

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

JUBILEE YEAR: 75 YEARS OF THE PARISH 50 YEARS OF THE CHURCH DEO GRATIAS!

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11th March 2018

Mass p7, readings p166 Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 11th LENT 4 <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m 6.00 p.m	Patrick Kenny (RIP) / Bill Merrick (Anniv) Theresa Christine Duignan (Anniv)
Monday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Exposition	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Barbara Rees (RIP)
Tuesday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Tony Miller (Anniv)
Wednesday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Richard Sweeney (RIP)
Thursday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Stations of the Cross Mass	7.00 a.m. 11.30am 12 noon	Bernard & Mollie Swinden (Mem Mass) Margaret Jones (Sick)
Saturday 17th <i>St Patrick</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Teresa Dowd (B'day)
SUNDAY 18th LENT 5	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m 6.00 p.m	Judy Freeman (80th B'day) & Ben Freeman (RIP) Susan O'Shea (RIP)



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LENT MEANS SPRING! FASTING, PRAYER, PENITENCE, ALMSGIVING

This Weekend

- **Fourth Sunday of Lent**—Mothering Sunday
- **Jubilee Year Bookmarks** are available, *please take one*. Calendars are available too.
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room
- **PLEASE SHUT THE DOORS!** If our heating is to stand half a chance, the church doors **must not** be left open! **Please keep all the doors closed! Inner and outer! Thank you!**

This Week

- **Monday:**
FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT CONTINUES.
Please remember to use Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and other products whenever possible so that farmers in developing countries can support their families and communities. We hope to become a Fairtrade Church in 2018. *Don't let our bargain prices be a cause of a farmer's poverty!*
- **Tuesday:**
Tuesday Society 2pm—4pm in the MRR. Quiz. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:**
Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.
Parish Finance Committee Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.15 p.m. in MRR
- **Thursday**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **Friday**
COVENTRY ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S MASS
Fri 16th March 7pm, St Mary & St Benedict
- **DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12TH-19TH MARCH** You are invited to join in with praying for those suffering from dementia and for their carers. Prayer cards at the back of church.

Next Weekend

- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT— Lent takes on its solemn phase as it begins its final two weeks.** There will be a retiring collection for church Easter flowers.
- ## Coming Soon
- **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS in the new church is March 19th, St Joseph's Day.** There will be Mass at 7.00pm that day with refreshments to follow
 - **HOLY WEEK BEGINS WITH PALM SUNDAY 25TH MARCH** and the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion begins.
 - **EASTER DAY MASSES** Vigil Mass Saturday 8pm, Sunday 9am & 11am. **NO MASS AT 6PM**
 - **"THE GIFT" A Life in the Spirit Course—** You are warmly invited to join us on a new & exciting DVD course which has been given an Apostolic Blessings by Pope Francis. "The Gift"

will be presented HERE over six Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. from Wednesday 18th April. A follow-up to the Mission

- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**, 21-26 Aug Dublin
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**, Liverpool 7-9 September. Coventry Deanery will be organising a coach for Sat 8, cost £40. Leaflets at back of church.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Ernest Hackett

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Rob Ridley

6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & Janet Ward

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY

From Friday 9th March

Month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. 65 Irish people have been interviewed for this project and the resulting film will be shown. Furthermore, a variety of objects have been lent by the community and these will be put on display for the first time. The exhibition is free and will stay open until April. For further information ring 024 7625 6629 or visit

http://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/1242/irish_heart_coventry_home

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME **Week Beginning 22 October 2018**

Places available. Details are on the parish website 'What's On' page. Forms from Fr Stephen for those who want to take part. Please return completed forms to the organiser in London, Anthony Coles. **COVENTRY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER HELP** Staying overnight, cooking a meal or giving breakfast foods and toiletries, there are many ways to help. See a member of the Justice & Peace Group. There is a box in the porch for items.

APPEAL FOR HISTORIC PARISH PHOTOS

If you have any historical photos from your time within the Parish, please pass to Claire Rutter or a member of the clergy so that we can copy them.

THANK YOU...

An anonymous donor has given the parish a baptismal banner for hanging behind the font. Another kind parishioner has given £500 towards the cost of a new monstrance. An anonymous gift of £100 towards the Mission costs has been given and some smaller gifts too. *Thank you all very much*

YOUTH SYNOD OCT 2018

The Church's next Synod in October is to reach out to young people. Across the world young people are being asked to give their views and experiences. We have two places for a day event at Oscott College Sat 24 March. If you are 16-29 and are interested please see Fr Stephen. Details www.synod18.org and [Twitter.com/synod_2018](https://twitter.com/synod_2018).

FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.

Last week, Main Collection: £ 1,029.97

In 2016 it cost £1,589 a week to run the parish. (In 2015 £1,510, in 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

The ancient Israelites had many opportunities to draw close to God. The Law, the prophets and the consecration of the Temple has all been God's gift to them as a revelation of who He was. But the stubborn still ignored Him, and went their own way of sinfulness and idolatry. So He sends His only Son to call his people back to Him. Jesus is, of course, God's ultimate revelation of Himself. By coming among us as one of us, He gets as close to us as is possible. And Jesus brings the message of salvation. To look upon Him, to know Him brings healing. Just as the dreadful snakebites in the desert were cured by the sight of a bronze serpent lifted up for all to see, so the dreadful curse of death will be cured by the raising up of Christ on the Cross.

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- **ST JOSEPH'S DAY, THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHURCH.** 19th March 7pm Mass followed by refreshments
- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE** begins Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm in the MRR. A follow-up to the Mission
- **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH** Sunday 6th May. Celebratory refreshments after Mass
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Fri 22nd June. Preacher: the Rt Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes VG, former parish priest of this parish
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCH-BISHOP:** Friday July 20th
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22nd October **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!** Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website.



**MISSION 2018
THANK
YOU ALL!**

- ♦ **THANK YOU to everyone involved in any way with the Mission**—what a tremendous community effort. Accommodation, catering, census, visiting lists, art, music, lifts, publicity, serving
- ♦ **THANK YOU for the anonymous donations to the Mission costs.** One kind parishioner has given £100. Costs of catering—including wine—were almost met by donations during the two weeks. Thank you.
- ♦ **THANK GOD for all the good things that have happened and the graces received.** May He lead us to see and grow lasting fruits from the Mission. Although the Team will leave and the two weeks of special events end, the Mission is meant to have lasting positive effects.
- ♦ **FINALLY there are comment sheets** available for you to use—if you wish—to write down your thoughts about the Mission. Please hand to Fr Stephen, or Deacon Leo, of leave in the census form box at the back of church, or through the presbytery letterbox.

SOME MISSION STATISTICS...

During the Mission 11 Missioners spent all or some of the time here, 75 cooked meals were served, 1400 teas and coffees made, 80 breakfasts over 5 days, 45 Thursday night cheese & wine, 65 soup lunches on snowy Saturday and 125 came to the Barn Dance though the snow!

THE DIGITAL AGE...

Remember that if you have a computer and internet access you can -

- * Watch events in church as they happen: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/
- * See newsletter and more on the website: stmcov.org
- * Keep up with parish news on Twitter: @StThosMore

PARISH PIETY SHOP

Stocks of St Patrick's Day cards and Easter cards are now in. Plus much more. Step inside and have a browse after Mass.



MARCH-MONTH OF ST JOSEPH!
St Joseph, faithful guardian of Mary and Jesus, pray for husbands and fathers, wives and mothers and for all children, especially those in danger.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Israel McLeod, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, Kathleen McMenemy, Eileen Connolly, Mike Perry, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Patricia Hugenin, John Magee, Cynthia Walton, Ivor Sanders, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, Tom Ashley, Roy Haslam, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Martin, Liam Mee, John & Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Lily Bailey, Kathleen Simpson, Doreen Robinson, Heather Cunningham

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Pokomy, Mary Vertigan, Madge Quigleas, Peter Clark, Thomas Kane, Thomas Woods, Geraldine Barrett, Nora Wood, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, Bill Merrick, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien, Harriett Winkless, Molly Jones, Philip Kingston, Francis Higgins, Gordon Howell, Madeline Jeary, Mary Edward, Lelia Ward, Ellen Ludford, Thomas McGeachan, Gertrude McGoldrick, John Ryan, Theresa Chamley, Nick Jarram, William Howdle, Thomas Wainwright, Nora McCrea, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Carmel Di Cioccio, Thomas McCrea, John Quirke, Patrick Stapleton, Leo McSorley, George Hall, Catherine Nolan, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- For all mothers, living and departed
- In thanksgiving for Mary, Mother of us all
- In thanksgiving for the Mission

+ **EASTER MASS TIMES** +
SATURDAY 31 MARCH EASTER EVE
8pm Service of Light, Vigil & First Mass of Easter

SUNDAY 1 APRIL EASTER DAY
9am Mass

11am Mass (*instead of at 6pm*)

NO MASS AT 6PM ON EASTER DAY

PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT
@StThosMore

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place to make arrangements for your wedding. 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.



ARRANGING A BAPTISM

(CHRISTENING) for BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN

Congratulations on the birth of your child! 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.

MAKING YOUR CONFESSION

Confession, the sacrament of reconciliation, is available on Saturday mornings 9.40 a.m.-10.20 a.m., on Sundays before 6 p.m. Mass and by arrangement with the parish priest. Our God is a God of mercy!

ADORING THE LORD EXPOSITION

There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. (following Mass) and Mondays 7.00 p.m.

*If you need to ask anything that can wait until Sunday—we **guarantee** you can catch the clergy in church then! Otherwise contact details are on the front of this sheet*