

**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  
Monday to Friday  
between 9.30 & 2.30 pm.

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**Sunday 16th February 2025  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Times of Masses and Services**

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	15/2/25	5.00 pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michael Doyle
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenal Way	Priest's Intention
Sunday	16/2/25	9.30 am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Ron
Monday	17/2/25	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday	18/2/25	10.00 am	<b>Funeral Mass for Ann Marie Clarke</b>	
Thursday	20/2/25	7.00 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen O'Shea
Friday	21/2/25	12 noon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	25th Wedding Anniversary Paul & Grainne
Saturday	22/2/25	4.15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eamon McGruth
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenal Way	Priest's Intention
Sunday	23/2/25	9.30 am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dylan Castelloe Chlohessy
		11.00 am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

**Welcome and thank you!**

Today we welcome Fr Thomas Clarke who has kindly agreed to supply at St Charles this weekend while Fr Ron is away on holiday.

Fr Ron writes,

"I am very grateful to Fr Thomas for agreeing to cover our Sunday Masses this weekend allowing me to take a holiday after having to cancel my summer holidays due to ill health.

I am sure you will all be pleased to see him again and make him most welcome."

**Mass of celebration of the  
miraculous cure of  
Jack Traynor**

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to an historic occasion as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form using the link below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event.

Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>



**This coming week...**

**Sunday 16th February**

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 17th February**

Pensioners' Club  
begins at 2.00 pm.

**Friday 21st February**

Bingo  
begins at 7.30 pm.

**Sunday 23rd February**

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

At 11 am Mass  
Organ Music  
Tea & Coffee after Mass

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

Session Six at 1 pm on  
Saturday 15th March.  
Session Seven at 1 pm on  
Saturday 26th April.

**Calling all Gardeners...** *livesimply*

Calling all gardeners. As the days lengthen and you plan what to grow this Spring, please plant a few extra seeds, bulbs, or cuttings and earmark them for our Justice and Peace plant sale in May.

By growing and sharing plants, we can Live more simply, benefit the environment and wildlife and be signs of hope in this Jubilee year.

Thank you for your support

**125th Anniversary of St Charles Church...**

For 125 years this current Church of St Charles has hosted the important life events of families within this community from Sefton Park to the Mersey and supported them in the everyday events too.

How can we mark this significant milestone as a parish community over the coming months?

If you have any ideas please share them with Fr Ron.

**The Call of Hosea - to turn our hearts back to God**

Prepare for Lent with scripture mornings on Wednesday between 10.30am - 12 noon on 19th & 26th February and 5th March 2025  
At the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD

Zoom links are available. Contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

**Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s)  
Discerning God's Call in your life**

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' and so the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) have organised a weekend that gives women the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to them on 21st - 23rd February 2025 here in Liverpool.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, come along.

You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool**

The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025.  
All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG  
Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

## I made you Wonderful

Friday 7th March

World day of Prayer for Women.

A time for women to pray and a time to share, 2pm—3.30pm at the Irenaeus Centre L22 1RD

For more information contact [moira@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:moira@irenaeus.co.uk)

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: A Silent Retreat

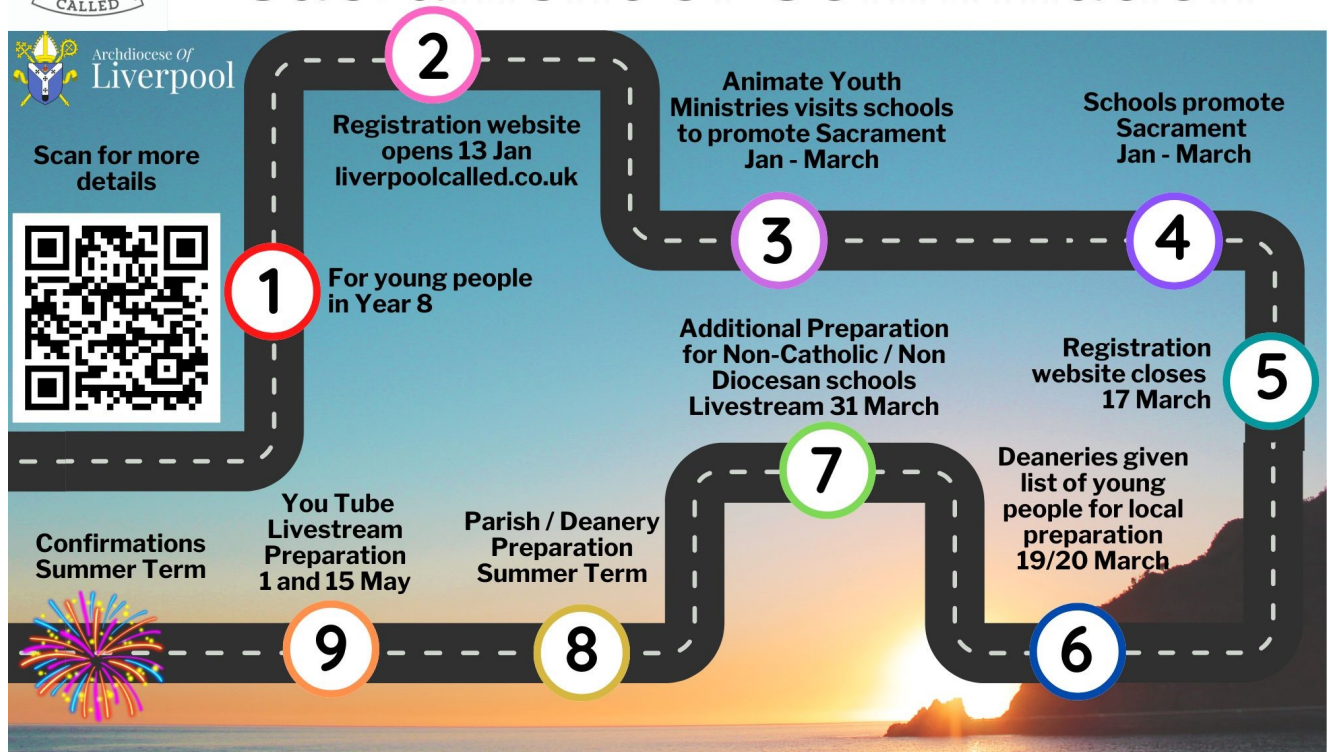
Led by Moria Meeghan at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD  
7th—9th March 2025

Residential places are available. Residential £95,  
Non-Residential with meals £70, Non-Residential (self-catering) £30.

To book and for more information contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) Tel: 0151 9491199



# Archdiocese of Liverpool Sacrament of Confirmation



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The registration website for the next cycle of Confirmation preparation is open now and will close on the 17th March.

All young people in year 8 and above are invited to register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on 1 May and 15 May from 16.30-18.00 on the Animate Youth YouTube Channel.

No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation.

You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.

Animate will also be offering a special session on YouTube on Monday 31 March 16.30-18.00 for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese.

Please register at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk); you will be contacted after Monday 17th March with login details.

Please save the date!

### Flame - 15 March (book tickets now)

Flame is the largest Catholic Youth Event in the country, with 10,000 young people attending the event at Wembley Arena.

More details of the event can be found at [cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame).

A coach will leave from Lowe House and return on the same day. Tickets and travel £60.

Application forms or more information are available at [admin@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateyouth.co.uk)

### The Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

Thursday 24th July to Thursday the 31st July.

Booking for this pilgrimage is now open online at [jowalshstours.co.uk](http://jowalshstours.co.uk)

Price starts from £829 and includes Flights, Transfers, Accommodation, Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal.

Deposit paid at time of booking £350

### Romero Mass - Thursday 20th March 2025

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Edmund of Canterbury at 7:00pm.

St Edmund of Canterbury, 62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 8QF

### Lent 2025

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 5th March.

Is it too early to begin to reflect on ways to make this Lent meaningful?

With less than four weeks to go to the start of Lent perhaps now is a good time to begin to start thinking about ways you can make your own Lenten journey more fruitful.

Perhaps you could consider picking up a new spiritual reading book or you could look to add an additional time of prayer to your routine.

As usual we will offer time for Stations of the Cross but perhaps there is something else you would like to see offered here within the parish setting that might help you and others to walk these days of Lententide more prayerfully and bring us to the joy of Easter.

If so perhaps you could let Fr Ron know your ideas so he can see if something suitable can be arranged.

### Held in Prayer...

Let us pray for peace. For all who are sick and housebound and for those who have died recently, including

Ann Marie Clarke whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Tuesday 18th February at 10am

Margaret Ann Guppy whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Charles Church on Thursday 6th March at 12 noon

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### Candle Intentions

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candle, and dedicate it to a loved one.

### Dates for your Diary...

We are looking to arrange a couple of Parish Fundraising events over the next few months. Tickets are available after all Masses.

**Parish Quiz.**  
Thursday 20 March  
at 7.45 p.m.

**Easter Bingo**  
Sunday 13 April  
at 3.00 p.m.

### Mass Intention Envelopes

Purple envelopes are also available at the back of church for any Mass Intentions.

### Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle  
Special Intention (J)

Marian Candle  
Carole Waring

Sacred Heart Candle  
Ewart Roberts

### Mass Attendance 5th Sun in ordinary time

5 pm 110

9.30 am 110

11 am 84

**Total 304**

### Parish Income 5th Sun in ordinary time

Loose Plate £ 549.89

Envelopes £ 499.20

Standing Orders £ 520.60

**Total £ 1569.69**