

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 3rd February 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Mass p7, readings p132 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 3rd FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Emrys Evans (RIP) & Mary Evans & family Marion O'Kane (RIP)
Monday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Special Intentions (Davenport) / Maureen Kelly (RIP)
Tuesday 5th <i>St Agatha</i>	Reception into Church Mass	5.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Jack Byrne (RIP)
Wednesday 6th <i>St Paul Miki</i>	Requiem Mass	12.00 noon	Agnes Keith RIP
Thursday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anniv of Pam, Leo & family
Saturday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Nellie McCann (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 10th FIFTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Jayatunga & Esther Ilangesekera (RIP) People of the Parish



### PARISH CONTACTS



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## February, Month of the Holy Family

*Holy Family of Nazareth,*

*make our families and homes more and more like yours.*

### This Weekend

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.**
- **TODAY IS THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**, that human life in all its rich variety from conception to the grave may be respected and valued.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development Fund
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **THANK YOU** to all our greeters welcoming people as they come to Mass.
- **MARRIAGE CELEBRATION WEEK FEB** As part of this national event, the Archbishop will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass TODAY at 11am in the Cathedral.

### This Week

- **TUESDAY:**  
**THE TUESDAY SOCIETY:** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Fish & Chips.  
**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** at 7.30 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:** Chapel 1.30pm for an hour, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** group 10.00 a.m. in MRR.  
**DEANERY PRAYER GROUP** at Christ the King at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

### Next Week

- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**, year C.  
**JAM 'N' CAKE** Tuesday 12th February.
- **STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH** Would all those who have expressed an interest in helping with this relaunch please attend **a meeting after 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10th Feb.** in the MRR. *Thank you* for your interest.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

#### **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Clive Robinson  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

#### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Marisa Gunn  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Louise Poole

### Coming Soon

#### **Tyrone Association Present: ALLY HARRON AND MARIAN CURRY CHARITY DANCE**

Please see details on poster in the porch. Friday 15th February at Christ the King Club.

#### **BREWERY TOUR: SIGN UP IN PORCH**

A convivial, informal social open to all takes place on **Sat 23rd Feb.** Meet 11.15am at Coventry Station for train to the Ricoh, 15 minute walk to

Byatt's Brewery for a tour that starts at 12.30. Cost £15 includes three pints. Maximum participants 12—sign up on the list in the porch.

### **PARISH FILM NIGHT**

**Saturday 2nd March 6pm** a showing of the epic 'Lawrence of Arabia': see opposite for details

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019** Service at Warwick Road United Reformed Church at 11.00 a.m. All welcome.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

Still a few weeks till Lent..!

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

This year we shall travel as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage travelling as a St Thomas More Parish Group, under the leadership of Fr Stephen Day. Staying at the Hotel Beau Site. Coach to Birmingham Airport, Flight into Lourdes Airport and coach to the hotel. Cost £780. Booking forms available from Fr Stephen or Claire Rutter.

### **SVP NEW MEMBER REQUEST**

The SVP are looking for new members to join the team to help them continue the work within the parish due to some members stepping back. If you have a heart to serve others either by enjoying a cup of tea and a chat or fundraising then this might be just for you. If you would like further information please speak with, Debbie Middleton or Caroline Duignan or phone Alison Cullinane on 02476 441 436.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We are experiencing high demand again at the moment: there are several months' worth of intentions pending. *If you are willing to share your intention with another one, please write 'willing to share' on the envelope*—for obvious reasons this makes it easier to offer your intention sooner. It is simply not possible to guarantee any date absolutely: someone else might have got there first. Demand for Sunday at 9am is especially strong—due to that high demand it is simply impossible to say all the Masses as soon as all donors might wish and we apologise for the wait. **Thank you for your understanding.**

### **NIGHT SHELTER DONATIONS**

A huge thank you for the many donations of clothing already received and enjoyed by the guests at St Osburg Centre. There is a box in the porch.

### **CARRIERS OF HOPE**

Donations of food are needed by this charity that supports refugees, migrants, the newly rehoused, struggling parents and others in need in Coventry.

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Please see list in the porch by MRR.

### **DEACON PAT**

Deacon Pat returned home last week, after some rest at Aston Hall. We wish him good health.

### **CHRIS BURKE RIP**

Please pray for the soul of former parishioner Chris Burke, and for his family at this time

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £975.39

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



## The Sunday Readings

**J**EREMIAH never asked to be a prophet and he had a great many anxieties about speaking out to those who were unwilling to listen. Yet, God had made him for that very purpose, from the beginning of his life in his mother's womb. As God revealed to him in the events described in today's first reading, Jeremiah's part in God's plan will not be thwarted by either Jeremiah's uncertainties or the opposition of other people. Jesus began His ministry on a tide of popularity, but few people like to have their ideas challenged or hear that they need to change. So when Jesus does both those things, those who half know Him in his home town pour scorn on the idea that he could possibly have anything important to say. Yet—like those whose heard Jesus's message 2,000 years ago from His own lips—we need to be constantly challenged to give up our selfishness, resentments, jealousies, indulgent rudeness or whatever, or we shall hinder God's will and ignore the truth spoken by those He has sent to speak to us. And the greatest of those people is of course His only Son.



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 25-31 May 2019

Details opposite: open now for booking

## HEAD TEACHER REQUIRED

We are looking for a head for the parish school. St Thomas More Catholic School seeks a new head in succession to the current Head Teacher who has been appointed to a new post by Teach First.

*Details are on the school website*

**POPE ST JOHN PAUL II ON HUMAN LIFE**  
We must care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to become neighbours to everyone, and to show special favour to those who are poorest, most alone and most in need. In helping the hungry, the thirsty, the foreigner, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned—as well as the child in the womb and the old person who is suffering or near death, we have the opportunity to serve Jesus. He himself said: 'As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me' Hence we cannot but feel called to account and judged by the ever relevant words of Saint John Chrysostom: 'Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not neglect it when you find it naked. Do not do it homage here in the church with silk fabrics only to neglect it outside where it suffers cold and nakedness'.

Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good. We need then to show care for all life and for the life of everyone. Indeed, at an even deeper level, we need to go to the very roots of life and love.

From *Evangelium Vitae* 25 March 1995

## PARISH FILM NIGHT LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

6pm (not 7pm) 2 MARCH MRR

starring Peter O'Toole and directed by David Lean. Big story, big scenery, big score, big action! We hope to show something in late Lent on the Passion and Resurrection. Details soon. Meanwhile, sign up for a night with TE Lawrence, an enigmatic leader who found himself in the desert



and struggled without it. The list is in the porch: the cost of **£4.00** is for the food—fish (or pie) and chips. Tea and coffee provided, please bring anything else you might like to drink.

## KEEPING WARM, SAVING MONEY & LIVING SIMPLY IN CHURCH

Please keep the church doors shut and please turn off all lights once you or your group have finished in church or the MRR. *It costs about £50 a week to heat the church—and that's for only two Sunday Masses, Wednesday Mass with the school and any funeral or baptism..!*

**TO KEEP WHAT HEAT WE HAVE IN, AND TO KEEP THE COLD OUT...**

**PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS BEHIND YOU**

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

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Marie Harrison, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, , Kathleen McMenemy, Eileen Connolly, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, 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!***

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Chris Burke, Frank Meadowcroft, Agnes Keith, Ivor Sanders, Fr Eugene Nee, Karen Walton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Moore, James Dempsey, Maureen McQuade, Nora McHale, John Keegan, John Ford, Margaret Jenkins, Teresa McLoughlin, Kenneth Baimbridge, Martin Kinsella, Gloria Barnett, William O'Mahoney, Daniel Whelan, Sean Gallagher, Kevin O'Neill, Bridget Warrington, Bridget Warburton, William Rutledge, Winnie Williams, Edith Wright, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Valentine Keane, Alice Wilson, Mary Kenney, Evelyn Ward, Ivy McCarthy

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

- Our nation and its politicians, that at this difficult time over leaving the EU, the Holy Spirit pours out His gift of wisdom
- For respect for human life

## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS ALWAYS 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**

### **PARISH NEWS**

**This news sheet!** On paper and on the website

**Website:** [stmco.v.org](http://stmco.v.org) **Twitter:** @StThosMore

### **DEANERY NEWS**

**Website:** [coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/](http://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/)

### **ARCHDIOCESE NEWS**

**Website:** [birminghamdiocese.org.uk/](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/)

**Twitter:** @RCBirmingham

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## **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***