

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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22nd & 29th December 2019
4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas
Two week double edition: next sheet on 5th January
Mass on p7, readings in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system

**A Happy
and
Blessed
Christmas
to you all!**



*From
Fr Stephen
and
all at the
Presbytery,
Deacon Leo
and
Deacon Pat*

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Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

ADVENT 2019



THIS SUNDAY

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- **YEAR OF THE WORD:** See www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS** available after *both* Sunday Masses.

THIS WEEK

There are some changes to the regular routine over Christmas and New Year. All the details are on this sheet! See below and the table opposite for full details.

TUESDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** Restarts 14th Jan
- **Tuesday Society** Next meeting 14th Jan

WEDNESDAY

- **CHRISTMAS DAY.** Mass times opposite
- **Prayer Group** Restarts 8th Jan

THURSDAY

- **St Stephen's Day**, first martyr and patron saint of altar servers. All our servers are invited to serve at this Mass and stay afterwards for refreshments as we thank them for their ministry. New altar servers are always welcome to join—please see one of the clergy or Malcolm Pollard
- **Move It or Lose It** Restarts 9th Jan

NEXT WEEKEND

The Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week 22 Dec...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Blaise H-O; Sullivan

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Bren Cunningham

Next Week 29 Dec...

9.00 a.m. Niamh Walsh & Judy Freeman

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

Following week 5 Jan...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Maureen Porter

6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

COMING SOON

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday 1st January. Mass at 11am followed by mulled wine and refreshment in the MRR. Come and commend 2020 to God's blessing and the intercession of Our Lady.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 5th January, Masses at 9am and 6pm as usual.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday 14 January 7.30pm South Coventry Churches Prayer Service at Quinton Park Baptist.

Sunday 19 January 2.00pm a service in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral.

THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

Around the feast of the Annunciation next year on 29 March, England will be rededicated to its ancient title of *The Dowry of Mary* at events across the country. This initiative of the Church comes from the national **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. There will be much preparation. We shall begin by saying, as many parishes already do, the Angelus before every Mass. See <http://dowrytour.org.uk/> and <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/home> 'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England' Pope Leo XIII

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

Please see poster in the porch.

CARDS FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Thank you to all who signed the cards. We sent 62 cards and the full cost of postage was covered by donations with a small surplus of £22.00 which has been forwarded to ACAT themselves.

IF YOU ARE AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS...

May you travel safely, enjoy the feast and the Infant Christ bless you wherever you are.

BRIDE LAWLER RIP

Please pray for the soul of Bridie, who died suddenly last week, for her family and friends. She was a faithful parishioner and had been present at the SVP lunch, active to the last.

THANK YOU!

...To so many of you for your kind Christmas Greetings, cards, gifts and offering. God bless you!
...To all those who work so hard to keep the church looking good and our worship dignified. Cleaners, servers, readers, musicians, flower arrangers, setters up, putters away—so much effort is made by so many people. Thank you all.

COME LORD JESUS, DO NOT DELAY!

COVENTRY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

This provides shelter for homeless men and women in the city, thanks to the voluntary efforts of many, including parishioners here. Among the churches providing venues are All Souls on Monday nights and St Osburg's on Wednesday nights. If you can spare cooking time or a few basic items, please do!

CATHOLICS IN WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL



Fr Sunday, based at St Osburg's, is now the full time Catholic chaplain at UHCW. Staff will contact the hospital Faith Centre at request for patients who ask. Please make your needs known.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £942.53 CAFOD World gifts: £405.44

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS :22nd December 2019—5th January 2020

SUNDAY 22nd <i>4th of Advent</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	Pg 90	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Maureen Price (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 23rd <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass		9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Paisley Grace & Jodie
Tuesday 24th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass		9.00 a.m.	Gerry Joy (RIP)
WEDNESDAY 25th <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	Family Vigil Mass p95 Carol Service		5.00 p.m. 11.30 p.m.	Patrick McClean (Anniv)
	Midnight Mass Pg 98 Sung Mass Pg 103		12.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Frank Roberts (Mem Mass) Mgr T J Gavin (Anniv)
Thursday 26th <i>St Stephen</i>	Mass		11.00 a.m.	Altar Servers
Friday 27th <i>St John</i>	~		~	~
Saturday 28th <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Mass <i>No confession or Holy Hour today</i>		10.00 a.m.	Jean Davenport (Anniv) / Karen Pattinson (Sick)
SUNDAY 29th <i>The Holy Family</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass		9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Eileen Mannion (B'day) Brian Jordan (RIP)
Monday 30th <i>6th day of Octave</i>	Mass		9.00 a.m.	Natalie & Bill Molloy
Tuesday 31st <i>7th day of Octave</i>	Mass		9.00 a.m.	William Hoare
Wednesday 1st Jan <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	Mass <i>Followed by Mulled wine</i>	Pg 109	11.00 a.m.	Dec'd O'Brien & O'Shea families
Thursday 2nd <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i>	Eucharistic Service		9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 3rd <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass		9.00 a.m.	Bert Buckingham (RIP)
Saturday 4th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour, Benediction Confession		9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Susan McGlinchey (Sick)
SUNDAY 5th <i>The Epiphany</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass		9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Baby Emmie Rose McGrane (Sick) People of the Parish

The Sunday Readings



King Ahab trembles with fear for he lacks faith—and that same lack means he refuses to ask God for a sign, even though he is urged to by the prophet. So God will give a sign anyway, the sign of the Virgin giving birth to the Saviour. How generously this sign is given in God's good time, when Our Lady in perfect obedience to the Father's will, becomes the Mother of the Word made flesh. Today's Gospel tells us this story

from Joseph's point of view. This "silent man of the Gospels" (not a word of his is recorded) accepts his role too, to be the guardian of his Immaculate wife and to raise her divine Son as his own. We do not know what things people said about the wisdom of the just man Joseph in making the decision he did but we do know that Mary and Joseph's obedience to God make possible the fulfilment of all that God has promised. The Christmas readings are the accounts of God's great love of humanity worked out through the

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maureen Pearson, Baby Emmie McGrane, Baby Simon, Anne, Bill Molloy, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, 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: Bridie Lawlor, Fr John Dewis, Fr John Ellis, Evelyn Ward, Maureen Price

ANNIVERSARIES: Alice Bradley, Bernard Smits, Francis Berry, Jean Rock, Dorothy Apredaile, Margaret Williamson, Theresa Costello, Patricia Fowler, Grace McIver, Camelia Dimitri, Ninian King, Barbara Boffin, Delores Hefferman, Richard Green, Patrick McClean, Michael Malone, Mary Hynes, Mgr Thomas Gavin, Pauline Ledwidge, Sarah & John Lyle, Agnes McIlhone, Frances Phillips, Bridget Sheil, Douglas Sheffield, Elizabeth King, Angela Morris, James Nettleship, John Bromell, Elizabeth Keogh, Jean Harris, George Willan, Bernard Moulding, Richard Gannon, Jim Clarkson, Kathleen Tarming, George Walsh, Timothy Quirke, Jean Davenport, Margaret Muldoon, Veronica Gaughan, Kenneth Lee, Edith Montgomery, Mary Harbourne, Mary Ryan, Cecelia Burr, John O'Donnell, Christine Selfe, David Rodger, Dorothy Leaver, Thomas Armstrong, Leslie Lewis, Karen Walton, Agnes Keith, Marcella Vallis, Agnes Hannigan, Bernard Hopkins, Ellen McAffer, Anne Higgins, Hellen Marie Dudzik, Marie Ainsworth, Nora Dempsey, Joseph Doran, Winifred Wild, Bernadette Coley ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- For readiness to meet the Lord whenever and however He comes to us.

**Unto us a Child born
Unto us a King is given**

PARISH NEWS

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DEANERY NEWS

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

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: 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 at 7.00 p.m.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The parish bereavement group exists to support anyone who is grieving and would like someone to talk to. Please take a leaflet with contact details from the praying for the departed notice board near the door through to the Margaret Roper Room (Knoll Drive side of church), or contact one of the clergy.

If you need to ask anything that can wait until Sunday (or have anything to be signed or collected) we absolutely guarantee you can catch the clergy in church after Sunday Mass!

Otherwise, contact details are on the front of this sheet