



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 12th February 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 12 th Feb <i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	The Boyce family (Anniv) Mr & Mrs Una Moore & family
Monday 13 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition	Don Gill (RIP)
Tuesday 14 th Feb <i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	10.30 a.m.	Mass	Miss O'Brien (90 th Birthday)
Wednesday 15 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Ints of Staislaus Kealovsky
Thursday 16 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 17 th Feb <i>Founders of Servite Order</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Anna Downey (RIP)
Saturday 18 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Angela & Dylan Moses (Anniv)
SUNDAY 19 th Feb <i>The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Martin Dillon (Anniv) Mr & Mrs Neil Armstrong (Anniv)

Morning and Evening Prayer is said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses

There is a loop system in the church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side

walls of the church.

MASS TODAY begins on p 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and the READINGS are on p136

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Kris Pears 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Brendon Cunningham
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Debbie Middleton 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £955.49 **Second Collection: Pro Life:** £413.50

This Week: Second Collection: Racial Justice **Next Sunday: Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund

MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort

Sunday's Readings on p136 of the Parish Mass Book...

TODAY, WE HEAR ABOUT OUR PRIMARY CALLING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD: to be holy. The author of Ecclesiasticus describes us as having a choice: life, coming through following God's will or death, the consequence of sin. Jesus in the Gospel reflects on some of the teaching of the Law, but calls us to go further than mere formal, legal holiness. Of course it's wrong to kill someone, He says, but also anger has to be answered for. Of course adultery is wrong but do we think lust and immodesty is acceptable? Of course it is possible to be divorced, but does that mean we can be casual about a commitment to a marriage? In calling us to holiness, Christ warns us not literally to cut off the hand or eye that causes us to sin but to cut out of our lives the habits, places or routines that lead us into sin and away from holiness. Sin is such a terrible thing that keep us from the eternal life God offers. Jesus says it isn't worth it: cut out the sin and choose life. The life Ecclesiasticus talks about and the life Jesus comes to bring us – "I have come that men might have life, and have it to the full!"



February – Month of the Holy Family

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, HOLY FAMILY, REIGN IN OUR FAMILIES!

YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Betty Wainwright, Colm Gleeson, Linda Proctor, Robert Webster, Pauline Ledwidge, Angela, Richard Green, Dolores Hefferman, Patricia Fowler, James McCormick, John Martin, Jane Hogan, Isabel Dow, Emrys Evans, Bridie Farrell, Margaret Delargey
ANNIVERSARIES: Amadeo Malpiedi, Samuel Beale, Mary Ryan, Mary Connor, Sarah Hill, Marie-Therese Magee, Patrick Glackin, Elizabeth Cowie, Margaret Manuel, Lily Pennington, Margaret Russell, Terence Warren, Elizabeth Myers, Arthur White, Eric Hynes, Joe Durkin, Ellen Bradley, Judith Ryan, Robert Doyle, Alice Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan, Susan Kelly, Patrick Kennedy, Eugene Teixeira, Bill Breen, Samuel Darby, Jack Errington, Mary Turner, Andrew McCarroll, Cornelius O'Callaghan, Martin Dillon, Mary Shildauer, Delia Canavan, Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Frederick Heron, Michael Rowland, Catherine Gill, Catherine Scott and all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SICK & SUFFERING: Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Margaret Knight, Roy Haslam, Betty Carr, Caroline Fitzpatrick "Fitzs", Suzanne Martin, Diane Taylor, Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Peter David, Mary Morris, Harry Davenport, Vera Lee, Ron Hamilton, Beatrice Upham, Diane Sharpe, Bill Brennan, Christopher, Ben Green, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Kaime Orchard, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Sadie Fulton, Jerry Casey, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Imogen Jones, Tommy Carberry, Thomas Ryan, Rebecca Power, Julie Burke, John Nugent, Natalie Molloy, Bill Molloy, Sean Craig, Marie Lynch, Ken Stone, Caroline Cunningham, Sylvester & Kitty Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, all the sick, those who mourn, all who are persecuted for being who they are.

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us

TODAY: the SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: the second collection is for Racial Justice Sunday

***** PLANT & CAKE SALE *** after 9.00 a.m. Mass TODAY in the MRR.** Please support for Parish funds.

DISTRIBUTION of COMMUNION at 6PM MASS A reminder that communion at **6pm Mass** is now from the head of the aisle in front of the altar *without* the clergy moving about: simply queue in the aisle. Communion at the side rails *remains the same*.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Wednesday 15th February at 7.00 p.m. in MRR.

STEPPING STONES toddler group have moved! The stay and play group now meets in the **Community Room at Saint Thomas More School**. Sessions are now on **Wednesdays at 1:30-3:00**. Everyone welcome. If you have any questions please call Annemarie Vincent-Poole on 024 7684 9910. This award-winning group welcomes all who wish to bring pre-school children along.

USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PARISH CATECHESIS & EVANGELISATION Feb 15th 7-9pm at Christ the King. Now that parishes have websites and Twitter and Facebook this is a chance to learn how best to use them to spread and grow faith.

FATHER HUDSON'S 113TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BALL Saturday 18th February from 7.30 p.m. – 1.00 a.m. at National Conference Centre, Birmingham. Tickets from £39.50. Please see poster in porch.

LIVESIMPLY Looking for a New Year's challenge which will both enrich a parish community and transform the lives of those overseas? Why not make 2017, a **LiveSimply** year! You invited to our **LiveSimply** evening on **Mon 20th Feb from 7.45 – 9.15 in the MRR.** *Light refreshments served from 7.30 p.m.* There will be the opportunity to learn more about **CAFOD's LiveSimply** Award, which encourages parish communities to live simply, sustainably & in solidarity with the poor and to explore how parishes might get involved

COVENTRY NEWMAN CIRCLE meets next to hear Bishop William Kenney talk on Lutheranism. Tuesday 21st February in the MRR

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1st. Masses with ashing in the morning and the evening.

PRAYER PEBBLE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION A parish community art project is being organised for Lent to create a sculptural installation for Easter. Everyone welcome to try two simple crafts to transform pebbles into beautiful objects which you can take home to keep when the community piece is dismantled after Pentecost. No experience necessary. More details next week.

JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON for organising these sessions of getting to know music and singing along. The next are **7 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March and 11th April**. Learn and practice hymns and songs that have been planned for forthcoming 9 a.m. Sunday Masses. The aim is singing for fun and learning hymns together - there is no expectation that people will join the music group, just sing out from the pews, although new members are always welcome. This will be a social evening with refreshments- **all are welcome!**

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on 3rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church to pray for the local churches and to seek God's will in growing and working together. In the meantime local clergy will be meeting too.

BETTY WAINIWRIGHT RIP Please pray for Betty who was a longstanding parishioner, and her family. Betty died in UHCW on Friday night.

WALSgrave HOSPITAL FULL TIME CHAPLAIN Following the retirement of Fr Michael Stack, Fr Paul Burch has been appointed full time **Catholic Chaplain**. He is assisted by a team of Catholic volunteers. If you or a relative in hospital wish to see a priest he is available: when he isn't, there is *always* a local priest on emergency call. Ask the staff: Communion is regularly distributed and the anointing of the sick celebrated.

WANTED Anyone willing to do some **BRASS CLEANING** would be very welcome – please speak to one of the Clergy if you could spare some time. The cleaners work hard every Tuesday morning and will provide company, find polish for you and make you smile!

MASSSES NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET. Link on the website to <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/>. Only the sanctuary is 'in shot', plus the ends of the first three rows.

MASS INTENTIONS: At the moment **demand is very great, particularly Sundays at 9am**, so please provide as much notice as possible for a specific date and give alternative dates if you can. Secondly, *if you are willing to share the offering of your intention with another* please write 'willing to share' on the envelope. At the moment if two people ask for the same Sunday 9am one will be disappointed: sharing opens more possibilities. Please bear with us: **at the moment it is simply impossible to guarantee to offer every Mass on the day requested.**

THE PARISH WEBSITE has been updated and includes the weekly sheet and a lot of other information. See stmcov.org for all the latest. And the parish is now on **TWITTER @StThosMore.**  **Please follow this** to see news, reflections and information about events.

MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018 So far, a **two-week Parish Mission** has been booked for **Lent 2018**, to be led by the Sion Community. The possibility of the glass screen between font and porch is being explored (we have £5,000 towards this from a legacy of Mgr Gavin – money that has been given to beautify the church and not to pay running costs). Contractors are also quoting for a new MRR kitchen and for the stripping down and renovation of the church floor. The lighting is also being looked at. A celebration Mass with the Archbishop, pilgrimage and social events of different sorts are all being considered too. **We have much to be thankful for!**

BEING A SERVER If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at Sunday Mass, then **please be a server.** Young or old, male or female the servers' ministry enhances worship. Please see Malcom Pollard or one of the clergy to know more.

THE HEATING IS ON – PLEASE KEEP THE HEAT IN..! Please **make sure that all doors are kept shut. Thank you.**

+ Parish Weekly Events +

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Quiz in the MRR. All welcome.
Wednesday	ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 1.30 p.m. in Chapel and 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
Wednesday	STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School.
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00am in the MRR.

ARRANGING THE BAPTISM of BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN
 Baptism is arranged by appointment. It usually happens at 12.15 p.m. on a Sunday **or** at either Sunday Mass. Parents should collect a form

from one of the clergy **after Sunday Mass**. For the baptism of children over 4 and of adults see the parish priest.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place. You will need a meeting with the Parish Priest to go through all that needs to be done. About six months' notice at least is desirable: but it's never too soon.