

**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 Kelly Hughes

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office is open this week
Monday - Thursday
9.30m till 2.30pm
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**Sunday 24th November 2024
Feast of Christ the King
Times of Masses and Services**

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	23/11/24	5.00 pm	Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	Mary Margaret Owens
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	Priest's Intention
Sunday	24/11/24	9.30 am	Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	Pious List
		11.00 am	Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	People of the Parish
Monday	25/11/24	12.30 pm	Requiem Mass for Pauline Carol Murray	
Tuesday	26/11/24	10 am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Thursday	28/11/24	7.00 pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Friday	29/11/24	12 noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Saturday	30/11/24	5.00 pm	First Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenate Mass	Priest's Intention
Sunday	1/12/24	9.30 am	First Sunday of Advent	Michael Adams
		11.00 am	First Sunday of Advent	Mgr T Barry

**Terminally Ill Adults
(End of Life) Bill**

Not Dead Yet UK is a network of disabled and terminally ill people who believe that if this Bill is passed, some people's lives will be ended prematurely, due to mistakes and abuse and that vulnerable lives will be at risk. They argue that no "safeguards" can guarantee protection from coercion.

During the week postcards arrived which you are asked to consider completing and sending to your MP asking them to vote against this Bill in parliament when it is discussed next Friday.

New Lectionary...

You may remember that a number of weeks ago a notice appeared about the new Lectionary that Catholic parishes in England, Wales and Scotland will begin to use from the First Sunday of Advent.

As we begin to use the new translation from next weekend, you will probably notice that there will be slightly different ways of saying things in the readings that we have been familiar with. This might be difficult at first but it may well be an opportunity to hear the Word of God in a new and fresher way.

New Sunday Missal update...

For those who ordered a copy of the New Sunday Missal we received an update during the week. They should be delivered to the Parish Office sometime on Monday 25th November and so should be available for the First Sunday of Advent.

This coming week...

Sunday 24th 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 25th November

Mothers' Prayers
begins at 10.30 am

Pensioners Club
meets at 2pm

Parish Choir Rehearsal
begins at 7.30 pm

Wednesday 27th November

Parent and Toddler Group
meets at 9.30am

Justice and Peace Meeting
begins at 5 pm

Thursday 28th November

Afternoon Group
meets at 2 pm

Friday 29th November

Bingo meets at 7.30 pm

Sunday 1st 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

Parish Office...

The Parish Office is closed
Friday 29th Nov - 8th Dec.
General enquiries using the
contact details on the front of
the newsletter.

The Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Sunday

"Your Kingdom Come"

Each Youth Sunday, we recognise the importance of young people in our communities and celebrate the contribution they make whether that be within their own homes, our schools and of course within our churches.

The theme for Youth Sunday this year is linked with the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. As we reflect on the words 'Your Kingdom Come' we are encouraged to think about what this Kingdom looks like in our own Archdiocese and what it might become in the future. It also helps us to remember with thanksgiving all those who have been a pilgrim of hope throughout the year.

Service of Reflection by Animate

To highlight all that young people do, and what Animate offer young people across the diocese, they are holding a time of prayer at St Mary's Catholic Church, Lowe House, North Road, St Helens, WA10 2BE this Sunday evening at 5pm, with social time to follow.

The service is for everyone and is a chance to pray for, and celebrate young people in the Church. Please do come along.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025

One of the most visible signs of the work of the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team is the annual Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Four of our own young people will be part of the pilgrimage in 2025, 3 of whom will be travelling with the pilgrimage for the first time.

Youth Sunday Second Collection for Animate

In order for Animate to continue to work with young people an additional collection is taken today to support the on-going work of the Youth Ministry here in our Archdiocese.

Even in these difficult times any contribution you are able to give would be welcomed. A number of Gift Aid envelopes are also available for those who pay tax and are able to Gift Aid their donations.

Thank You from Fr Ron...

There are so many people to say thank you to for helping to keep everything going over the past 5 weeks while I have been off due to ill health, including Archbishop Malcolm, Bishop Tom and all priests and Deacons who stepped in at short notice to celebrate Masses and Funerals and to all parishioners for their understanding and patience.

I appreciate that our new parish administrator had a very difficult job trying to navigate the various requests and tasks that are part of the normal parish routine having only been in post a few weeks but I know Kelly is very grateful for all the help and support she received from a number of parishioners as well as from staff at the diocesan office, the St Margaret Clitherow Centre.

Thanks to all who played their part in helping out in any way!

Christmas Theme...

Over the past few years we have tried to create a theme for the decorations and reflections around Christmas to focus attention on a particular aspect of the Christmas story, character or symbol and this year will be no different but you'll have to wait till Christmas to find out what this year's focus will be.

Mass Times...

This year our Christmas Mass Times are as they have traditionally been over the past few years.

Our First Mass of Christmas is on Christmas Eve at 5pm, the second Mass is at Midnight and on Christmas Day there will be two Masses, one at 9.30 am and the second at 11 am.

Christmas Mass Association

At Christmas time there can be a lot of requests for Mass Intentions on the same days and so, as in recent years there is an opportunity to enrol the names of loved ones into our Christmas Mass Association.

All those names enrolled in the Mass Association will be remembered at all Masses during the Christmas Octave.

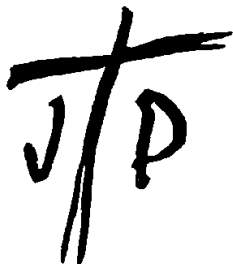
Simply write a list of those names you wish to enrol on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope, along with your donation, and mark the front as Christmas Masses and return it to Church

Christmas Greetings Campaign

During the weekend of Nov 30th/Dec 1st parishioners are invited to show solidarity with our paired parishes in the Holy Land by signing a Christmas greetings card.

There will also be an opportunity to support Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) by taking information about a prisoner and sending a message of support.

Several individuals featured in previous campaigns have been released, sadly others are still in prison, and it is important not to forget any of them.



Micah Foodbank Collection

Nov 30th - Dec 15th

Christmas is always a busy time and the pressures on families and individuals this year are particularly difficult.

If you can support our foodbank collection the following items are always gratefully received:

selection boxes, milk (UHT), weetabix, tinned fish, tinned fruit and veg, soup, bags of rice, lentils, pulses, tinned tomatoes, jars of pasta sauces, crackers, cereal bars, cake bars, chocolate, noodles, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, sanitary towels, shower gel, toothpaste, nappies (size 4,5,6).

All donations, large and small, will go straight to those who need them in our city.

Thank you all for your support.



Parish Prayer Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3 December, 8pm to 9 pm, with a reflection on Advent.

Everyone is welcome.

In the new year we plan to meet on Monday 13 January with a reflection on Peace. Members volunteer to provide material and lead the meetings but there is no obligation to do this, or to read aloud; just come and pray with us.

Phone 0151 727 2195
for venue and more information.

With You Always 2024-25 Sacramental Preparation Course for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

The dates for the programme are
Session Three on 1 pm on Saturday 7th December.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
at 6 pm on Tuesday 10th December.

Session Four at 1 pm on Saturday 18th January

Session Five at 1 pm on Saturday 8th February.

Session Six at 1 pm on Saturday 15th March.

Session Seven at 1 pm on Saturday 26th April.

Parish Christmas Bingo

Will be held on 8th December at 3pm.
Tickets cost £3 and include tea/coffee and mince pies. Donations of prizes gratefully received.

St Charles and St Thomas More Advent Carol Service

This year our Advent Carol Service will take place on
Wednesday 11th December at 7:30 pm.
Please come along and share in this
wonderful event and prepare yourself for Christmas!

Could you be a Deacon? Diaconate Information Evenings

There are two Diaconate Information Evening on
Thursday 5th December at Bishop Eton in Liverpool
and on Thursday 23rd January at St John's in Wigan.

Evenings will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments
available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm.

The evenings are open to anyone who would like to
find out more about the diaconate, especially men
who are wondering if they may be called to this
ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons
are also very welcome. For more information email
Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass will be held at
Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Hindley Green,
Wigan, WN 2 4HD on Sunday 8th December at
2.00pm, followed by a social gathering.

All are welcome.

Events at the Metropolitan Cathedral Creative Christmas Workshop

The Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting a creative
workshop on Saturday 7th December.

Muir Simpson will lead the wreath-making and
table centre making workshop from 10am - 3pm
in the Gibberd Room.

Tickets are £45. To book yours, please email
enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

A Celebration of Christmas

The Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration
with the Cathedral Choir and special guests
performing beloved Christmas Carols and seasonal
favourites on Saturday 14th December at 7 pm.

Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family,
and can be purchased

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>

Held in Prayer...

Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine and in every other region where people's lives are affected
by conflict. For all who are sick and housebound and for all those who have died recently, including

Pauline Carol Murray, whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church
on Monday 25th November at 12.30 pm

Gertrude Bramwell, whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on
Monday 2nd December at 12 noon and

Elizabeth Roberts (Betty) whose Funeral Service takes place at St Charles Church
on Thursday 5th December at 12 noon

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are included
on our November Pious List. May they rest in peace.

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
CW Special Intention

Marian Candle
Helen & Peter Kane

Sacred Heart Candle
KM Thanksgiving

Mass Attendance 33rd Sun Ordinary Time

5 pm 133

9.30 am 122

11 am 103

Total 358

Parish Income

33rd Sun Ordinary Time

Envelopes £ 564.00

Loose Plate £ 423.03

Standing Orders £ 520.60

Total £ 1507.63

Christmas Cards

There are various
boxes of Christmas
Cards on sale at the
back of the Church.