

# 1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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## 5th August 2018: 18th Sunday

**Mass p7, readings p114 in Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 5th 18TH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	John Reddan (Anniv) / Terry Wilson (RIP)
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 6th <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Holy Hour of Exposition	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	7.00pm	~
Wednesday 8th <i>St Dominic</i>	No Service		~
Thursday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 10th <i>St Lawrence</i>	No Service		~
Saturday 11th <i>St Clare</i>	Eucharistic Service Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30	~
<b>SUNDAY 12th 19TH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	Mike Hammond (2nd Anniv)
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	People of the Parish

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August, month of the Assumption of Our Lady

*A sign is seen in Heaven, a Mother-Maiden fair*

*Her mantle is the sunlight and stars adorn her hair!*



### This Weekend

- **The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room.  
*Please stay if you can.*

### This Week

- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** No meetings over the summer, Next meeting: 11th September.
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m.** in the chapel.
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR

### Next Weekend

- **The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Coming Soon...

#### **MULTICULTURAL MASS**

**2.30pm NEXT Sunday at St Elizabeth's ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

**Weds 15 August: Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses at 12 noon and 7pm. Our Lady's great summer feast celebrating Her entry into what we hope will be all our final destinations—heaven!

#### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

21-26 Aug Dublin See [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/)

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO**

#### **HARVINGTON HALL, THE SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

Sunday 2 September. Mass at 3pm, confessions from 1.30pm. Tours of the house available before and after Mass.

### **ADOREMUS**

#### **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**

Liverpool 7-9 September. See <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>

#### **JUBILEE YEAR AFTERNOON TEA**

**Saturday 15 Sept**—tickets on sale now.

#### **PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER**

Friday 9 November at the Village Hotel Coventry. Details and tickets available in the autumn.

#### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

**Week Beginning 22 October 2018 6 places are available.** Details are on the parish website 'What's On' page. Booking forms from Fr Stephen. Please return forms to the organiser Anthony Coles, in London

#### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Friday 7th December**—make a note now.

#### **Sunday Readers' Rota**

**This week...**

9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Ernest Hackett

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

**Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Debbie Middleton

6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Anthony Buckley

#### **READERS WANTED**

If you know you have strong voice and are will-

ing to join the readers' rota, please volunteer to one of the clergy or to Kris Pears.

### **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REVIEW**

Archbishop Bernard has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 90121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experience with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant using [Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk](mailto:Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk) or 0207766 7374 or 07872 602207.

### **JUBILEE YEAR ICON CARDS**

There are small **commemorative prayer cards** featuring our own icon by Noreen of St Thomas More, photographed by Debbie. There is the collect for our saint from the Roman Missal on the reverse. The cards are at the back on the bookcases. **Please take one.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Every effort is made to accommodate people's requests for specific dates, but please remember that it will always be possible that someone else has already requested a date first. Please indicate if you are willing to share an intention: that helps a lot (but still can't guarantee, alas).

### **Thank you**

*The summer days are come again;*

*The birds are on the wing;*

*God's praises, in their loving strain,*

*Unconsciously they sing.*

*We know who giveth all the good*

*That doth our cup o'erbrim;*

*For summer joy in field and wood*

*We lift our song to Him.*

Samuel Longfellow

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS WELCOME!**

**Anyone** who has made his or her first communion is welcome to ask!

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** *Not known at time of printing*

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



## The Sunday Readings

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a great promise to us. The crowds have seen the great miracle of Jesus feeding them with just a few loaves and fishes. They want to see more, but can not begin to guess how much more Jesus has to give them. They want to know how to work for God, and Jesus tells them to do that is to believe in Him whom He has sent. So, they wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that he is the one they should believe in. God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. That was a sign to be believed in. So Jesus promises yet more, that He Himself is the Bread of Life, that He is all the food we need to travel not through the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. Whatever Jesus did with the loaves and fishes is pretty small beer compared to that!

### CONFIRMATION: CHILDREN *NOT* IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The celebration of confirmation during the next academic year will be on Saturday 10 November 2018, at 11am. Bishop Kenney will be the celebrant. If you have a child not in a Catholic school who will be in Yr6 next term, and he or she wishes to be confirmed, we shall be collecting details in September.

### ARE YOU AN ADULT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please think about this over the summer. Preparation for any adult wishing to join the Catholic Church will begin in the autumn and offer the opportunity to be received at the Easter Vigil next year. Have a word with Fr Stephen.

### THE PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

There are photographs and videos on the parish website of the Flower Festival and the Mass with the Archbishop (the Mass was recorded and may be viewed from the livestream webcam page). The Archbishop's homily is also on the Archdiocese website—see the 'News and Events' tab and then 'News' to find it from [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/)

*Thanks again to all who worked for these!*

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **AFTERNOON TEA:** Saturday 15th September in MRR at 2.00 p.m  
Tickets in advance only - available now. See Claire Rutter
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hotel.  
*Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!*  
*St Thomas More, pray for us!*

**LORD GOD, WE THANK YOU** for our parish and for all its people. We praise you for the hard work of those now gone before us whose vision has given us what we have today. Bless all who come to this church that they may hear Your Word and live by it, receive Your sacraments and be strengthened by them and find in this place a glimpse of Your love, an experience of Your mercy and a foretaste of heaven. Help us travel faithfully into Your future. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### PRAYERS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Mgr Tim Menezes** has written a book of prayers for various occasions that can be offered during a time of private prayer in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. Copies are available in the Piety Shop at £4.99. The book is published by Alive Publications and may be ordered direct from them.

### WHAT'S ON THE PARISH WEB SITE?

- The parish news sheet appears on the website first, usually on Saturday afternoons
- Masses in the main church over the internet
- Details of forthcoming events
- Mass times
- Photographs and videos of past events
- Information about baptisms and weddings
- Parish groups and Parish history
- What we post on Twitter *Visit [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org)*

## **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Stuart Coley, Mya, Joan Blaney, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, Jack, Phil Sheridan, Paula Kennedy, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, 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:** Jeremiah Joy, Ann Lane, Julie Kunsminska

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sarah Pyle, John Preston, Tom Clinton, George Ostick, Bridget Galvin, Joseph Keane, Teresa Beckett, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Peggy Rowe, Haydon Chivers, Veronica Stevens, Anne Chandley, Evelyn Cassidy, Mary Desmond, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Lily Scott, Joseph Doherty, Michael Higgins, Paul Wright, Antonia Slattery, Kathleen Unsworth, Michael Doyle, Frances Cairns, Winifred Ansell, Kathleen McSweeney, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufof, Donald Rushworth, Caroline Kennedy, Fr Colin Doyle, Brigid Goollogly, James McCarron, Donald Holyland, Mary Jennings, Armando Malfatti, Mary Slattery, Alice Quinn, Rita Bloxham, Agnes Davies, Maurice O'Donoghue, Roger Murray, Kevin Sweeney, Janet Etienne, Betty Hughes, David Nicholls, Elizabeth Watkins, Seamus Walsh, John O'Kane, Gerry Clark, Georgina Taylor, Mike Hammond

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

- For peace in the world
- In thanksgiving for this parish and its church, for all who have and who do worship here, clergy and lay faithful
- An end to racial prejudice

## ***THE DIGITAL AGE...***

### **PARISH WEBCAM**

[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/)  
**PARISH WEBSITE**

**stmcov.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***