



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 5th February 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 5 th FEB <i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Thanksgiving for Exam Results from Grandma for Ellie Tina Frogarty (RIP)
Monday 6 th Feb <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	10.15 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Requiem Mass Exposition	Ellen & Joe Bell (Anniv)
Tuesday 7 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Dec'd of Conboy families (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 8 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Elsie Finn (Mem Mass)
Thursday 9 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 10 th Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Mary O'Connell (RIP)
Saturday 11 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Iris Jackson (Mem Mass)
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 (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 READINGS on p 133

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Pat Jenkins 6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Kris Pears 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Brendon Cunningham

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £962.06

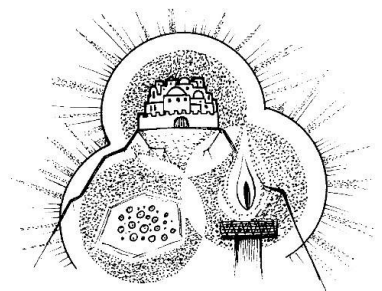
This Week: Second Collection: Pro-Life

Next Sunday: Second Collection: Racial Justice (envelopes mistakenly in wrong order)

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

Sunday's Readings on p133 of the Parish Mass Book...

CHRIST'S DISCIPLES are to have a key part in revealing God's love and plan to the world. Christ calls His people not to secrecy and a hidden faith (except perhaps in times of terrible persecution) but to bear witness. The gospel and its values are meant to change us and the world. Our living by them is not to be hidden but to lead others to God. Note that the glory for any good works we do is for the Father and not us! Christ comes to lead us to the Father, and does that by what He says and does, the light of Gospel truth. Just as the first disciples were called to share in that work so are we. May our words and deeds help the light of the Gospel—that is the light of Christ Himself—be seen in the world today.



February – Month of the Holy Family

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH MOST KIND, BLESS US NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

*** YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS ***

RECENTLY DEPARTED: 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:** Martin Kinsella, Gloria Barnett, Mary Ryan, James Kenney, Andrew Murphy, Ivy Martin, William O'Mahoney, Daniel Whelan, Kevin O'Neill, Edward Clay, Beryl Goodall, Bridget Warrington, Bridget Warburton, William Rutledge, Winnie Williams, Edith Wright, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Valentine Keane, Alice Wilson, Mary Kenney, Catherine Spreckley, Evelyn Ward, Ivy McCarthy, Nora McHale, Mary Dolan, Elizabeth Cridland, Isabelle Lowe, Charles Murphy, Sheila Coogan, Iris Jackson, Lily Carpenter, Peter Widdison, Myra Thomas 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 Wainwright, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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*.

LINDA PROCTOR RIP Please pray for her and her family. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Monday at 10.15am**

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.

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.

100 Club Winners January 2017: 1st: **£20** Terry Farmer 2nd: **£10** Nicola Attridge 3rd: **£8** Oskana Issom 4th: **£7** Narelle Copland 5th: **£5** Katie Keil 6th: **£4** Congratulations to all

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!

MASSES NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET. There is a link from our 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.

AS LONG AS THE BOILER IS WORKING, THE HEATING IS ON – PLEASE KEEP THE HEAT IN..! Please **make sure that all doors are kept shut**. Thank you for doing this: it helps us all be less cold, helps the planet and helps our bank balance. The boiler was repaired again last week –we may be having a heatwave! **Thank you.**

+ 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. All welcome.
Wednesday	STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School.
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00am

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.