

**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 11.30
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**Sunday 16th March 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent
Times of Masses and Services**

Prayer... Fasting... Almsgiving...

Day	Date	Times	Feast	Intention
Saturday	15/3/25	5.00 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent	John and Thomas Egan
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenal Way	People of the Parish
Sunday	16/3/25	9.30 am	2nd Sunday of Lent	Marian & Michael Kelly
		11.00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent	Jeanette Forsey
Monday	17/3/25	11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		12 noon	St Patrick	Peter & Helen Kane
Tuesday	18/3/25	10.00 am	Weekday in Lent	Philip Hyde
Thursday	20/3/25	12 noon	Weekday in Lent	Margaret Daly
Friday	21/3/25	12 noon	Weekday in Lent	Pat Gore
Saturday	22/3/25	4.15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		5.00 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent	Hugh Halpin
		6.00 pm	Neo-Catechumenal Way	Priests Int.
Sunday	23/3/25	9.30 am	3rd Sunday of Lent	Paul Heron
		11.00 am	3rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish

**Catholic Pic article
celebrates 'living simply'**

This month's Catholic Pic has an article on our LiveSimply journey, including a photo of Colette Byrne from CAFOD, presenting the Award to the parish.

You can pick up a copy from the back of Church or an electronic copy is available <https://www.catholicpic.co.uk/>

One again the Justice and Peace Group would like to thank everyone that made this achievement possible.

Offertory Envelopes

Kelly placed the order for the new offertory envelopes this week and they should be available before the start of the new financial year.

Once they have arrived we will let you know the arrangements for collection.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

*As Jesus was
praying, the
appearance of his
face was altered.*



This coming week...

Sunday 16th March

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 March

Pensioners' Club
begins at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 19th March

Parent and Toddler Group
begins at 9.30 am.

Friday 21st March

Bingo
begins at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 23rd March

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

Family of Parishes Pilgrimage of Hope
"Reflecting Together on the Lord's Way of the Cross"

Saturday 22nd March 2025, 10 am - 2.30 pm

'The cross bends down towards humanity,
not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them
to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.'

A 'Jubilee' cross will be carried during the stations
and passed on to the next church throughout the day as a sign of
the unity of our family of parishes as Pilgrims of Hope.

Pilgrimage Route:

10 am St Ambrose, Speke

Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death

Station 2: Jesus takes up his cross

10.30 am St Francis of Assisi, Garston

Station 3: Jesus falls the first time

Station 4: Jesus meets his mother

11 am St Antony of Padua, Mossley Hill

Station 5: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus carry His cross

Station 6: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

11.30 am St Clare, Sefton Park

Station 7: Jesus falls the second time

Station 8: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

12 noon St Charles, Aigburth

Station 9: Jesus falls the third time

Station 10: Jesus is stripped of His Garments

12.30 pm Lunch

Please bring your own packed lunch with you.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

1.30 pm Bishop Eaton

Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross

Moment of silence

Station 13: Jesus is taken down from the cross

Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Easter Mass Association

At Easter time there is a lot of competition for certain
Mass times and so there is the opportunity to enrol all the
names of loved ones into our Mass Association.

Those names enrolled in the Mass Association will be remembered
at all Masses over the Easter Octave.

Last Chance to Register for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

All young people in year 8 and above are invited to register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk but note that registration will close on the 17th March.

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on 1st May and 15th 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 31st March 16.30-18.00 for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese.

Please register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk you will be contacted after 17th March with login details.

Parish Quiz

Thursday 20th March at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets are available after all Masses £3.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Romero Mass

This year's Annual Mass of St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Edmund of Canterbury 62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QF on Thursday 20th March at 7.00pm.

For more information, please contact the parish office on 01519282338 or email to stoscarronero@rcaol.org.uk

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Lunch...

We continue during Lent to walk with Christ each Friday by reflecting on the Stations of the Cross immediately after 12 noon Mass, this is followed by a light Lenten Lunch.

During the lunch a collection will be taken with the proceeds going to charity. If you would like to attend the lunch please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we ensure there is enough food.

Lent: A Time of Renewal for Pilgrims of Hope...

Our first Lenten Reflection took place on Thursday evening after 7 pm Mass and was attended by 7.

The next one takes place on Thursday 27th March with a final talk on Thursday 10th April.

Come along and make this Lent a time of real renewal as we move forward as Pilgrims of Hope.

Easter Bingo

Sunday 13th April at 3.00 p.m.

Tickets are available after all Masses £3.

For Young Adults

Discernment Workshops Online 1st, 15th and 29th April

This series of workshops teaches and explores how we discern, what we mean by freedom, and how to make choices that are consistent with our faith.

Register: <https://bit.ly/DiscernmentWorkshopApril25>

Lent Retreat - Hope Calls, 9th - 16th April 2025

Hope Calls: Hear the invitation of Christ to you. The retreat will be offered online and in-person.

You can join as a week of guided prayer or take some days of silence. There will be opportunity during the week for prayer together, as well as a meeting with a prayer guide at regular points through the week.

Register: <https://bit.ly/HopeCallsLentRetreat>

Easter Retreat: Through The Eyes of those First Followers of Jesus

This retreat is led by Fr Chris Thomas and the Irenaeus Team, and follows the Easter Triduum Services, beginning with a Passover Meal on Wednesday 16th until Sunday 20th April.

Limited residential places available. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaus.co.uk
Tel: 0151 949 1199.

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

Session Seven at
1 pm on Saturday 26th April.

Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice.

The experience will run from 22nd - 27th June in London and applications close on the 20th April.

For any queries, please contact
KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk (1) St Anne & Blessed Dominic, Sutton, St Helens

The first of our three Jubilee Pilgrimage Walks will take place on Saturday 17 May.

This will be a circular walk of 5 miles based around the Jubilee Church of St Anne and Blessed Dominic in St Helens.

The walk will begin at 10.00am from the church car park, WA9 3ZD, and will end with a short procession through the grounds at 11.50am.

Those who do not feel able to complete the 5-mile walk may join us for the procession.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a visit to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

Refreshments will also be available after Mass in the Parish Centre.

To allow us to plan accordingly please sign up for the walk using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/11DnmnWWC5>

For more information contact Chris:

c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco

The Statue and Relics will be visiting the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Monday 2nd June 2025.

On the day, there will be enthronement & crowning of the Statue, Holy Mass, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular, Fatima devotions, veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, Fatima talk & film, recitation & mediation of the Holy Rosary Mysteries, etc.

For enquiry, please contact the World Apostolate of Fatima at 07788 473210.

Mass Intentions Offered elsewhere

Mary Moriarty, Mary Sherlock, Wyn Johnson, Vocations to Priesthood, Seminarians, Sick of the Parish, Holy Souls.

Candle Intentions and Mass Intentions...

There are yellow envelopes available at the back of church if you would like to sponsor either the Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candle, and dedicate it in memory of a loved one or for a specific prayer intention.

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

Held in Prayer...

Let us pray for peace and for those involved in negotiating peace deals around the world that they may work for a just and lasting peace.

For all who are sick and housebound and for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

Lenten Alms Collection

The Lenten Alms Collection Box is at the back of Church.

Mass Attendance 1st Sunday in Lent

5 pm	111
9.30 am	153
11 am	88
Total	352

Parish Income 1st Sunday in Lent

Loose Plate	£ 559.62
Envelopes	£ 389.00
Standing Orders	£ 520.60
Total	£ 1469.22

Candle Intentions

Sanctuary Candle
Tony Heron

Marian Candle
Frank & Ellen Thomas

Sacred Heart Candle
OMFS Aintree