

Building Works Update

Towards the end of the week we received notification that the Trustees did give approval for the next stage of works here at St Charles.

A query has been raised with the contractor over the costs of the electrical works to the hall and the diocesan surveyor is working with them to ensure the speck for the works and the costings are right. Hopefully, in the course of next week a date will be given for the commencement of the works in the hall.

Gift Aid Donation Letters

The Gift Aid Letters for the last financial year 2023/24 have been prepared and are now ready for collection from the sacristy.

Lucky Numbers Draw

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all members for your continuing support of this important charitable outreach for our Parish community.

April

1st Prize 103
2nd Prize 107
3rd Prize 48

May

1st Prize 102
2nd Prize 6
3rd Prize 43

June

1st Prize 40
2nd Prize 4
3rd Prize 1

The Sixteen's Choral Pilgrimage Tour is coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral

On 20th September, all are welcome as The Sixteen bring their Choral Pilgrimage Tour to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "Masters of Imitation."

Tickets start at £8.50
Book online - <https://thesixteen.com/book-online/68601/>

Adoremus - Liverpool

Please make a note in your diaries of an event happening in September!

A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage for the Archdiocese to 'The Met' will be taking place on Saturday 21 September from 9am until 6pm.

In advance of the Jubilee Year 2025, and in celebration of this Year of Prayer, we will be celebrating Mass, offering confessions, a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Procession and plenty of time for prayer and reflection.

St Mary's College, Crosby

Entrance Exam for 2025 on 15th November 2024

"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to Liverpool Hospitals; the Royal, Broadgreen and Aintree, is looking for new volunteers to join the team.

It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk or by calling 0151 706 2828.

Please pray for...

Those about to be ordained to the priesthood, our sick and housebound, those who have died recently, including, Rita Mary Harraghy, whose Funeral Mass will take place at 2.30 pm at St Charles Church on Monday 15th July and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Peter's Pence Collection

Last weekend the Peter's Pence Collection was taken to fund the charitable works of the Holy See raising a total of £370.34

Thank you to all who contributed.

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)

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is closed until the appointment of a new parish administrator

Parish Telephone
0151 727 2493
Parish Email Address
stcharles@rcaol.org.uk

Website Address
www.stcharlesandstthomasmore.org.uk

Sunday 7th July 2024 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Times of Masses and Services

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	06/7/24	5.00 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Halpin
		6.00pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	07/7/24	9.30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas & Christina Allen
		11.00 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	David Preston
Monday	08/7/24	12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			Weekday in Ordinary Time	Gwyneth Doreen Reid
Tuesday	09/7/24	10.00 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Jennie McGann
Thursday	11/7/24	7.00 am	St Benedict, Abbot	Michael McDonald
Friday	12/7/24	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Eithne McCormack
Saturday	13/7/24	4.30 pm	No Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jean Ennis
		6.00pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	Priest's Intentions
Sunday	14/7/24	9.30 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Catherine Murray

Priests in Retirement

They've Been There for Us; Let's Be There for Them

Our retired priests responded to the call to be priests, they devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people. Whilst they 'retire' at the age of 75, they are still priests for life. Many continue in ministry leading active lives – celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all.

The priests' retirement fund, known as the George Andrew Fund, ensures that our retired priests enjoy a dignified retirement. It supports independent living, providing them with a suitable home alongside other services.

Above all, it makes sure that their social and healthcare needs are met.

Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to the Church's mission and bringing people closer to Christ. Over the next ten years, approximately one third of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age, and the cost of care will rise significantly as a result of this. With your help, we can continue to offer our gratitude and support to our retired priests.

Please remember our sick and retired priests in your prayers and at the annual collection for the provision for priests in retirement that will take place after the Masses next weekend.

Mass Attendance St Peter & St Paul

5 pm 106
9.30 am 130
11 am 95
Total 331

Parish Income St Peter & St Paul

Envelopes £ 445.00
Loose Plate £ 463.78
Standing Orders £ 520.60
Total £ 1429.38

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
Rita Harraghy
Marian Candle
Veronica McIver
Sacred Heart Candle
Angela Walsh

This coming week...

Sunday 7th July

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 8th July

Pensioners Club
meets at 2pm

Wednesday 10th July

Parent and Toddler Group
meets at 9.30 am

Thursday 11th July

Afternoon Group
meets at 2 pm

Friday 12th July

Bingo meets at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 14th July

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.

Little Church

Little Church will break
for the summer on
Sunday 21st July.

Many thanks to all who
have prepared and
delivered the Children's
Liturgy each Sunday.

We will resume on
Sunday 8th September
2024.

Parish Office

The Parish Office remains closed this coming week. Unfortunately, we have currently only had two people offer to help staff the office until a replacement Parish Administrator can be appointed. While I will do my best to answer emails and phone calls in a prompt manner please be patient over the coming weeks if a query takes longer to answer than you are used to.

I suggest Mass Intentions are best organised around Mass times by speaking with Julie or Fran but if you want to come along in the day, it might be worth just giving a call first to ensure that someone is in.

If you are able to volunteer for an hour or two over the next few weeks just answering the door and the phone please speak to Fr Ron.

Catholic Pic

Don't forget to collect
your free copy of the Catholic Pic
this weekend.

Summer Bingo

This Sunday, 7th July at 3.00 pm just
£3 per ticket including tea & cake!

Donations of prizes gratefully

Vacancies at the Archdiocese

During the week, if it has not already happened the job advert for the parish cleaner will go live on the Archdiocesan website. The closing date for applications is the 24th July and the interview date is 5th August. I am meeting again with the Human Resources Department to finalise the job description for the parish administrator role, and hopefully, I will have more details of the job description, closing date and interview date by next weekend.

If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese,
you can find an up-to-date list of the current vacancies available by searching:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The theme for Lourdes this year completes the current three year cycle of reflections through which the sanctuary at Lourdes have suggested meditating on the Lady's words to St Bernadette.

In 2022 the theme was
"Go tell the priests..."
in 2023 the theme was
"to build a chapel here..."
and this year is
"and to come in procession"

As we prepare for our pilgrimage we are fulfilling the Lady's command to come in procession.

Lourdes Petitions

As in previous years, Fr Ron is happy to take your petitions to the Grotto at Lourdes and offer Masses for your intentions during the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between the 19th July and the 26th July 2024.

Any donations received will be used in his work with those discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Please write your intentions on the intention forms provided and return them along with the blue envelopes available for your donations.

Music at the MET 2024

Two Cathedral Choirs with Ian Tracey,
Sunday 7 July, 3pm

Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater,
Sunday 4 August, 2pm

Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield,
Sunday 11 August, 2pm

For more information, please call 01517087283
or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage Departure Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Departure Mass will be taking place at the Cathedral on Sunday 7 July at 5pm.

The main celebrant will be
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

Please join us and wish our pilgrims a safe journey!

Table Sale at St Anthony of Padua

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a charity that works with local people who are in need and to support this charity, St Anthony of Padua SVP are looking for people to sell crafts or bric-a-brac by renting a table for £10 and people to buy their goods on Saturday 13th July 10.30am - 2pm in St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, Queens Drive, L18 8BG. Refreshments available.

Ordinations at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

Please pray for all those who are to be ordained at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on the 13th July 2024 at 12 noon.

Deacon James Finnegan
Deacon Martin Fyles
Deacon Peter Ross
Deacon Lister Tonge

May the Lord who has begun this good work
in them bring it to fulfillment.

James Finnegan has offered to come and celebrate a "First Mass" here at St Charles on Tuesday the 16th July at 7 pm.

Certificate in Catholic Pastoral Leadership with Liverpool Hope University

Are you involved in any
ministry in the Church?
Are you interested in doing more
for the Church?
Do you want to expand
your skills in pastoral leadership?

A new online course in Catholic Pastoral Leadership might be what you are looking for.

Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses across England and Wales to help people like you to gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You will look at real-world issues in the light of our tradition and consider the best ways of exploring Christian faith and life with others.

You will take 4 modules over 2 years:

The Word of God

The Synodal Church

Dimensions of Christian Life;

The Church's Mission in the World

You will follow the course online and will do most of the work at a time to suit yourself with occasional synchronous sessions.

There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900).

Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400).

Funding may be available from Liverpool Archdiocese so that we can bring these acquired skills and knowledge into our ministries and find new ways and opportunities to help others explore and expand their faith.

To find out more, please email
training@rcaol.org.uk

There will be a Zoom information session, on Monday 22nd July between 7.00-8.30pm which will provide you with more information.