

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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17th June 2018: 11th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p 95 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 17th <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Mr Kalisz (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 18th <i>Solemnity of Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	Mass Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Bernadette Armstrong (Sick)
Tuesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Zafiri Karvelis
Wednesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
Thursday 21st <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	Mass with whole School Mass <i>followed by social</i>	11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Rev Fr Philip Cleary RIP For the Parish
Saturday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30 9.40 — 10.20	Special Ints: Cunningham (Sick)
SUNDAY 24th <i>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Ints of Maureen Pearson Jim Molloy (Anniv)



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ST THOMAS MORE, PRAY FOR US!

Jubilee Flower Festival from Friday

St Thomas More's Day this Friday

This Weekend

- **Second Collection, Day for Life 2018: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking** This year's Day for Life will remember all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the **Day for Life** collection to be held in parishes is used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person. Money collected for Day for Life will be used to fund projects that support work in this area by organisations which further this objective. Your donation is greatly appreciated.
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. *Please stay if you can.*
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00—4.00 in MRR. Book Sale. All welcome.
JAM 'N' CAKE 7.15pm (also 17 July, 11 Sept)
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
MASS 7PM is in thanksgiving for the Mission and for the Gift course. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to talk about what might happen next.
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR
- **Friday:**
ST THOMAS MORE DAY
9.00am FLOWER FESTIVAL OPENS
11.00 WHOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL MASS
7.00pm FESTIVAL MASS The preacher will be **Mgr Timothy Menezes, Vicar-general and former parish priest.** A social afterwards with the opportunity to continue viewing the flowers.
- **Saturday:**
The **FLOWER FESTIVAL** continues. Confession will be in the confessionals in the side chapel this week.

Next Weekend

THE FLOWER FEASTIVAL continues
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST. This feast day replaces the 12th Sunday this year and celebrates the wonder of God's creative call in forming us all in the womb and giving John his unique role in our salvation.
Second Collection: Peter's Pence
Coming Soon...
ST PETER & ST PAUL: DAY OF OBLIGATION
29th June
Vigil Mass 7.00pm and on the day itself Masses

at **9.15** with the whole school and **12 noon.**

THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Fri 20 July 7pm Mass. All priests formerly connected with the parish and deanery clergy will be invited. All parishioners—past and present - are of course invited too. **A Barn Dance follows in the school hall,** and unlike the last one for the Mission there may well not be any snow...

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

21-26 Aug Dublin See www.worldmeeting2018.ie/

ADOREMUS

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

Liverpool 7-9 September. See <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018> Deanery coach going on Sat 8 Sept. Places available, contact Christ the King 76591618

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. Millie MacDonald & Judith Doherty

6.00 p.m. John Burns & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Blaise H-O'S

6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & Louise Poole

FLOWER FESTIVAL HELP

Volunteers are needed to sign up to an hour or two slot of serving tea, coffee and biscuits in the MRR and volunteers also needed to welcome visitors and keep an eye on things while the church is open. There are lists up and Claire Rutter will gladly answer queries.

FLOWER ARRANGING OASIS BLOCKS are available from the flower arrangers' store after Mass Sunday and Monday and 2-4 Tuesday afternoon. 80p a block. **THANK YOU ALL!**
FOOD NEEDED for the shared table Friday

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Friday 20 July at 7pm—Mass with Archbishop Bernard followed by a barn dance and food in the school hall. **Celebrate our 75 years!**

THANK YOU TO SMITH'S NURSERIES of Baginton for the beautiful hanging baskets by the main doors. These are a kind gift in celebration of our jubilee.

SUMMER FETE

We are looking to have raised approximately £3000—final figure to be announced soon. **THANK YOU ALL!**

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

Last week - Main Collection: £1034.95 Standing Orders for May: £674

In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510, 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

The recurring theme in this week's readings is trees. God, in the reading from Ezekiel, speaks of His power and might through the idea of causing new trees to grow from old, the diseased to be healed and the luscious to become dried up. Jesus's parable is a much more famous passage. God's kingdom can be compared to a growing seed: how it grows, how fast it grows and what it grows into we cannot control, or understand, but grow it does. Jesus underlines the silent power of God here. His kingdom cannot be thwarted. Yes, the sinfulness of those both inside and outside the Church can be a real obstacle to its growth. Persecution can do much to harm it, as can the sins of its members. But, regardless, with the slow but sure growth that Jesus compares to a seed, grow and survive it does. How can it be otherwise, for as Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come..."?

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL: Fri 22nd June 7pm. Preacher: the Rt Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes VG, former parish priest of this parish. Social event follows in MRR**
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: Friday July 20th 7PM. Barn Dance follows in the school hall.**
- **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**
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER: Fri 9th Nov at the Village Hotel.**

Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!

FLOWER FESTIVAL

ST THOMAS MORE DAY MASS

THIS FRIDAY-SUNDAY

FRI 22 JUNE: St Thomas More's Day

9am Flower Festival Opens: Prayer Service

11am Mass with the whole School

7.00pm Festival Mass: *preacher, the Rt Rev*

Mgr Timothy Menezes, Vicar-General & former parish priest

Afterwards, shared table social in MRR

SAT 23 JUNE

9am Mass in the side chapel

Festival continues

6pm Church closes

SUN 24 JUNE: St John the Baptist

9am Mass, Festival continues afterwards

until -

5.30pm Confessions

6pm Mass

MOVEMENT AT COMMUNION, 9AM SUNDAY

At the last Eucharistic ministers' meeting, concern was expressed about movement for communion at the rail nearest Our Lady. Things can be cramped so please be careful of steps, pews and other people. Secondly, at 9am we have a way of coming up to the **centre**, in files and ranks from different directions that we don't use at any other Mass. This confuses visitors by its complexity and is unnecessarily time consuming. Time to reconsider? All the comments to Fr Stephen have been in favour of changing to two lines up the middle aisle leading to stationary clergy, as at all other Masses

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS A year has begun in the Archdiocese to pray for the priests we have and to ask God for more. Prayer cards are at the back of church.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Paula Kennedy, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chus-tecki, Mike Perry, Ivor Sanders, Kathleen McMenemy, Eileen Connolly, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Walton, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Martin, Liam Mee, John & Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown ***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!***

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Furey, Fr Michael Jordan, Anne Lovelock, Margaret Kane
ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Matthews, Mimi Bourke, David Riddell, Edward Prior, Michael Rooney, Michael McCormack, Helena Smits, Mary Armstrong, Herbert Vincent, Elizabeth Walls, Fr John Gannon, Donald McKenzie, John Stevens, Michael Ryan, Elizabeth Ferguson, Bernard Dolan, John Purdie, Julie Connoll, Hugh McQuade, Norah Moore, Alan Richards, Mary Miles, Alban Avery, Beryl Turner, Shaun McDaid, Gary Crilly, Peter McGurk, Kath Nerney, Shay Ledwidge, Bridget McCarthy
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- For peace in the world
- Thanksgiving for St Thomas More and for our church and parish, and all its people



Jesus, who gave Himself for you upon the Cross to die, opens to you His Sacred Heart; oh, to that Heart draw nigh!

❖ 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

PARISH WEBSITE

stmcof.org

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

Our God is a God of mercy! 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.

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 100% guarantee you can catch the clergy in church then! Otherwise contact details are on the front of this sheet