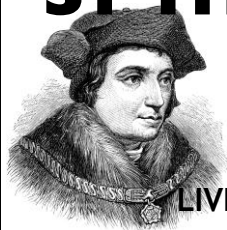


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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2017 CORPUS CHRISTI YEAR A

SUNDAY 18 th June <i>CORPUS CHRISTI</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament	Thomas & Mary Armstrong (Mem Mass)
	5.30-5.50 p.m.	Confession	
	6.00 p.m.	Mass	Karen Anne Cunningham (Anniv)
Monday 19 th June <i>Feria, Wk 11 Ord Time Yr 1</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Joan Doherty (RIP)
	7.00 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 20 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Neetha Pisano (Anniv)/Ints of Bas Nugent & family (sick)
Wednesday 21 st June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Zafiri Karvelis (4 th Anniv)
Thursday 22 nd June <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	People of the Parish
	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Paul Ryan (RIP)
Friday 23 rd June <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	12.00 noon	Mass	William Smiddy (RIP)
Saturday 24 th June <i>St John the Baptist</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Marie & Harry Law (Mem Mass)
	9.30-10.30 a.m.	Exposition and Benediction	
	9.40-10.20 a.m.	Confession	
SUNDAY 25 th JUNE <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Ben Freeman (1 st Anniv)/John & Helen Martin (Anniv)
	5.30-5.50 p.m.	Confession	
	6.00 p.m.	Mass	Jim Molloy (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 p7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and the READINGS are on p83

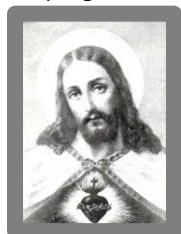
Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 3

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Rachel Hickingbotham	6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & John Burns
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Marissa Gunn	6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Andrew Colby
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1007.37 Standing Orders for May: £684.00	
THIS SUNDAY: Second Collection - Day for Life NEXT SUNDAY: Second Collection - Peter's Pence	

MANY THANKS

Sunday's Readings on p83 of the Parish Mass Book...

IN THE FIRST READING Moses calls the people of Israel to remember what God has done for them. Not only had He chosen them and led them out of slavery in Egypt but He guided them through all their journey in the desert to the promised land and fed them with manna from heaven, a food they had never known before. The link with our own life of faith is not hard to spot: God has chosen us too and made us holy by our baptism. He leads us through life to the promised land of heaven and in the meantime He feeds us with food we have never known before—the Body and Blood of Christ Himself. St Paul, in the second reading speaks of unity and communion in the Body and Blood of Christ. For Catholics, sharing in the Blessed Sacrament at Mass is a way of showing our communion with each other, which a reason why non-Catholics are not ordinarily permitted to receive this sacrament: we receive It because we agree (are in communion) about what It is. Not bread or wine. Not a symbol. But Flesh and Blood in the form of bread and wine. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks bluntly to His hearers. To share in the fullness of life that He comes to offer, He offers us His Body and Blood, broken and poured out on the altar of the cross, and present now on the altars of our churches. Only by faith in Him and in the power of His sacrifice of Himself are we to come to the life He wishes to give us. It is by the sacrifice of the Mass that we might receive this great sacrament, so never forget that even if you *don't make your Communion* you *are* still obeying Christ's command to 'Do this in memory of me' and offering with the Church the one true sacrifice for sin.



JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART
O Sacred Heart, have mercy on us!

Fr. Stephen

Make a date with the
PARISH FETE

Next Sat 24th June 12 noon onwards
in the school grounds

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Crilly, Paul Ryan, Elizabeth Wallace, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock
ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Rooney, Michael McCormack, Helena Smits, Mary Armstrong, Herbert Vincent, Elizabeth Walls, Fr John Gannon, Donald McKenzie, John Stevens, Michael Ryan, Elizabeth Ferguson, Bernard Dolan, John Purdie, Julie Connoll, Hugh McQuade, Norah Moore, Alan Richards, Mary Miles, Alban Avery, Beryl Turner, Shaun McDaid, Herbert Kelly, Terry Sheils, William Grogan, Marie Law
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SICK & SUFFERING: Olivine Gilhooly, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, Tom Ashley, Jim Slattery, Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Roy Haslam, Caroline Fitzpatrick "Fitz", Suzanne Martin, Diane Taylor, Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, John & Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Peter David, Mary Morris, 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, Julie Burke, John Nugent, Natalie Molloy, Bill Molloy, Sean Craig, Marie Lynch, Ken Stone, Caroline Cunningham, Sylvester & Kitty Budkiewicz, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell. All who are taking exams at this time, all victims of terrorism and the victims of Grenfell Tower.
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

TODAY: CORPUS CHRISTI The great feast of Our Lord's great gift – His Body and Blood made present at every Mass, everywhere and for all time. Mass will conclude with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the school grounds as two years ago. **Our best monstrance is still away undergoing renovation** – it was hoped to be have it back for today's morning Mass: sorry. We therefore have to use a substitute. This year today is also the annual **DAY FOR LIFE** when we pray for the protection and valuing of all human life regardless of age, health, race or ability. The second collection supports the Church's work in challenging the growing secular culture of death and promoting the worth and the care of all of us, from 'womb to tomb'. *Jesus, Yourself conceived in the womb of Your Blessed Mother, You who ministered to the sick and dying, bless all who seek to serve vulnerable humanity in all its needs. Comfort the troubled, help the sick, stay with the dying.*

AFTERNOON TEA Many thanks to all who came yesterday and special thanks to all those who helped make the event possible.

ALEX & DAVID DARRAGH are taking on three massive challenges this year to raise money for **Teenage Cancer Trust**. The first one and probably the toughest is today; we will be attempting to complete a half ironman triathlon; 1.9 km swim in the River Moselle, 90 km bike ride through the wine region of Luxembourg followed by a 21 km run around the town of Remich. On 24th September we will be taking part in the Birmingham Velo a 100 mile bike ride around Birmingham. Then to finish of the challenge we will be running in the inaugural Birmingham Marathon on 15th October. Please help us raise money for this wonderful charity that supported Rosie in her battle by sponsoring us through our Just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alex-Darragh1>

CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY PARISH AWARD - Mon 19th June 7:45pm MRR for anyone interested in working towards this award. **Live Simply** is all about living simply, living in solidarity with people in poverty and living sustainably with creation. See www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply, email stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com or call Kevin Duffy on 07812211828. There are copies of Pope Francis's encyclical **Laudato Si** about caring for creation available in the shop, £4.95. He reminds us of our responsibility to protect the earth, its climate and its inhabitants animal and human

♫ **JAM 'N' CAKE: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.** in the MRR on Tuesday 20th June, 18th July, 12th September, 24th October and 21st November. Come and join in this social evening with refreshments getting to know music for the 9.00am Mass. **All welcome!** ♫

***** PARISH SUMMER FETE NEXT SATURDAY 24TH JUNE - MAKE A DATE WITH THE FETE! *****

We are trying a **Saturday** this year – please look out items for stalls. **All welcome.**
 All hands on deck are required – please offer your services as always or for the first time. We need bottles, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, helpers to set up after school on Friday and on Saturday morning, and of course to clear away on Saturday afternoon Raffle tickets need selling too!

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time We return to green Sundays as we explore the teaching of Scripture and celebrate the resurrection of Christ week by week as He comes to us at every Mass.

APF RED BOXES – Collectors needed. Volunteers needed to collect in the boxes. Please help if you can. Speak to Vic Bellanti/Fr Stephen.

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.

LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN PARISH LIFE..? Please consider being a reader, or a server, or a cleaner, or a flower arranger, or a warden, or a singer, or simply a willing pair of hands at the Fete or anywhere else! Don't hesitate – see one of the clergy

THIS NEWSLETTER might well start to look a little different over the next few weeks as we try to use the pages as efficiently as possible.

STEPPING STONES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP **needs helpers.** About a dozen children aged 0 - pre-nursery attend each Wednesday afternoon in the Community Room at school. If you can spare a couple of hours to help set up, join in or lead the activities and pack away afterwards that would be great. Come along on a Wednesday afternoon to find out more, 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Community Room at school

2018 JUBILEE EVENTS ARRANGED SO FAR – there will be others too!

- **Parish Mission: 17th February-4th March 2018.** *This is a big event and will need us to provide much support to the Mission Team. The Team will spend two weeks with us, visiting homes and school, organising activities. There will be Mission Masses and Services every day. The lay members of the Team will need bed & breakfast, the MRR will be their daytime base, there will be a need to organise publicity, transport to events and more. Details will follow in the autumn. Please God He will bless our parish through this time of prayer and work, that people might return to the faith or come to it anew and that we might all be encouraged and affirmed in discipleship. Pray for its success!*
 - **St Thomas More's Day Mass & Flower Festival: Friday 22nd June 2018.** *We ask our patron's blessing on our Jubilee Year. A simple parish social will follow.*
 - **Thanksgiving Mass with the Archbishop: Friday July 20th 2018.** *We will invite local clergy, past priests and lots more to this big do*
 - **Pilgrimage to Rome: Week beginning 15th October 2018** *Final details still to be arranged, note the date now. Details will follow*
- Other events being explored include a **Trip to the Tower of London or Chelsea or both** (access to St Thomas More's cell is restricted and needs special permission from the Warden of the Tower, which is being asked for), various social events and in the meanwhile, do you have any old photos or mementoes of the first St Thomas Church or the second? We should like to borrow them to scan and create **a display or parish history book.** *Thanks be to God!*

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Grand Raffle 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 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in the Community Room at school.
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00am in the MRR.

ARRANGING THE BAPTISM (CHRISTENING) 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 **after Sunday Mass.** For the baptism of children over four 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS