



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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+ THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY +



St Thomas More, pray for us!

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## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING YEAR C

<b>SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>CHRIST THE KING</i> National Youth Sunday The End of the Holy Year	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 3.00 p.m. onward 4.00 p.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> Confession at St Mary & St Benedict then Vespers at the Closing of the Holy Door Confession <b>Mass</b>	Michael Hammond (RIP)  People of the Parish
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Deceased of Davenport family
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Arthur Thornhill RIP
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov <i>St Andrew Dung-Lee &amp; Companions</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Private Intention
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition, followed by Benediction Confession	Mrs Margaret Stone (Mem Mass)
<b>SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT</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>	Malcolm Shanley (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)  Charlie Cullinane (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 pg 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and READINGS on pg 167

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

**READERS: This Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Leaders from Girlguiding 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Anthony Buckley  
**Next Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Noreen Thornhill 6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Janet Ward

**LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:** £1094.21 **TODAY Second Collection:** National Youth Service

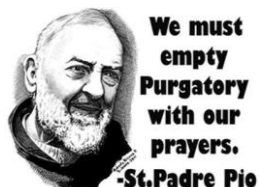
**Retiring Collection NEXT SUNDAY:** St Barnabas Society Appeal **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort**

### Sunday's Readings on p 167 of the Parish Mass Book...

Jesus is often referred to in the Gospels as "the Son of David".

Today's first reading gives one of the reasons why. David is appointed to rule Israel and lead his people—his flock—as a shepherd. He is chosen by God and all the tribes of Israel acclaim him and pledge themselves to him. Jesus comes as a descendant of David, whose mission was to develop that kingdom, rule and shepherding so that all peoples of all times and places can be included. So how paradoxical it is to see our King nailed to a cross, dying a criminal's death, at the mercy of others. But it is on

the cross that Jesus's mission comes to a climax. Here, death and sin are defeated by the perfect sacrifice of the Word made flesh, Jesus. But Jesus was not crucified alone: the two thieves hang each side of him. One reacts with scorn and derision in the face of his suffering, demanding that Jesus use His power (if He really has any) to get them out of this dreadful situation. But the other thief reacts differently. He sees that Jesus is God, and if God is prepared to come to earth and hang in suffering beside us, then he can do nothing except ask for God's forgiveness. And Jesus, as King, does just that and promises him a place in His kingdom. May we have such faith, and gain such reward too.



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio

## November, month of the faithful departed

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

+ PLEASE STAY FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS +

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Margaret Delargey, Hubert Hackett, Pat Hackett, Norah Mary Duffy, Helen Martin, Barry Hill, Rev Francis Andrews  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Baby Joseph Piper, Rose McCormack, Phyllis McDonnell, Francine Barlow, Margaret Nannicini, Michael Mitchell, Karen Magennis, Francis McConville, Eileen Doyle, Mary Thornhill, Annie Dillon, Mary Slattery, Elizabeth Keogan, Eric Tough, Bridget Flanagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Margaret Lamb, Karl Doris, John Ford, Margaret Stone, Sarah Carlin, David Logie, Lauren Preece, Michael Duffy, Dolores Deeley, Edward O'Brien, Lawrence Kelly, Ted Lamb, Jean McAteer, Kath Beard, Tom Daley, James Blackwell, Marjorie Woodward, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, James Higgins, Rita Cartwright, Constance Wakeling, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGInty, Raymond Kinsella and all 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:** Suzanne Martin, Jane Hogan, 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, John Martin, 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, 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 & Kitty Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, persecuted Christians, victims of war and violence, those who have died in war, those who mourn. **Pray also for** young people, the seventeen new cardinals created yesterday, a continuing appreciation of God's mercy.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us*

**TODAY is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING** and is a day on which we **pray especially for young people.** The parish Guiding units will parade and read at 9.00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for them, for all our youth and for God's blessing upon them.

**AT THE END OF 9AM MASS** today Kathleen, of the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, will speak to us about work with Young People. Today's **second collection** is to help support the church's work with **young people.**

**TODAY - THE END OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. 4pm at St Mary & St Benedict's, Raglan Street. Vespers** to mark the end of the Jubilee Year. **Confession** will be available there from **3pm.** The Year of Mercy may end but God's mercy of course does not, and His call to us to be merciful is as loud as ever. Is there anyone I owe an apology to? Is there an apology I've been offered but have ignored? Do I respond mercifully to others' needs? Have I been to confession and received God's gift of mercy personally? Have I taken God's mercy for granted and forgotten how it was won for me on the Cross? Is there someone I deliberately am not merciful towards? **Lord, have mercy!**

**TUESDAY IS ST CECILIA'S DAY** We ask her prayers in thanks for all our parish musicians and singers. May she help us all sing God's praises!

**CARRIERS OF HOPE NEED SOME "PRACTICAL STRONG TYPES" - just for one day.** The Carriers have moved to new and better premises. Racking has arrived at the warehouse and they need a group to put it up. The racking can be heavy and there is potential for injury so it's a job for practical strong types. If you can help, Fri 25th Nov at 10.00 a.m. at Unit 2C Swallowgate Business Park, Holbrook Lane CV6 4BL.

**THE ST BARNABAS SOCIETY** Dr Cyprian Blamires will be speaking at Masses on 27th Nov about its work with converts to the Catholic Church.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The 'Footsteps in Faith Group' will meet next at 7.30pm on Wed 30th Nov in the MRR** to explore what the Catholic Church believes and what being a disciple of Jesus means.

☆☆☆☆☆☆ **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2016 6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.** ☆☆☆☆☆☆  
**WE NEED:** Chocolates, Bottles, Raffle Prizes, Bric-A-Brac, Tombola Prizes. Cakes will be needed on the day. Helpers and ideas welcome. ☆  
 ☆ ☆ ☆ Stalls can be hired at £15 each plus a raffle prize – please contact the school office for details. ☆ ☆ ☆  
**Raffle tickets are NOW available after Mass – please take and sell as many as possible.**

**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP** will meet at 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. on Wednesdays from now onwards. All welcome.

**THE PARISH WEBSITE has been updated and includes the weekly sheet and a lot of other information.** See [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org) for all the latest. And the parish is on **TWITTER** @StThosMore. Please follow this to see news, reflections and information.

♪♪ **JAM 'N' CAKE:** a new initiative that is open to all parishioners. In the new year, we will be offering the chance to learn and practice hymns and songs that have been planned for forthcoming 9 a.m. Sunday Masses. The aim is just singing for fun, increasing confidence and learning new 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, so please consider joining us - all are welcome! More details will follow ♪♪

**DYING WELL** <http://www.artofdyingwell.org/> A Catholic web resource of beautiful stories, prayers and help with dying, death and bereavement.

**PARISH SHOP** Advent Calendars, advent candles, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Miniature Nativity sets, Calendars and diaries.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** Further copies of the report are available at the back of Church with a summary on the reverse. Thanks to all.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017** Last week in May 2017. **If you are interested please speak to Andy Cullinane or Alison or Fr Stephen.** The costs of child pilgrims will be subsidised: the parish has funds specifically for this purpose.

**MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018** A two-week Parish Mission has now been booked for **Lent 2018**, to be led by the Sion Community. Other events: Mass with the Archbishop in the summer, pilgrimage to Rome - autumn, parish meal, trip to Chelsea & the Tower in the footsteps of St Thomas More, Flower Festival and Tudor themed social event. Clearly, nothing happens without planning, we shall need a parish **Jubilee Action Group** to co-ordinate. Volunteers will be called for in due course... Meanwhile, the first artist's impression of the glass screen between font and porch can be seen in the porch. If this happens, St Thomas More will move from the porch, perhaps to where Our Lady is now and Our Lady move to the opposite side of the sanctuary where, with shortened pews, there will be much more space to pray at her shrine. What about the MRR kitchen? The heating? The exterior down pipes? The lighting? The floor? The side chapel? The curtain wall round Knoll Drive and Watercall Avenue? We can't do it all, so what shall we do? **We have much to be thankful for: marking of this anniversary should be joyous and lasting.**

**BEING A SERVER...** If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at 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 **make sure that all doors are shut** now the cold weather is here. **Thanks**

**Weekly Events**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY:</b> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. "Poundland Grand Raffle" in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 1.30 p.m. in Chapel and 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EXTEND gentle exercise group:</b> 10.00 a.m. in MRR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>STEPPING STONES:</b> 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Parents & Toddlers in MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>

**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.