

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 19th March 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

SUNDAY 19 th March <i>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Carmel Di Cioccia (Anniv) Ben Freeman (RIP)
Monday 20 th March <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	6.30 p.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. 7.15-7.45 p.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Robina
Tuesday 21 st March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass, <i>followed by</i> Stations of the Cross	Don O'Sullivan (RIP)
Wednesday 22 nd March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Tony & Cathy Mayne (Mem Mass)
Thursday 23 rd March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 24 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Mass, <i>followed by breakfast</i> Mass	Bernie de Courcey (Sick) Mary, Tony & family
Saturday 25 th March <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Ints of Smith family (Sick/RIP)
SUNDAY 26 th March <i>The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Thomas Lawlor Nora O'Brien (Sick)

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 p 158

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 3

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Clive Robinson	6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Brendon Cunningham
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Kris Pears	6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Anthony Buckley
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1059.29 CAFOD: £1570.02 MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort		

Sunday's Readings on p 158 of the Parish Mass Book...

Christ's new life is open to all, and not just the people through whom it first arrived, the Jewish nation. Remember, Samaritans and Jews usually hated each other. Yet Jesus has time to offer His new life to this Samaritan woman at the well. He compares Himself to water, but a water that quenches thirst for ever, a water that will bring men and women to reconciliation with God and each other. A water that is a relationship with God Himself, and an appreciation of His love. No wonder the Samaritan woman goes off to tell others about Jesus!



F. Stephen



LENT: a springtime for the soul by prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving.

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity. May you be their father and counsellor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and all people. Preserve them from the corruption of this world, and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever. **Amen**

March: Month of St Joseph *Protector of Jesus and Mary, protect our families!*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller, Betty Wainwright, Colm Gleeson
ANNIVERSARIES: Bridget Burke, Gerry Carney, Lelia Ward, Catherine English, Maria Diuk, Elma Errington, Donald Meacham, Anne Nordon, Mary Brogan, William Kenny, Frank Hargreaves, Jeffrey Colin Blackwell, Jan Aston, Eleanor Graham, Mary Kelly, Sheila Glass, John Kelly, John Robinson, Ellen Errington, Alice Brownhill, Michael Carroll, Charles Selfe, Leslie Morton-Blake, Percy Briscoe, Bridie Sharkey, Michael Byrne, William Byatt, Margaret Boyle, Patrick Ryan, Mgr Frank Gallagher, Georgina Kelly, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Nora Brennan, Brian Kavanagh
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SICK & SUFFERING: Pat Kenny, Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Roy Haslam, 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, Julie Burke, John Nugent, Natalie Molloy, Bill Molloy, Sean Craig, Marie Lynch, Ken Stone, Caroline Cunningham, Sylvester & Kitty Budkiewjcz, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, dementia sufferers and their carers.
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

TODAY: the THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT We hear Jesus offer salvation to the woman at the well. May our keeping of Lent help us to be as responsive to Jesus as was this woman. It is also the end of the week of prayer for dementia sufferers: please pray for them and their carers.

MONDAY for Lent Mass at 6.30pm, leading into Exposition and Benediction. Confession will be available 6.45-7.15 p.m. All in the side chapel. This Monday we celebrate a great feast – St Joseph, foster-father of the Lord

FRIDAY for Lent Mass is at **7.00 a.m.** followed by breakfast and also Mass at **12 noon.** Thank you to all who are turning out in such **LENT IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK Prayer:** Mass and Exposition is on Monday and Saturday. **Penitence:** Confession Sunday evening Monday evening and Saturday mornings. **Fasting** giving something up for those with less. **Almsgiving:** support for those in need. **And whatever you decide...** Perhaps take on a time before Jesus at Exposition... Give up half an hour before work on Friday for Mass at 7am...

SATURDAY is the **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION** the celebration of Our Lady's first moment as Mother – the moment when she received Gabriel's message that God called her to be the Mother of His Son. Appropriately, this falls the day before Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY, LENT 4 The healing of the blind man makes him see Jesus with the eyes of faith and calls us to see things and people properly – like Jesus does. By ancient tradition, we rejoice in motherhood on this day – the Motherhood of the Church, of Our Lady and of our own mothers on this **MOTHERING SUNDAY. CAKE SALE after 9.00 a.m. Mass** for Parish funds. Please support!

PAULINA WOODCOCK RIP Please pray for Paulina and her family. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 28th March at 11.30 a.m.

FRIDAY FRUGAL SOUP LUNCH for CAFOD Fri 31st March, following noon Mass. Make a date, dig out a recipe, cook a pan of yummy soup **SVP** will be serving **bacon sandwiches 9th April** after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Any money raised will be used for further SVP causes and projects. If you know of anyone who needs help or would like a visit, please talk to a member of the SVP. If you would like to become a member or find out more information about what we do please contact Alison Cullinane on 02476 441436.

JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON for organising these sessions of getting to know music for 9am Mass and singing along. The next is **7.00 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 11th April.** This will be a social evening with refreshments - **all are welcome!**

PRAYER PEBBLE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION Thank you to the Guides, the Tuesday Society and about 30 other parishioners so far, who have learned how to felt a pebble and are now decorating them with stitch. Completed pebbles and borrowed threads should be returned to the box next to the installation- please pin your first name onto your pebble. If you would like to make a donation towards a future community art project for the church anniversary next year please do so in the collection box provided. Take a look at the variety of beautiful creations as they appear on the pebble road through Lent. **THANK YOU to Debbie Colby for being the creative force behind the project**

THE GIFT LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE To be held at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th 18th, 25th May and 8th June. If you wish to know more, an overview of the course will be held on Sunday 23rd April at 6.30 p.m. at Christ the King Church. Please see flyers for further information.

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on **3rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church.**

ALLOTMENTS AT CHURCH? As part of our commitment to *Live Simply* it has been suggested that the grass area at the very back of church be turned into allotments. If you'd be interested in exploring the implications of this possibility, please speak to Fr Stephen to form a working group to plan a way forward. This would be a very constructive use of an area that currently just sits there, largely hidden.

OUR BEAUTIFUL MONSTRANCE has gone away to lose its dents and dings and regain its shine and lustre. This may take up to eight weeks.

PARISH SHOP now in stock: cards for Mothering Sunday, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. *Have a browse!*

CHURCH BOILER An electronic component has failed (nothing to do with our previous problems) and a replacement is on order. At the time of going to press that part had not arrived but was on its way... If it's not as warm as we'd like please sing up and stay for a warming cup. *Sorry*

MASSES NOW BROADCAST ON 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. *Please give any sick or housebound a hand to watch this if they need help*

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.** If two people ask for the same Mass one will be disappointed: sharing opens 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. See stmcov.org for all the latest. And the parish is now on **TWITTER @StThosMore.** **Please follow this!**

MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING 2018 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. 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 KEEP ALL DOORS SHUT!! PLEASE KEEP ALL DOORS SHUT!!

+ Parish Weekly Events +	
Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Millionaire Quiz in the MRR.
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 **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.

ST JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

PLEASE STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS