

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 12th May 2019: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass p7, readings p268 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 12th</b> 4th of EASTER <i>Vocations Sunday</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	People of the Parish Martin Ward (Anniv)
Monday 13th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Joanna MacKinnon (RIP) / Mary Webster (RIP)
Tuesday 14th <i>St Matthias</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Ints of J & J Twohig
Wednesday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Tony Leigh
Thursday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Margaret McGrath (Sick)
Saturday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass & First Communion Mass & First Communion	10.00 a.m. 12 noon.	The First Communicants Private Intention
<b>SUNDAY 19th</b> 5th of EASTER	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	50th Wedding Anniv of Madeleine & Tony Pallet: Thanksgiving People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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## May: Month of Mary



*Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

## This Sunday

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER: Vocations Sunday.** As we listen to the Gospel today and hear Jesus call Himself the Good Shepherd, pray that we may all hear answer the call He gives to us, that is our vocation. Whether called to the priesthood, the diaconate, to marriage, to the religious life it is the call of the Good Shepherd through which we become the holy people He wants us to be.
- **GREETERS:** There are meeting after *both Sunday Masses* for those involved in this ministry. Please meet in the side chapel.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Clergy Training Fund
- **CARRIERS OF HOPE:** We are *Donor of the month* for Carriers Of Hope when we make an special effort to donate items to help those in need in the Coventry area. Please use boxes in the church porch **TODAY** if you can help provide the items below. More details in the porch.  
**Needed:** *Nappies; baby milk; baby/child and adult clothes (new or used); Toys (in good condition); potatoes; pasta; basmati rice; tinned tomatoes; toiletries; household cleaning products; household linen (towels, bedding etc); kitchen equipment (cutlery, pans); recyclable carrier bags; supermarket gift cards. Thank you.* The Carriers of Hope donation box is available every Sunday for these items
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room **This Week**
- **TUESDAY:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m.** in the MRR. All welcome.  
**JAM 'n' CAKE** An opportunity to sing and learn songs from the Parish Song Book. 7.30pm MRR
- **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:** Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR  
**CAFOD CAMPAIGN LAUNCH: OUR COMMON HOME.** CAFOD's latest project to care for our common home and address the issues of climate change will be launched for Coventry and surrounding area at **Christ the King Church Wed 15th May with a Creation Mass at 18:30** and input from the campaigns team in the library afterwards, whilst we share a light supper and talk about what part we each can play. CAFOD reps from nearby parishes and other interested parties will stimulate varied discussion and ideas. There will be an opportunity to sign the petition to government to achieve Net Zero emissions. We plan to finish by 20:30. **Copies of Pope Francis's encyclical about this subject *Laudato Si* are available in the piety shop.**
- **THURSDAY:**  
**MOVE IT OR LOSE IT (EXTEND)** 10.00 a.m.

in MRR. All welcome. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

## • **SATURDAY:**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

The children in the parish and from school receive their first communions today: please pray for them and for their families, that through the grace of the Blessed Sacrament they may grow in faith as followers of Jesus.

### Next Week

## • **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Marisa Gunn

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

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

9.00 a.m. Jude Doherty & Noreen Thornhill

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Andrew Colby

### Coming Soon

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

#### *Saturday 25th May– Friday 31st.*

Pilgrims will be receiving information direct from Tangney Tours. There will be a coach running from the church to the airport and all details will be announced next week. Any questions? - please speak to Fr Stephen or Claire Rutter. The box for intentions to be taken to Lourdes is by Our Lady's statue for the next ten days. The intentions are left unopened at the Shrine: do **not** include money!

### **ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE**

**Evening Mass of our patron saint followed by a barn dance.** At this Mass we shall celebrate and thank God for **25 years of Deacon Pat's ministry** as he officially retires. This does not end his ministry of course but rather begins a well-deserved stepping down from its responsibilities.

### **PIETY SHOP**

Please come and have a look - Communion cards and gifts and much else besides, plus friendly staff always happy to help!

### **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.

### **38 WATERCALL AVENUE**

It now seems that new tenants for the old caretaker's house will be moving in towards the end of May. The time without a tenant and some necessary decorating work to make it attractive (done on the agent's advice) mean that the parish has paid bills and lost rental income totalling about £6,000. An empty property does nothing to help solve the problems of those needing a home and does nothing for the solvency of the parish either.

### **GIVING ENVELOPES**

Ready for collection from church porch. 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.**

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £1055.30

**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's call is to his sheep, and they hear him and know him. Like any Good Shepherd, Jesus looks after his sheep and is constantly with them, calling, guiding, helping.

That call of "Follow me!" which ended last week's gospel, is possible because of the Resurrection, as the living Christ speaks to his people of every place and age. We have a relationship with him, and no relationship can work if there is no communication. Indeed, stopping talking to someone is generally taken to mean we *don't* want a relationship with them! So Christ calls, not simply to priesthood but to holiness through knowing him. That path of holiness means for some, ordination. For others, the missions or marriage or the religious life or the single life or fostering or friendship or youth work or the caring professions or... Christ calls, we must follow and we must listen! As the Good Shepherd, He can never desert us: if He refused to run away from the Cross and not die for us, how can He can He not be leading and guiding us now?



### GREETERS AT SUNDAY MASSES MEETINGS TODAY

**9.00am** Thank you to all our greeters. There will be a meeting in the chapel **today** after 9am Mass : there is information to share and some new ideas to discuss.

**6.00pm** We hope to extend the welcome ministry to 6pm Mass. There will be a meeting after 6pm Mass **today** for those who would like to help.

### DIOCESAN UBI CARITAS AWARD

We are pleased to announce that, in recognition of all their years of organising pilgrimages to Lourdes, **Andy** and **Alison Cullinane** are to receive the diocesan *Ubi Caritas* award. This is a great honour. The actual presentation is yet to be arranged since it is usually given by one of our bishops or the Vicar General. **We congratulate Andy and Alison!**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**In Eastertide**, after Sunday Mass we sing the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia!**

**Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!**

**Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!**

**Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!**



[ *Translation:* Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia

He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia  
Has arisen as he said, alleluia.

Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]

**V.** Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

**R.** For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia. Let us pray... **Amen**

### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

'When the Lord awakens a vocation, He thinks not only of what you already are, but of what you will one day be, in His company and in that of others'.  
*Pope Francis*

**Today, Good Shepherd Sunday**, is the annual day of prayer for vocations. The Good Shepherd calls us all, without exception, to live a life of holiness first of all and then to do that in a particular way. That may be as a married person or as a member of a religious order or as a deacon or priest or as single person. That call may be to a particular service in the Church or not, but if we do what we do with holiness then we stay close to Jesus. The world needs all sorts of jobs and professions: may they all be done with holiness, love and care.

### From the diocesan vocations prayer:

*Send your Holy Spirit upon me to guide me in my own vocation. Enlighten my mind to show what you want of me; fill my heart with determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NEWS

We are now officially a **FairTrade church**: please use tea, coffee, sugar and so on that is fairly traded. It carries the **FairTrade** mark on the packet. The **LiveSimply** assessment takes place on Mon 20 May when we shall be 'inspected' to see how we are meeting the **LiveSimply** goals. See Kevin Duffy to become involved.

## For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Maisie Reddan, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, 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:** Vera Chantrill, Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry, Mary Webster, Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas McGee, Sarah Gillespie, Margaret Hills, Maria Rodrigo, Harold Poole, Lilian Brennan, Charlie Edwards, Michael Ruddy, Jeannie Mead, Winona Chattaway, Mary Ford, Thomas Bird, Michael Barnett, Bill Thompson, Martin Ward, George Conway, James Fawcett, Elizabeth Freeman, Hazel James **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka, victims of the bombings and all persecuted Christians
- The children of the parish preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time
- That we may all hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him boldly in the vocation He calls us to live.

# ALLELUIA!

## 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:** [stmcof.org](http://stmcof.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/)  
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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**