



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

+ THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY +



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## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR C

<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPT</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</i>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30 – 5.50p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	Patricia Keating (RIP) Paul & Maureen Norris (Anniv)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ellie (Exam results)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Vincent Lane (RIP)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Kerry (Sick)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Tanja Skendrovic (Anniv)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition ending with Benediction Confession	Brendan Smith (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</i>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	Mary & Cliff Jones (Anniv) Deacon Tony & Sheila Colby (Anniv)

Tea and coffee are available in the Margaret Roper Room after BOTH Sunday Masses  
 Morning and Evening Prayer is said 20 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 pg 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and READINGS on pg 136

*Sunday readings Cycle C, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter week 4*

**READERS: This Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Debbie Middleton 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Geraldine Clarkson  
**Next Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. School Readers 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Brendon Cunningham

**SUNDAY:** Main Collection: £1014.07 **Today: Second Collection:** Catholic Education Service  
**Next Sunday: Second Collection:** Home Mission Day **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort.**

### Sunday's Readings are on page 136 of the Parish Mass Book...

There is no limit to what God will forgive: although all our sin causes God immense sadness he longs to be reconciled with us. But, for this reconciliation and forgiveness to happen one thing is *essential*: we must repent of our sins. In today's Gospel, those who tried very hard to keep God's law are surprised at the company Jesus keeps. They might be jealous, or they might be worried that Jesus's message and authority will be compromised by mixing with such law breakers. But Jesus tells what must be his most famous parable of all, a story of love, repentance and forgiveness. We all know the story; what we need to be reminded of is the bottomless depth of mercy that it shows us in response to our genuine penitence. The sinful but penitent son throws himself at the feet of his father, and is forgiven. Jesus is saying "God the Father loves you more than you can know. He longs to forgive you. Say sorry, have a change of heart and ask Him. You will be forgiven, and He will clasp you to Himself".



**September, month of the Holy Cross**  
**Faithful Cross above all other, one and only noble Tree!**

<p><b>RIP:</b> Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson, Fr Bernard Maddox, Fr Tom Rock, Peter Travers, Nancy Clifford, Mike Hammond  <b>Anniversaries:</b> John Gallacher, Maurice Catlin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Mieczyslaw Kolodyski, Joseph Murray, Albert Bordeleau, Mabel Barnacle, Dorothy Redmond, Winifred Craddock, Franics McInulty, Elizabeth Sharkey, Isabella Quinn, Mary Bannon, John Gallagher, Janet McGawley, Nora Smethurst, James O'Neill, Beryl Armstrong, Henry Swinden, Patricia Morgan, Janet Lavelle and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.  <i><b>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</b></i></p>	
<p><b>SICK &amp; SUFFERING:</b> Peter Brookes, Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil &amp; Margaret Dowson, Pat Jenkins, Barry Hill, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Helen Martin, Peter David, Mary Morris, Harry Davenport, Vera Lee, John Martin, Ron Hamilton, Beatrice Upham, Diane Sharpe, Bill Brennan, Christopher, Ben Green, Felix Rooney, John &amp; Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Kaime Orchard, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Dolores Heffernan, 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 &amp; Kitty Budkiewicz, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell. The victims of the Italian earthquake, persecuted Christians, asylum seekers.  <i><b>Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us</b></i></p>	
<p><b>TODAY is EDUCATION SUNDAY.</b> Please pray for the work of the Church in education, especially our local Catholic Schools, and that that work in providing some of the country's most successful and culturally diverse schools may be supported and encouraged by Government policy. There will be a second collection to support the work of the <b>Catholic Education Service</b>  <b>TODAY</b> sees the celebration of <b>A THOUSAND YEARS OF ST OSBURG</b> and the Catholic faith in Coventry with a special Mass at St Osburg's with Archbishop Bernard at 11.30am. Pray in thanksgiving for St Osburg's lasting influence and for the Church in the city.  <b>TODAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES.</b> Thanks to all who help. See Deacon Leo if you could help too – volunteers warmly welcome</p>	
<p><b>ST ELIZABETH'S TRIPLE CELEBRATION Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm</b> St Elizabeth's Church celebrates the centenary of the church, St Elizabeth's school and 50 years of Good Shepherd School. All ex-parishioners and pupils are invited to attend the Mass with Archbishop Bernard at 3pm on this date - please get in touch: a.harkin1@ntlworld.com or call 024 76688536</p>	
<p><b>SVP MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK – SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> at 12.00 p.m. followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. The lunch is for everyone who is at the Mass, you don't need an invite. Anyone seen by Eucharistic ministers will receive a letter of invite and lifts can be arranged. Please contact Alison Cullinane for more information. Tel: 024 7644 1436</p>	
<p><b>MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY</b> on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 a.m. onwards at 192 Kenpas Highway. All welcome. <i>Claire and Mary</i></p>	
<p><b>A SAINT FOR THE MIDLANDS</b> Three talks and exhibition about <b>Bl John Henry Cardinal Newman</b>. 1<sup>st</sup> October 2pm at Oscott, 14<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at Newman Univ and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2pm at Maryvale Institute. Poster in porch with details of speakers and talks</p>	
<p><b>SOWING THE SEEDS – a course in the Coventry Deanery for all who want to know more about the Catholic faith</b> Are you a <b>parent, teacher, catechist, teaching assistant</b> or simply someone keen to know a bit more and be confident in asking and answering questions? The course will run in Coventry at All Souls, Earlsdon beginning on <b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7-9pm</b>. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you'd like to be part of this.</p>	
<p><b>"THE BALM OF MERCY"</b> a Musical Presentation for the Year of Mercy at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. and at the Albert Hall, Nottingham on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. See poster in porch for more details.</p>	
<p><b>BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL</b> Parents and children in our primary school are invited to Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School's Open Evening on Thu 22 Sept from 6pm to 8pm. The Headteacher will give a presentation at 6pm in the main hall. The school's Open Morning is the following day 9.15 am to 1 am. <b>EXAM RESULTS</b> have this year been excellent. <b>A level and AS level</b> saw a 12% rise in the top grades. 85% of students achieved A*-C grades with a 99% pass rate. 43% of students gained places at prestigious Russell Group universities and a number secured high level apprenticeships. <b>GCSE</b> examination results. 76% achieved 5+ A*-C with 70% of students achieving C or above in both English and Maths. The school is first in the city for 5+ A-G grades.</p>	
<p><b>INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?</b> A group will be formed in the autumn to explore what the Church believes and help you decide and prepare for entering the Church.</p>	
<p><b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS</b> Classes for first Communion and Confirmation will begin later this term. Watch this space for details.</p>	
<p><b>READING IN CHURCH</b> We thank all those who read at Mass. Are there others who would also like to do this? A clear voice and a desire to serve are all that's needed. Please see Kris Pears or one of the clergy if you are interested.</p>	
<p><b>CATHOLIC SINGLES:</b> For further information contact Catholic Singles Tel: 0161 941 3498 or see poster. An organisation that helps single Catholics meet and get to know others <a href="mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk">info@catholicsingles.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>VACANCY</b> St Gregory's Catholic Primary School in Coventry is looking to appoint a new Headteacher. Details can be found on the website:- <a href="http://romeromac.com/vacancies/principal-vacancy-st-gregorys-catholic-primary-school/">http://romeromac.com/vacancies/principal-vacancy-st-gregorys-catholic-primary-school/</a></p>	
<p><b>DO YOU LIKE COOKING?</b> Parishioners at STM have been providing meals to asylum seekers and refugees at Coventry Peace House night shelter since 2012. If you would like to join our team of cooks on a rota basis or for more information please see the notice in the church porch, contact the Justice and Peace group at <a href="mailto:stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com">stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com</a> or call Kevin Duffy on 07812211828</p>	
<p><b>HOME2HOME SUPPORTED LODGINGS</b> Please see leaflets in the porch.</p>	
<p><b>MARKING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018</b> Some big ideas are up for discussion: a Parish Mission n Lent 2018, a Mass with the Archbishop in the summer, a pilgrimage to Rome in the autumn. Smaller events are being suggested too – a parish meal, a trip to Chelsea and the Tower in the footsteps of St Thomas More and a Tudor themed event. Clearly, nothing happens without preparation and support, so we shall need a parish <b>Jubilee Action Group</b> to co-ordinate and plan. Volunteers will be called for in due course... Meanwhile, the initial first impression of what might be done with the glass screen between font and porch is available to look at in the porch. If this happens, St Thomas More would need to move from the porch, perhaps to where Our Lady is now and Our Lady move to the opposite wall where, with shortened pews, there will be much more space to pray at her shrine.</p>	
<p><b>SINGERS AT SIX</b> If you are at the 6.00 p.m. Sunday Mass and like to sing, please do join the singers and sit by the piano to help give a lead. <i>Thank you</i> to all involved in the parish's musical life.</p>	
<p><b>BEING A SERVER...</b> If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at Mass, then please be a server. Boys, girls, young, old, male, female the servers' ministry enhances the worship. Please see Malcolm Pollard or one of the clergy if you'd like to know more.</p>	
<p><b>Weekly Events</b></p>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY:</b> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Welcome and wine in the MRR.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 6.00 p.m. in Chapel and 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EXTEND gentle exercise group:</b> resumes at 10.00 a.m. in MRR <b>from 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> after a short break.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>STEPPING STONES:</b> 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in 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 from one of the clergy *after Sunday Mass*. For baptism of adults and children over 4 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.

**+ TEA AND COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES +**