

**St Maria Goretti
Special Works Conference**

An amazing group of just five members have helped hundreds of women fleeing persecution and violence in their birth countries to find a better life.

They are now hoping to recruit new members to support them in their work.

If you are interested in finding out more contact Cath Bradley on 07534 780 731 or 284 1866 or email: chattymc6@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

The Purple Mass Intention Envelopes supplies have been replenish and so if you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention please collect one of these envelopes from the back of Church and fill in the details.

Please note that we can not guarantee the date requested as often we receive multiple requests for the same date; especially for weekend Masses but will try and offer them as soon as possible around that date. If no date is specified it might take a number of weeks for that intention to reach the top of the list. If you are worried that an intention has gone astray do check with us.

Lamp Dedications

To dedicate a lamp to a loved one or someone in need print the details on one of the yellow envelopes at the back of Church and put it in the collection basket or give it to Fr Ron.

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

**Thank You for a
Successful LiveSimply
Plant Sale**

Thank you to all who donated, or grew plants, seedlings, bulbs and herbs for this event, to the parishioners who purchased them, and to the volunteers who helped us on the day.

We made £280 for the parish charity fund. The remaining few plants will be available in the meeting room this weekend after the 9,30am mass.

Extra thanks to the Justice and Peace Group who organised this event - a great team!



**Communications
Collection**

Last week the annual collection in support of the Catholic Communications Service took place raising a total of £224.15
Many thanks to all who donated.

**Other Mass Intentions
Offered by Fr Ron**

Martin & Edith
Jean Ennis
Special Int (SM)
Colette Ross
Emma Molvin
Special Int
Wyn Johnson
Michael (sick)

**Gift Aid Envelopes
for 2024**

If you have not collected your Gift Aid Envelopes for 2024/25 please speak to Fr Ron to collect your new box of envelopes.

Held in prayer...

In these days of preparation for the Feast of Pentecost let us pray for a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and for one another that we may all be inspired like those first Apostles to proclaim the Good News of the Father's merciful love...

Let us remember all those in need including the sick and homeless, those affected by war and conflict and all those who have died recently, including

Kathleen O'Shea whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Tuesday 21st May at 10am,
Veronica Margaret McIver whose Funeral Service takes place at St Charles Church on Tuesday 21st May at 2.15pm,
Terence Roose whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Thursday 23rd May at 11.30am

Gerard Francis Haimes whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Tuesday 28th May at 10am, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**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 Jeremy Mitchinson
Rev Paul McNicholl (Retired)

Office Admin Assistant:
Mrs Val Hogg

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am till 2pm

Parish Telephone
0151 727 2493

Parish Email Address
stcharles@rcaol.org.uk

Website Address
www.stcharlesandstthomasmore.org.uk

**Sunday 19th May 2024
Pentecost Sunday
Times of Masses and Services**

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	18/5/24	5.00 pm	Pentecost Sunday	Jean Ennis
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	19/5/24	9.30 am	Pentecost Sunday	Georgina Oakley
		11.00 am	Pentecost Sunday	Thanksgiving for Kindness
Monday	20/5/24	12 noon	Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church	McGrenaghan Family
Tuesday	21/5/24	10.00 am	Funeral Mass	Kathleen O'Shea
		2.15pm	Funeral Service	Veronica Margaret McIver
Thursday	23/5/24	11.30am	Funeral Mass	Terence Roose
		7.00 pm	Feast of Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	Marie McKenna
Friday	24/5/24	12 noon	Weekday of Ordinary Time	Bernadette O'Connor
Saturday	25/5/24	4.30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Dec'd Mem Errity Fam
		6.00pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	26/5/24	9.30 am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Anita Byrne & Family
		11.00 am	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Fr T. Mangan

The Feast of Pentecost

Each year, on the 50th day of Easter, we commemorate the great Feast of Pentecost. Sometimes this is referred to as the birthday of the Church because after the descent of the Holy Spirit the Apostles are inspired to go out and proclaim the Good News and many who hear them are converted.

Before he ascended to the Father, Jesus promised his apostles that they would not be left alone. In the mighty rush of wind and the little flickering flames of the tongues of fire, they recognised that he was anointing them with the Holy Spirit and strengthening them for the mission that lay ahead.

As with many other Feasts of the Church the roots of Pentecost are firmly embedded in the Jewish tradition. The feast of weeks celebrates the harvest and the gift of the law being given to Moses on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Passover. The apostles and disciples were gathered together to celebrate this feast of weeks in faithfulness to this tradition.

As we gather for Pentecost today, let us pray in a spirit of thanksgiving for the wonders the Lord has done for us, for the first fruits of the harvest, for the unfolding of salvation history from Moses to Jesus and through the generations of believers and let us pray for a renewal through the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our community and the whole Church.

O Lord, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send to your Apostles a helper and guide so that they might be able to complete the work entrusted to you by the Father. Through this gift they were able to accomplish so much and the Good News spread throughout the world. We, who are entrusted with this Good News today, humbly pray, that you might send this Spirit to renew your Church and on your people, for our need is great.

We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

**Mass Attendance
7th Sun of Easter**

5 pm 111
9.30 am 135
11 am 95
Total 341

**Parish Income
7th Sun of Easter**

Envelopes £ 628.00
Loose Plate £ 509.11
Standing Orders £ 520.60
Total £ 1657.71

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
Bob McCappin
Marian Candle
Special Int
Sacred Heart Candle
Connie & Paddo

This coming week...

Sunday 19th May

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 20th May

Pensioners Club
meets at 2pm

Wednesday 22th May

Parent and Toddler Group
meets at 9.30 am

Thursday 23th May

Afternoon Group
meets at 2 pm

Friday 24th May

Bingo meets at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 25th May

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.

Lay Chaplain Vacancy

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic
Academy, Whiston are looking
to appoint a Lay Chaplain.

Details can be found at [https://
www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/](https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/).

Visits to the academy are welcomed.

Deadline for applications is
Wednesday 22nd May at noon.

Candlelight Love Extravaganza Famous Arias & Baroque Classics Voce Sola & Piano accompaniment

24th of May 7.30pm
Ullet Road Church Hall,
57 Ullet Rd, L17 2AA

20th of July 7.30pm
The Old Police Station,
Lark Lane, L17 8UU

8th of November, 7.30pm
Ullet Road Church Hall,
57 Ullet Rd, L17 2AA

Aria Selections from:
Handel (Rodelinda; Alcina;
Theodora; Giulius Cesare; Semele),
Strozzi (Op 2.16); Vivaldi (Il Giustino),
Gluck, saint Saens (Samson et Delila),
Donizati (Lucia di Lamermoor,
Roberto Devereux), Bellini (Andelson et
Salvini; Norma), Mozart, Caccini,
Pergolesi (Stabat Mater)
Verdi (Aida; Il Trovatore), Rossini

Soprano: Nicole Bartos

Tickets available
normal price £12

Booking through the parish £10

Concession price available
For booking speak to Fran or Fr Ron

Mozart's Magic Flute

On Sunday May 19th at 3.00
p.m. will be performed by
Opera Viva in the St.
Anthony of Padua Hall,
Queens Drive.
Admission £15.

Tickets on the door
or contact

kathlydon50@gmail.com

At the Irenaueus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.

Scripture Mornings
"Into the belly of the whale"
Reflecting on the
book of Jonah
between 10:30-12 noon
on the 16th, 23rd, 30th May
& 6th June

Come and See Day
10:30am - 4pm on
the 1st June

Agape Mass
7pm on the 6th June

Craft Workshops
on the 10th June
(booking essential)

Women's Weekend
'Mary in a Martha's world'
between the 14th - 16th June

For more information about
all our events contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or
Tel: 0151 949 1199

Music at the MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan
Cathedral are celebrating the return
of their restored grand organ with a
series of concerts and events that
will demonstrate the versatility of
the instrument.

**Organ Recital by
Katherine Dienes-Williams**
Monday 27 May at 11.15 am

**Organ Recital
by Matthew Walters,**
on Saturday 1 June at 7.30 pm

**Two Cathedral Choirs
with Ian Tracey**
on Sunday 7 July at 3 pm

Discernment Workshops 28th May, 11th June, 25th June

A series of **online** workshops
looking at the principles and
practice of Ignatian Discernment.

Open to **young adults**
(20s and 30s).

In these workshop we will consider
what Ignatian spirituality teaches us
about clarifying our choices, ways of
listening to God's Spirit in our lives
and discerning the way forward.

To register please email:
FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

Recruitment of new choristers 2024

Do you know a child who
would like to be a chorister at
the Metropolitan Cathedral of
Christ the King here in
Liverpool?

The search is now on for our
next generation of choristers.

Young people are at the
forefront of music at the
Metropolitan Cathedral. The
Cathedral Choir offers both
boys and girls an equal
opportunity to undertake a full
choir school chorister
experience. All choristers are
educated at Runnymede St
Edward's Catholic Primary
School and St Edward's
College, meaning that a
first-class Catholic chorister
education in Liverpool is
available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic
family who might be interested
in this wonderful opportunity,
please share this information
with them. For full details of
choristerships go to: [https://
www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.
org.uk/
music/joining-the-choirs/](https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/)

Fundraiser for Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Knights of St Columba Council 9
invite parishioners to their next social
event where proceeds will be in aid of
young people attending the Archdiocesan
Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.

The event is being held at Liverpool
Cricket Club Aigburth Road on Friday
7th June (7pm for 7.30pm meal).

There will be a buffet, raffle,
bingo and other games.
Cost £20

If you are interested please contact
either Sean Morgan phone
Mob 07570802470
or Landline 0151 427 1959
or email sandomorgan@gmail.com
or Tony Manning 0151 727 3461 or
email jm001b1881@blueyonder.co.uk

LITE for Teens

The Blessed Sacrament Shrine will be
hosting LITE (Life in the Eucharist)
for Teenagers (13-19) on 8th June
between 10.00am-6.30pm.

The day will be animated by
11 teenagers and five adults who
will be visiting from Cleveland, Ohio.

Please note, all attending under 18s will
need to be accompanied by a parent or
guardian. There will be a separate
programme for adults.

For more information and to register,
email liverpoolshrine@gmail.com

The 60th anniversary of the opening of St Thomas More Church 2024

It is time to start planning our celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the opening of St Thomas More Church in Aigburth for later in the year. Would you like to be involved and help us plan? There is an open meeting to exchange ideas on Thursday 30th May immediately after the 7 pm Mass. If you have any ideas or suggestions but can't make this meeting simply send in an email to the parish office, write a note or speak with Fr Ron over the next 10 days outlining the proposals you have.

Dining Experience at the Art School, Sugnall Street with the Metropolitan Cathedral

The Cathedral would like to invite you and your loved ones to a wonderful dining experience in the Art School in Sugnall Street, just around the corner from the Philharmonic on Wednesday 19 June 2024 from 7.00pm.

They are delighted to be able to collaborate with Chef Paul Askew and his team and we have arranged with them to provide a two-course meal with a glass of prosecco on arrival and an amuse-bouche for just £50 per person.

Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room.

Chef Askew has a firm reputation as a pioneer of excellent modern British cuisine and this is a dining experience not to be missed! We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones.

To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk