

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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18th November 2018

33rd Sunday

Mass p7, readings p157 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 18th <i>33rd SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Dec'd Hussey & Merrick families / Shaun Cleary (Anniv B'day) People of the Parish
Monday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Reception into Church Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Kit Roberts (RIP)
Tuesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	11.00 a.m.	Andrew Murphy RIP
Wednesday 21st <i>Presentation of BVM</i>	Mass Requiem Mass	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Dec'd Davenport & Laughton families / Eamon Fallon RIP All the Departed of the Parish
Thursday 22nd <i>St Cecelia</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Margaret Stone (Mem Mass)
Friday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 24th <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 am 9.30-10.30 9.40—10.20	Theresa Eccles
SUNDAY 25th CHRIST the KING	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charlie Cullinane Mgr T J Gavin RIP

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November, month of The Holy Souls

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

This Weekend

- **The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **The Annual Presentation of Parish Accounts** will take place at the end of Mass during the notices time. There are copies of the accounts available at the back of church. If you have any queries not answered in the presentation, please speak to Fr Stephen or Kris Pears or Tony Curristan.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** available
- **REFRESHMENTS** are offered to all after **both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2p.m. in MRR. Church Shop—Christmas goods. All welcome.
JAM N CAKE in MRR at 7.15 p.m.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
MASS FOR ALL THE DÉPARTED OF THE PARISH, 1943 TO THE PRESENT
Wednesday Nov 21 at 7.00pm. Please come to pray for all those parishioners and clergy gone before us. This is a Mass with music in the main church.
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10 a.m. MRR.
- **Friday & Saturday:**
Lantern making workshops (see below)
Next Weekend
- **Christ the King Sunday National Youth Sunday.** Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be on parade. A day to pray for young people and the Church's ministry to them.
- **Second Collection:** Catholic Youth Services
- **Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Church Parade** at 9.00 a.m. Mass with a Cake Sale afterwards in the MRR.
- **Fruit Orchard**—we will be planting new trees in our *LiveSimply* fruit orchard behind church after the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Millie MacDonald

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Brendon Cunningham

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Guiders

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

Coming Soon

LANTERN ART PROJECT

There will be an **Epiphany Carol Service** this Christmas Season and we are looking to create lanterns large and small, plain or fancy both for

this and to use throughout Christmas. Debbie is holding workshops in the MRR for parishioners/families and are free. Make a simple willow lantern or decorate a 2litre pop bottle lantern. Scope to be more ambitious with larger lanterns to decorate church at Christmas and light the church for Epiphany carol service. (We shall use battery powered LEDs not flames!). **The sessions are 10am-2pm on 23 and 24 Nov in the MRR**
KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT at Christ the King, Friday 23rd Nov, 8.30 p.m.
See poster for details and consider entering.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please consider choosing Christmas gifts that help people in developing countries to help themselves. Catalogues are available in church, shop online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or donate to the retiring collection on **2nd & 16th December**. Parishioners have donated more than £10,000 over the last 10 years to buy CAFOD World Gifts for our virtual village—see the noticeboard in church to see what we've bought. *LiveSimply* in solidarity with people in poverty.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 7 DEC

Friday 7th December—make a note now. Mary Hulme will be co-ordinating this fund-raiser. This year, there will be as part of it a NEW idea, a Parish Craft Stall.

PARISH CRAFT STALL FOR 7 DEC

Please make and donate—there will be craft sessions happening in the MRR. Details on posters in the porch and MRR.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE & TORTURE

Greeting Cards signing with the Justice and Peace Group—we invite parishioners to sign cards for victims of torture and groups that support them. Sessions will be after both Masses on **Sunday 9th December**. Cards will be provided and donations towards postage are welcome.
www.acatuk.org.uk

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers on **Sunday 9 Dec** after both Masses

JUBILEE YEAR FILM NIGHT SAT 15th DEC
There will be a screening of the film ***A Man for all Seasons*** on **Saturday 15th December** in MRR with a fish and chip supper will be available for the interval. The only charge will be the cost of food.

STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH

We hope to revive the parish stay-and-play parent and toddler group, after Christmas. ***Are there volunteers who would like to help?*** Parents stay with their children so this help is not being responsible for unattended toddlers. ***Are there parents keen to bring their children?*** Please see Annemarie Vincent Poole or one of the clergy.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

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

Last week - Main Collection: £977.93

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



The Sunday Readings

Daniel the prophet gives us a glimpse of the end of the world—a great and terrible day.

There will be fear and suffering, and there will be judgement of all people living and dead. One of Jesus's roles was of a prophet and like Daniel He does not 'see into the future' like some fortune teller but rather reveals God's plan. He tells of the end of the world when He will come again—as Daniel saw—and the angels gather in His chosen, amid terrible signs and great distress. If some are chosen, then logically some will not be. When will this happen? Jesus says that only the Father knows. What should we do about it? Repent and believe. The time between now and the end is our time to put ourselves right with God. The end time is not yet here, but Jesus gives us notice of it. There *is* still time—but we must make the most of it!

JOB VACANCY

SCHOOL FINANCE & BUSINESS ADVISER

for the Diocesan Education Service at Don Bosco House, Coleshill. See details at <http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The Church has traditionally kept this month as a special month in which to remember the departed. We pray of course for our own departed family and friends, but please remember to pray for all the departed, especially those who have no-one to pray for them. In this Jubilee Year, there will be a **Mass for all the departed of the parish**, which will also be the annual commemoration of those departed in the previous year. This will be on this **Weds 21 Nov at 7pm**. Please come and pray for all the Holy Souls of this parish, laity and clergy. Refreshments follow

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

HOUSE TO LET: 38 WATERCALL AVE

The old caretaker's house by the church is available to rent. Anyone interested should contact the letting agents, Payne Associates, 20 New Union St, Coventry CV1 2HN. 024 7622 2022

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **MASS FOR ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS: Wed 21 Nov 7.00pm. Pray for all who have died in the parish these past 75 years**
- **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: PARISH FILM NIGHT. Sat 15th December in MRR. Film free, fish & chip supper at cost. Tickets available soon.**

Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!

St Thomas More, pray for us!

MARKING THE JUBILEE IN CHURCH

Videos and photos are available on the parish website to see events again.

CHRISTMAS BAZZAR

**Friday 7 Dec 6-9pm
in the school hall**

Please support this parish fundraiser!

Make something for the parish craft stall—donate a bottle—run a stall—give a nearly new item—come along—buy some raffle

tickets—sell some raffle tickets...

There are boxes in the porch for any items you kindly donate.



TRAIDCRAFT TR AidCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade has been around since 1979, selling Fairtrade

food, household goods and gifts. Like other retailers they have struggled to survive in the current climate. This Christmas may be their last and they are trying to make it their best ever Christmas season. They have a great range of products available, all fairly traded. Please go to www.traidcraftshop.co.uk for Christmas gifts, cards and crafts

PARISH PIETY SHOP

Now in stock: Advent candles, calendars, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Miniature nativities, diaries and art calendars. **Many Christmas gifts!**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, Phil Sheridan, 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, Suzanne Martin, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENT DEPARTED: John McDonnell, Maud Maher, Mgr Paul Watson, Andrew Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: John Brooks, Amelia de Longhi, John Hynes, Mary Birch, Tony Griffin, Paddy Gray, Kathleen Sturman, John Murray, Maureen Winston, Margaret McNaney, Ronald Darby, William Brennan, John Gould, Zygmunt Stanton, 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 Flannagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Margaret Lamb, Karl Doris, John Ford, Margaret Stone, Sarah Carlin, David Logie, Lauren Preece, Michael Duffy, Dolores Deeley, Patricia Pickett, Charles Cullinane ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- The children and young people in Guiding
- In thanksgiving for this parish
- The victims of abuse and the Church's response

NEW ALTAR SERVERS WELCOME!

Anyone who has made his or her first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is **welcome** to become a server.

Please see Malcolm Pollard or the clergy

THE DIGITAL AGE

This parish news sheet is on the parish website, usually from Saturday evening

PARISH WEBSITE stmcov.org

PARISH WEBCAM www.mcnmedia.tv/

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