of the Archdiocese to encourage priests and people to work in a synodal way as we held our first ever Archdiocesan Synodal Council meeting at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre.

This implements part of the vision set out for the future of the Archdiocese in the Pastoral Plan and further cements the commitment to listen to a wide range of voices as we discern the way forward as the Church in this area.

On the local level, the work of the Deanery Synodal Council continues to consider the idea of the Family of Parishes and to discuss the structure and shape that will support the life of the Church in our local communities while enabling the better sharing of resources so that we can more effectively witness to the light of Christ and live out our vocation.



## **This coming week...**

### **Sunday 26th November**

At 9.30 am Mass  
Organ Music  
Children's Liturgy  
of the Word  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

At 11 am Mass  
Music Group  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

### **Monday 27th November**

Mothers' Prayers  
meets at 10.30 am

Warm and Cozy Session  
begins after Mass

Pensioners Club  
meets at 2 pm.

Rehearsal for the Advent  
Carol Concert begins 7.30 pm

### **Wednesday 29th November**

Parents and Toddlers  
group meets between  
9.30 and 11 am

Justice and Peace Group  
meets at 5 pm

### **Thursday 30th November**

Afternoon Tea Group  
meets between  
2 pm and 3.30 pm

### **Friday 1st December**

Bingo meets at 7.30 pm

### **Sunday 3rd December**

At 9.30 am Mass  
Music Group  
Children's Liturgy  
of the Word  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

At 11 am Mass  
Organ Music  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

### **Monday 4th December**

Warm and Cozy Session  
begins after Mass

Pensioners Club  
meets at 2 pm.

Rehearsal for the Advent  
Carol Concert begins 7.30 pm

## **Advent Journey**

In a few days time we will begin our journey towards Christmas once more but we recognise that it is difficult to hold on to the importance of the Advent Season in our world today.

Christmas is celebrated in early December by many of our friends and neighbors and is considered over by New Year's Day if not before.

Let us pledge to keep faithfully our Advent Journey so that we can celebrate the Christmas Season with hearts and minds renewed when it actually comes.

## **Micah Clothes Bank Appeal**

*lives simply*

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating clothes to Micah. They are really appreciated. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more for the time being as we do not have the space to store and sort the clothes.

When we do, and you have items to give, I will let you know.

Many thanks once again. Sue Mannings (volunteer).

## **Christmas Card Campaign**

It is time for our Christmas Card Campaign to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and to support Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT). We can easily take Christmas Cards for granted, but there are people in other parts of the world who live under duress, and would love to know that someone cares enough to remember them at this time of the year.

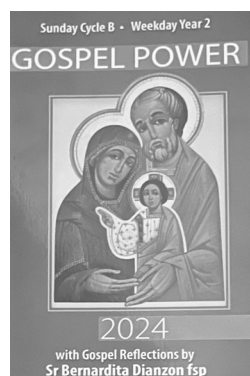
If you would like to bring hope to those who feel forgotten you have the opportunity next weekend to sign a card for people in two parishes in Jordan, or to take information about a prisoner, and send your own greeting.

Thank you for supporting this campaign.

*J/P*

## **Are you enjoying your 2023 Gospel Power book?**

### **Would you like to order a copy for 2024?**



The Gospel Power Book proved very successful last year and so we are hoping to offer it again this year.

Normally priced at £ 6.99, the Sisters of St Paul have offered us a discount if we buy in bulk and so we hope to pass this on to you and sell them at just £ 6.50.

In order to pass on this saving we need an idea of how many copies to buy and so if you would like to place your order please sign the sheet at the back of Church.

## **Choral Evening Prayer at the Met for the Feast of Christ the King**

3pm this Sunday, 26 November.  
Canon Anthony O'Brien will be preside and it will feature music by Mozart, Leighton, Howells and Parsons.

## **Parish Mission at St Francis of Assisi led by John Pridmore**

John Pridmore is the author of the book, from "Gangland to Promised Land" in which he describes his journey from East End gangster to a world-renowned Catholic evangelist.

He will be leading a Parish Mission in St Francis of Assisi from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December.

The mission timetable is...

Monday 4th December

9.30 am Mission Mass

7.30 pm Evening Session:  
"The Father's Will For Us"

Tuesday 5th December

9.30 am Mission Mass

7.30 pm Evening Session:  
"Renewed Freedom in Jesus"

Wednesday 6th December

9.30 am Mission Mass

7.30 pm Evening Session:  
"Healing Our Wounded Heart"

Thursday 7th December

9.30 am Mission Mass

7.30 pm Evening Session:  
"Saints Of God"

Friday 8th December

7.30 pm Evening Mass:  
"The Holy Angels"

Most of the evening sessions will include Exposition and Benediction.

## **Vatican II Constitutions**

The Vatican II Constitutions Lecture & Seminar Series will be starting in October.

Wednesday 6 December:

Paul McPartlan  
(Lumen Gentium)

Wednesday 17 January:

Peter McGrail  
(Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Wednesday 28 February:

Pat Jones  
(Gaudium et Spes)

The seminars will take place at Liverpool Hope University between 3pm - 4:30pm, and after a break for refreshments, the lecture will be from 5:30 - 7pm. The lecture will also be available to view online. Please register your interest, as soon as possible with Elizabeth Parsons by emailing [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

## **Parish Christmas Quiz**

Our Christmas Quiz is set for Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm

Ticket available from this weekend priced at £3.

## **With You Always Sacramental Preparation Course for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2023-24**

Our second Sacramental Preparation Course session for children enrolled in this year's With You Always programme will take place on Saturday 9th December at 1 pm or Monday 11th December at 6 pm.

## **Parish Christmas Bingo**

Our Parish Christmas Bingo will be held on Sunday 10th December.

Ticket available from this weekend priced at £3, includes, coffee and mince pie.

## **LGBT+ Catholic Gathering**

Sunday 10th December 2023  
Mass begins at 2.00pm

### **Venue:**

All Saints Church, High Street, Golborne, WA3 3BG

## **St Charles and St Thomas More Advent Carol Service**

Our Advent Carol Service will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **A Celebration of Christmas**

On Saturday 16 December 2023 at 7pm, the Metropolitan Cathedral is hosting their Family Christmas Concert which promises to be a magical night of Christmas Carols and seasonal favourites.

Featuring the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir & special guests The Rock Choir.

Tickets: £10 each / £18 family from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral).

**The Irenaeus Project**  
*The glory of God  
is a person fully alive*

32 Great Georges Road,  
Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD

**Come and See Days 2023**

The Power of the Word  
led by

Michael Winstanley

10:30am - 4pm

2nd December 2023

Bring a packed lunch

**Craft Workshop**

1pm

4th December 2023

(booking essential)

**Agape Mass**

7pm

7th December 2023

**Advent**

**Scripture Evenings**

**A New Beginning**

7pm on

27th November,

4th December,

11th December

18th December

Zoom link available  
for this event.

For more information  
about all

Irenaeus events

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**Christmas Shopping with EasyFundraising**

Did you know 57% of shoppers will do most of their Christmas shopping online this year?

And did you know this shopping can easily turn into funding for your church?

We have registered the parish with Easy Fundraising - Funding for Faith.

8,000 popular online shops including

eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Waterstones and

Moonpig will donate money whenever you shop with them.

If you plan to use EasyFundraising's services,

please ensure you are shopping online safely:

Check the website address is correct when shopping online.

Make sure the website is secure - the website address should start with

"https" (the "S" stands for "Secure").

Use PayPal for added buyer protection.

Don't use public wifi - use your home wi-fi,

or your mobile phone data (your 4G or 5G connection).

Keep your virus software up-to-date, and

use strong passwords for your online accounts.

As Martin Lewis always says,

if a deal looks too good to be true...



**Held in prayer...**

Please remember in prayer all those who are affected by war and conflict, including those affected by the continuing violence in Africa and Ukraine, and those caught up in the unfolding violence between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples in the Holy Land.

All those who are sick, homeless or in need...

And all those who have died recently, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are included on our November Pious List.

May they rest in peace...

**Parish Income**

32nd Sunday

Envelopes £ 505.00

Loose Plate £ 532.68

Standing Orders £ 404.00

**Total £ 1441.68**

**Mass Attendance**

32nd Sunday

5 pm 111

9.30 am 156

11 am 97

**Total 364**

**Candle Intentions:**

Sanctuary Candle

Special Int (H&I)

Marian Candle

Rosaleen Edwards

Sacred Heart Candle

Sean Morgan

**Christmas Mass Times...**

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve which means if we had our normal Masses schedule there would be 9 Masses between 5 pm Saturday evening and lunch time Monday.

Past experience tells me that numbers on the 4th Sunday of Advent might not justify 3 Masses and so I propose Saturday 5 pm and Sunday at 10 am or 10.30 am. What do you think?