

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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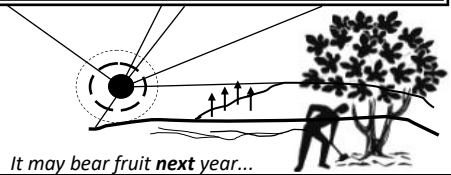


**24th March 2019**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Mass p7, readings p160 in the Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*



*It may bear fruit next year...*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 24th</b> <b>THIRD OF LENT</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>	Patrick Kenny (2nd Anniv)  Mary O'Grady
Monday 25th <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Bridie Farrell (RIP)
Tuesday 26th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Maureen Middleton (RIP)
Wednesday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The Walsh family
Thursday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass <i>followed by breakfast</i> Mass <i>then Stations of the Cross</i>	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Dec'd of O'Reilly family Noel Hamelton (RIP)
Saturday 30th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Terry Brooks (B'day Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 31st</b> <b>FOURTH OF LENT</b> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	John Wooderson (Anniv) / Peter, Sian & Aaron Hughes (Anniv) People of the Parish



## PARISH CONTACTS



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## MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

*O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.*

## This Weekend

- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room

## This Week

- **TUESDAY:**  
**THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2—4.p.m.** Quiz in MRR. All welcome.
- **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm** for an hour, then tea and discussion in the MRR  
**LECTIO DIVINA 7.30pm in the MRR.** This is a prayerful reflecting on Scripture, using the Lenten Sunday Gospels.
- **THURSDAY:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m.** in MRR.
- **FRIDAY:**  
**BREAKFAST** follows 7.00 a.m. Mass
- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mothering Sunday

## Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Pat Jenkins  
6.00 p.m. John Burns & Brendon Cunningham

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

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Kris Pears  
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

## Coming Soon

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT**

These will be offered at a different time each week to try be as helpful as possible to those wishing to attend. See the front of this sheet.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT MASS TIME**

The regular Tuesday evening Mass will be at **6.30pm**. This is due to the popularity of Tuesday evening for all manner of other events (and Tuesday morning is when Fr Stephen says Mass at Bishop Ullathorne School). Obviously, while Mass is being said, nothing else connected with the parish should be going on in church or MRR.

**FRIDAY ROSARY: OUR LADY OF COVENTRY**  
**Every Friday in Lent at 1.40 pm** the rosary is offered by the statue of Our Lady of Coventry, in the Priory Gardens, Broadgate. All welcome!

### **LENT EVENTS—SEE PURPLE LEAFLET**

Details of Lent in the parish: see the purple leaflet.

### **SCHOOL PTFA QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 29 March 6.00pm in school hall.**

Teams of up to six, £5 a head covers fish and chips. Bar available. Includes a children's round.

### **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

for Mothering Sunday at **Coventry Cathedral Sunday 31st March 2019 at 4.00 p.m.** £3 with refreshments. See poster in porch.

### **PARISH FILM NIGHT**

For the Lenten season we present 'Risen' on **Sat 6**

**April at 7pm** (see opposite). There will also be a short film on LiveSimply' before the main feature.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

The children currently being prepared in the school and in the parish receive their first communions on the morning of **Saturday 18 May**  
**ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE**

We plan a celebratory barn dance after an evening Mass. Make a note now!

### **SVP REQUEST: CHILDREN'S CLOTHES**

The SVP seek donations of second hand clothes 2-3 year old girl clothes and boys/young man clothes aged 14-18. This is for a refugee family from Syria with 5 children that the SVP have supported in the past. Please put all donations in the box in the foyer marked SVP. **Thank you.**

### **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.

### **PIETY SHOP**

Now in stock—Mother's Day cards, Easter Cards, Communion cards and gifts. Come to have a look!

### **STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH**

If you want to help with a relaunched stay and play group, please fill in a slip from the porch with your details and when you're free to help. Return it to one of the clergy or Annemarie Vincent Poole.

### **CATHOLICS IN HOSPITAL**

Please remember that priests are **NOT** automatically told about parishioners in hospital, due to patient confidentiality and data protection laws. At UHCW the full-time chaplain Fr Paul Burch is available five days a week (other times covered by local priests). He is supported by religious sisters and lay eucharistic ministers. Tell staff you want to see him, and tell your parish priest if you want him to know too. **It is very unlikely that any priest will know about your needs unless you or relatives or friends make contact.**

### **FORTHCOMING FUNERALS**

Please pray for the families and souls of -  
**Cecil Dowson** Requiem Mass Mon 8 April 12 noon  
**Maria Harrison** Funeral Service Wed 10 April 10am at Canley Crem.

### **EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS REQUIRED AT BISHOP ULLATHORNE**

from May to June on a casual basis. Please contact by email: s.green@bishopullathorne.co.uk or Tel: 024 76414515

### **SVP—SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Meeting Weds 27 March 7pm in the JP2 room. *All welcome!* We need more members to develop our work. There will be info sheets about the sale and blessing of plants, mentioned last week, out soon. Please do consider joining the SVP—the commitment is as great or small as you wish.

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

**Last week - Main:** £961.85 **CAFOD:** £1718.00 including Soup Lunch

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



## The Sunday Readings

**G**OD has heard the cry of his exiled people and has chosen Moses to lead them to freedom. The miraculous burning bush would certainly have grabbed Moses' attention, but it is the task God has chosen him for that is most important. Jesus talks about suffering: it was common then to explain suffering as punishment for sin: *bad things* simply did not happen to *good people*. In reality, God does not want to punish anyone and He lovingly gives us all a second chance—as Jesus explains in his parable about the unfruitful tree being spared for another year. In Jesus, God has heard the cry of his people. He comes to lead us back to a perfect relationship with the Father and to bring us back from the exile of sin and death. This He does through suffering on the cross as the sinless One sacrificed for us. Yes, bad things do happen to good people, but through the death of Jesus (the worst thing happening to the perfect One) comes the best things even for the worst of people, if they turn to Him. And those best things are God's love and mercy.

### PARISH FILM NIGHT 6th April 7pm

**RISEN** starring Joseph Fiennes. (Rating 12) A Roman tribune is sent to investigate the disappearance of the Body of Jesus, and is caught up in mysterious events... (2016) Fish and chips or pie and chips will be available as usual, with tea and coffee. Bring anything else you fancy to drink along with you. Sign up in the porch.

### THANK YOU

To the hard-working volunteers who installed bollards on Friday to protect our grass from damage. Much better than cones! **Thank you**

### LENTEEN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Thank you to Claire and Annemarie for the creation of a place near St Thomas More's icon where prayer intentions may be left. We may all pray for these as part of our Lenten devotions as together we keep this holy season. **Thank you**

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

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

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### Palm Sunday

Mass, Blessing of Palms & Procession **9.00am**

Mass & Blessing of Palms **6.00pm**

### Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper **7.00pm**

### Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion **3.00pm**

Stations of the Cross **7.00pm**

### Holy Saturday

Vigil and First Mass of Easter **8.30pm**

### Easter Day

Mass **9.00am** Mass **11.00am**

**No Mass at 6.00pm on Easter Day**

More details nearer the time

### GIVING ENVELOPES

We are awaiting delivery of the 2019-20 Giving Envelopes. They are overdue and should be arriving at any moment. If you would like a set of boxes or, if a taxpayer, would like to sign up for Gift Aid (whereby the taxman adds 25% to your giving at no cost to you) please speak to Tony Curristan whose details are on the front of this sheet. **Thank you** for supporting your parish.

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PIGRIMAGE

**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. 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 Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen



**Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us!**

### LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH

Donate your unwanted spectacles to Vision Aid - there are collection boxes at Specsavers or Clarks Opticians on Daventry Road. Take your used batteries for recycling to Boots on Daventry Road. (There are battery recycling boxes at supermarkets too).



**EMERGENCY  
Cyclone Idai Appeal**  
[cafod.org.uk/cycloneidai](http://cafod.org.uk/cycloneidai)  
**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development  
Pray for the victims of cyclone Idai and all who are trying to help. **There will be a retiring collection for this appeal next week.**

## For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, 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, Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazan, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown and all those who are ill.

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

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Cecil Dowson, Maria Harrison, Kathleen Gaught, Harry Davenport, Mary (Molly) McKenzie

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Byrne, William Byatt, Margaret Boyle, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kenny, Mgr Frank Gallagher, Georgina Kelly, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Nora Brennan, Brian Kavanagh, Bridie Williams, Philip Maguire, Dora Merry, Ellen Craig, May Falconer, Peter Stockman, Beatrice & Roger Jackson, Eileen McCann, Kevin Bills, Kitty Ryan, John Griffin, Frank Philips, Philomena McKenna, Donal Warburton, Caroline Kelly, Joyce Ellis, Pat Kenny, Johanna O'Connell, Mary Healey, Walter Roche, Ronald Stokes

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

- Our nation at this difficult time that the Holy Spirit may guide our leaders and parliament
- For a good keeping of Lent
- For the work of CAFOD and for the victims of the African cyclone Idai and all aid efforts
- For peace in the world and in our hearts
- For all affected by acts of terrorism

## 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:** [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.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

Sign up for an email newsletter from the diocese website and the diocesan magazine **The Sower** is available in print and online

## 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**