

**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:
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Parish Office Hours

Parish Office is open
Monday to Friday
between 9.30 & 2 pm.

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**Sunday 5th January 2025
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Times of Masses and Services**

| Day | Date | Times | Feast | Intention |
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| Saturday | 4/1/25 | 5.00 pm | Feast of the Epiphany | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 5/1/25 | 9.30 am | Feast of the Epiphany | Robin Farrington |
| | | 11.00 am | Feast of the Epiphany | Aidan Carney |
| Monday | 6/1/25 | 11.30 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | | 12 noon | Weekday of Christmas | Terry Roose |
| Tuesday | 7/1/25 | 10.00 am | Weekday of Christmas | Eileen O'Brien |
| Thursday | 9/1/25 | 12 noon | Funeral Mass for John Mathew Egan | |
| | | 7.00 pm | Weekday of Christmas | Stephen (Birthday) |
| Friday | 10/1/25 | 12 noon | Weekday of Christmas | Alan Chapman |
| Saturday | 11/1/25 | 4.15 pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | | 5.00 pm | Baptism of the Lord | Jeanette Egan |
| | | 6.00 pm | Neo-Catechumenal Way | Priest's Intention |
| Sunday | 12/1/25 | 9.30 am | Baptism of the Lord | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00 am | Baptism of the Lord | David Preston |

Gospel Power 2025

The Gospel Power Books have arrived and are available today for collection.

Happy New Year...

To you all and to all your family and friends. As Pilgrims of Hope may we walk these days of 2025 with the Lord, working for peace and witnessing to the light of the love of God in the world,

Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The registration website for the next cycle of Confirmation preparation will open on the 13th January and close on the 17th March. All young people in year 8 and above are invited to register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Parish Prayer Group

In the New Year the Parish Prayer Group plan to meet on Monday 13th January with a reflection on Peace. Members normally 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.

Everyone is welcome.

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 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.

Mass Attendance

Holy Family

5 pm 103

9.30 am 111

11 am 70

Total 284

Parish Income

Holy Family

Loose Plate £ 433.54

Envelopes £ 380.66

SO £ 520.60

Total £ 1334.80

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle

Margaret & William O'Reilly

Marian Candle

Jeanette (Jean) Egan

Sacred Heart Candle

Morgan Family

Crib Offerings...

A second collection, for any donations for the traditional Crib Offerings Collection, will take place next weekend.

This coming week...

Sunday 5th January

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 6th January

Pensioners' Club
begins at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 8th January

Parent and Toddler Group
begins at 9.30 am.

Thursday 9th January

Afternoon Group
begins at 2.00 pm

Friday 10th January

Bingo
begins at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 12th January

At 9.30 am Mass

Music Group

Children's Liturgy
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Tea & Coffee after Mass

At 11 am Mass

Organ Music

Tea & Coffee after Mass

Monday 13th January

Mothers Prayers
begins at 10.30 am.

Pensioners' Club
begins at 2.00 pm.

Let us pray for peace. For all who are sick and housebound and for those who have died recently, including John Matthew Egan whose Funeral Mass takes place here on Thursday 9th January at 12 noon and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



“Ave Regina Pacis” Hail Queen of Peace

This statue, in the Basilica of St Mary Major, was commissioned by Pope Benedict XV for the end of World War I

Mary's hand is raised up and out to the world saying stop the war, conflict and violence.

The Christ Child is depicted holding an olive branch, a symbol of peace.

While below, a dove sits to the left side of the throne (hidden, just out of frame) looking at the branch in Christ's hand.

Mary's eyes look down averting her eyes from what we have done.