

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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14th April 2019: HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Mass p7, readings p184 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 14th PALM SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Anne Collins (Sick)
Monday 15th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Nora O'Keefe (RIP)
Tuesday 16th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	John Lynskey (Anniv)
Wednesday 17th <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	Mass Penitential Service	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
Thursday 18th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Mass of the Lord's Supper, footwashing & watch	7.00 p.m.	Tony Leigh (Anniv)
Friday 19th <i>Good Friday</i>	Good Friday Liturgy Stations of the Cross	3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	~
Saturday 20th <i>Holy Saturday</i>			
<i>Easter Eve</i>	Sung Vigil Mass	8.30 p.m.	Charlie Addison (RIP)
SUNDAY 21st EASTER SUNDAY	Sung Mass Mass (NO MASS AT 6PM)	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Joseph & Margaret Hussey (Anniv)/ Helena Shanley (6th Anniv) People of the Parish

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HOLY



WEEK

This Weekend

- **PALM SUNDAY: 9am Mass** will begin with the Blessing and Procession of Palms, starting by the shrine of Our Lady in the car park (if dry, otherwise in church). **6pm Mass** will begin with the blessing of palms inside church.
Please take a Palm as you enter church and hold it up to be blessed at the appropriate moment. The **9am Mass** will begin with the Procession starting from Our Lady's Shrine in the car park.
The congregation should, in the reading of the Passion, take the part of the crowd.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development
- **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: For the Holy Places**, the upkeep of the Christian holy sites in Palestine and Israel. These employ many Christian Arabs who are by far the minority group in both Palestine and Israel and often live under great hardship.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room **This Week**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER Maundy Thursday

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

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion **3.00pm**

Stations of the Cross **6.00pm**

Holy Saturday: Easter Eve

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

*Followed by refreshments
in the Margaret Roper Room*

Easter Day

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

No Mass at 6.00pm on Easter Day

- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: No Meeting for the holidays. **Next Meeting: 2nd May 2019**
LIFE IN SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday **7.30** in MRR
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel **1.30pm**, then tea and discussion in the MRR
LENTE PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 7.00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
Next Week

EASTER MASSES:

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 8.30pm

SUNDAY Masses at 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

(NO 6.00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Blaise H-O'Sullivan
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Millie MacDonald

11.00 a.m. TBC **No 6pm Mass on Easter Day**

Coming Soon

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!

LENTE 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**

SVP FUNDRAISER

Please put completed intention forms along with the money for the plant in an envelope. The envelopes will be collected after 9am and 6 pm masses until and including the 14th April.

SVP - BACON SANDWICHES

will be served after **9.00am Mass on Sunday 28th April**. All donations given will be used for continuing work of the SVP. **All welcome.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

28TH APRIL 2019

At St Mary & St Benedict's RC Church at 2.00 p.m.

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**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Saturday 25th May– Friday 31st. Places now very limited. Contact Claire Rutter if you want to go.

ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE

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

NIGHT SHELTER DONATIONS: NOT TILL OCT

A huge thank you for the many donations of clothing given to the night shelter. The night shelter is now closed until next winter. Donations again then

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

Easter Cards, Communion cards and gifts.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVING REHEARSALS-SERVERS AND PARENTS

There will practices for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the morning of each day at 10.00am Please serve at these important liturgies and please come to the rehearsals if at all possible—things are slightly different in Holy Week

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL

Mary Webster Funeral Mass 11am 26 April (reception 6pm 25 April). Please pray for her and her family. May she rest in peace.

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

Last week - Main: £1049.10

Standing Orders for March: £521.33

In 2018 it cost £1,669 a week to run the parish. (2017 £1,503 2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

Jesus, suffering insult, pain and death allows himself to be the suffering servant of Isaiah's prophecy. As the story of His Passion unfolds before us, beginning with His entry into Jerusalem, we are shown again the overwhelming generosity of God's love for us, displayed in the face of appalling cruelty and injustice. This week's story is one, from entering Jerusalem to the Resurrection, From the Cross, Jesus opens His arms to embrace all the world as He offers mercy and forgiveness to those who turn to Him. Jesus makes plain His love for us; how are we going to show our love for Him?

*My song is love unknown,
My saviour's love for me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.*

O who am I, that for my sake

My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

No one can know the full depth of God's love for it is so great, and yet it is a love for **me, for you**. How many times am I without love as I fail to love God above all things and my neighbours as myself? Yet God's love seeks to transform us. And yes, who am I that God should come to earth and die for **me**? He came to share our flesh and our death, so that we might share His glory and His everlasting life! Christ's love can indeed make the loveless lovely! Let us bear witness to that Love by allowing Him to make us lovely—and those around us, sinners as we all are—and in God's sight there can be nothing more lovely than the repentant sinner washed clean in His mercy. The loveless sinner made lovely by Love, in fact.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Ready for collection from the back of church. If your envelopes aren't there or if you'd like to start having envelopes please see Tony Curristan, contact details on the front of this sheet. **Thank you to all who give to support the parish. We couldn't pay the bills without your contributions.**

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE WED 17 APRIL 7PM

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!***

MAUNDY THURSDAY

FOOTWASHING: Volunteers, male or female, are needed to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday night. Please sign up on the list at the back of church.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Please be present to be commissioned for this ministry.

THE WATCH BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Please spend at least a moment silently adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament before leaving the darkened church, or come back—the Watch ends at midnight.

SERVERS (AND PARENTS)

There will be a **servicing rehearsal** on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 10am** for each of the day's liturgies. Please serve during this week, Holy Week, the Week of Weeks, if you can.

GOOD FRIDAY: CITY CENTRE

Ecumenical Service: Methodist Central Hall 1000am
Walk of Witness from Dresden Place 1045am
Open Air Service: Shelton Square 1100am

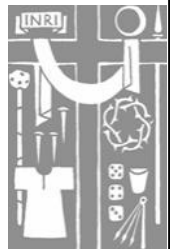
HAIL HOLY CROSS, OUR ONLY HOPE!

PALMS lifted up, 'Hosanna!' all the people cry
But on the cross and raised between the earth and sky

Is Jesus, since they shout out nothing now but 'Crucify!'.

It is our sins that raise Him high, the blessed Lord, condemned to die.

'Have Mercy' now should be our cry, as Risen Lord, to you we fly,
Raised up by Love, O living Lord, grant us no more in death to lie.



For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maisie Reddan, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Crystal Matovu, Andy Chustecki, 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 Bazen, 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: Mary Webster, Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin, Hilda Ainsworth, Cecil Dowson, Maria Harrison, Kathleen Gaught, Harry Davenport

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael McQuade, Derrick Corner, Theresa Brooks, Anne McNulty, Mary Lambe, Leonard Pearson, Thomas Woods, Helen Aspel, Lucinda Celtic, Barty Brennan, Hugh Murray, Beatrice Spooner, Tony Leigh, Arrack Sawmy, Rose Pallett, Marie O'Malley, John Hanlon, Thomas Rhodes, Audrey Culligan, Maisie Taylor, John Cooney, Margaret Upham, Patrick Tracey, John Robinson, Theresa Poole, Kenneth Pickett, Margaret McFadden, Helena Shanley
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

Faithful Cross, above all other,
One and only noble Tree.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee



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: stmcoiv.org **Twitter:** @StThosMore

DEANERY NEWS

Website: coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/
ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: 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