

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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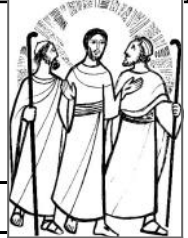
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15th April 2018: Easter 3



Mass p7, readings p262 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 15th <i>3rd of Easter</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.00pm 6.00 p.m	The People of the Parish John Lynskey (Anniv)
Monday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Exposition	9.00 a.m 7.00 p.m	Tony Leigh (4th Anniv) / Pat Kenny (RIP)
Tuesday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m	Patrick Commins (2nd Anniv)
Wednesday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
Thursday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m	~
Friday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m	Mr & Mrs Connelly
Saturday 21st <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Sylvester Budkiewicz (RIP)
SUNDAY 22nd <i>4th of Easter</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.00pm 6.00 p.m	Tony Keeler (RIP) / Kachleen de la Pole (RIP) The People of the Parish

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

This Weekend

- **3rd Sunday of Easter:** The joyful season of Easter continues! *Christ is risen, alleluia!*
- **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. *Thank you!*
- **NEW GIVING ENVELOPE SETS AVAILABLE**
- **Please pray** for the soul and family of **Bernadette Seale** whose funeral will be here on Tuesday 24th April and for the soul and family of **John Wooderson** whose funeral will be here on Tuesday 1st May. **Pray also** for **John-Paul Cassidy** who died on Thursday, and his family.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
SURVEYORS IN CHURCH On Tuesday a team of surveyors will spend the day taking digital measurements of the entire building in order to be able to create digital plans. This is at the recommendation of our architect as an investment for the future—no more fading, fragile paper plans that can fall apart or be lost but computer-designed, digital drawings that can be kept, shared and updated. The surveyors will need the entire building but only a part at a time, therefore there should be no disruption.
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2-4pm MRR Welcome back
JAM 'N' CAKE 7.15pm in the MRR
- **Wednesday:**
Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.
THE GIFT A Life in the Spirit Course—You are invited to join us on a new and exciting DVD course which has been given the blessing of Pope Francis. *The Gift* will be presented over six Wednesday evenings at **7.30 p.m. from this Wednesday 18th April**. This is a follow-up to the Mission and was commended by several missionaries in their faith sharing
- **Thursday**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
Next Weekend
- **SECOND COLLECTION** Clergy Training Fund which helps support the training of priests and deacons of this diocese.
- **MEDJUGORE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 31st July-7th Aug. MEETING** on **Sunday 22nd April** at **5.00pm** Margaret Roper Room. Brief history, informal discussion on trip and prayers. Mass to follow as usual at 6, *all welcome.*
Coming Soon
- **SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE** Mon 23rd April

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic ministers on **Monday 23rd April. Holy Hour from 6.30pm, reflection and meeting in the MRR at 7.30pm.**
- **FIRST COMMUNION MASSES** Sat 28th April 10.00am and 12 noon
- **SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY SUMMER WORKSHOP** here **Saturday 7th May from 10am.** Bookings and details via the society's website. The society promotes music and liturgy.
- **SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES MEETING AND WORSHIP 7.30pm 6 June** Christ Church
- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**, 21-26 Aug Dublin
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**, Liverpool 7-9 September.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** **Week Beginning 22 October 2018** *7 places are available.* Details are on the parish website 'What's On' page. Booking forms from Fr Stephen. Please return completed forms to the organiser in London, Anthony Coles.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Laura Martin
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Millie MacDonald
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Anthony Buckley

PARISH PIETY SHOP

First communion cards and gifts now in stock, plus lots of other new items. Take a moment after Mass to look round.

MISSION ART POSTCARDS

Available by Sacred Heart statue 60p each or £2.50 for 5. Proceeds cover costs of art projects.

BILL OF THE MONTH...

Annual insurance of church, presbytery and caretaker's house, and contents of church and presbytery: **£3,331**. This is organised centrally by the diocese to achieve the best rate.

PARISH HISTORY

You will see a display of parish history round the church, thanks to Claire. If you have any items that you might allow to be included, please tell us.

A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;
And thou hast come victorious
With risen body glorious
Who now for ever livest
And life abundant givest!



FINANCE... *Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.*
Last week, Main Collection: £971.07
In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510, 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

Peter is preaching to the people about the risen Christ. He does not shrink from reminding them that they shouted for Barabas to be freed and for the innocent Christ to be killed. After all, God has foretold the suffering of His Son through the prophets. Neither does Peter shrink from telling them what to do next: repent and turn to God so that their sins may be wiped out. This is essentially what Jesus Himself says in today's gospel. The disciples are confused by Christ's resurrection to begin with. He needs to help them understand both by showing His wounds and explaining the teaching of the prophets. Not only that, but in continuing Jesus's command to take bread and break it they find that He is known and present through this great sacrament of the Altar. And then the results of this: the preaching of repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name. Which is what Peter is doing in the first reading.

❖ NEW SERVERS WELCOME! ❖

Anyone who has made their first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is **welcome** to become a server. See *Malcolm Pollard* or the clergy



In Eastertide, we sing the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia!

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia

He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia

Has arisen as he said, alleluia.

Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray...Amen

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- **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. Social event follows
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:** Friday July 20th. THERE WILL BE A BARN DANCE TO FOLLOW. COME AND DOZY-DO WITH EVERY SORT OF CLERGY - BISHOP, PRIEST AND DEACON..!
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22nd October. 7 PLACES AVAILABLE! Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website. See Fr Stephen for a form

FROM CAFOD... Thank you for your support to our **Lent Fast Day** appeal. Donations to **CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government.** We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent **Thank you.**



They knew Him in the breaking of bread...

It is at Mass when we do what Jesus asks us to do, that he comes among us in that unique way, the same way in which the disciples recognised that He was with them. Like He made them, He makes us a community of faith...

ALLELUIA!

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, Cynthia Walton, Ivor Sanders, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, 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: John-Paul Cassidy, Earl Smith, Bernadette Seale, John Wooderson, Madge Carroll, Ann Peat (Newbold), Michael McCarron

ANNIVERSARIES Francis Fletcher, Constance Hessian, Winifred Coward, Mary Lambe, Joy Cully, Leonard Pearson, Hugh Gallagher, Freda Durnien, Thomas Woods, Helen Aspell, Lucinda Celtic, Barty Brennan, Hugh Murray, Beatrice Spooner, Arrack Sawny, James O'Sullivan, James McCormack, Reg Nellthorp, Patrick Feehan, Molly O'Reilly, Rose Pallett, Laurence Ryan, Marie O'Malley, John Hanlon, Thomas Rhodes, Audrey Culligan, John Cooney, Margaret Upham, Patrick Tracey, John Robinson, Theresa Poole, Kenneth Pickett, Michael Reilly, Margaret McFadden, Helena Shanley, Kathleen Lowes, John Kerr, Hilary Evans, Mary Crowe, Rita McConville, Renato Paolone, Vincent Rutter
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- All who were received into the Church this Easter season
- Those who mourn that the joy of the Resurrection may bring hope and comfort
- Peace in Syria and the entire Middle East and for relations between east and west

**Christ is
Risen!
Alleluia!**



**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