

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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23rd February 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY

Mass on p7, readings p139 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23rd <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Jordan family Ints of Catherine McKenzie
Monday 24th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maura Smith (Anniv)
Tuesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Simon Hayes (RIP)
Wednesday 26th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Mass Mass Mass	9.00 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Hussey family Vincent Lane (Anniv)
Thursday 27th <i>Thursday after Ash Wed</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	~
Friday 28th <i>Friday after Ash Wed</i>	Mass Mass	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Bernadette Ford (B'day) Jim Slattery (B'day)
Saturday 29th <i>Saturday after Ash Wed</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	In Thanksgiving (Kenny)
SUNDAY 1st FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Michael Campbell (RIP) People of the Parish

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FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

*Lord Jesus, You dwelt among us as a member of a loving family.
Dwell among our families today that all may know Your love.*

THIS SUNDAY

- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass. Cards with the words on are available for free on the bookcases at the back of church.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS** available after *both* Sunday Masses. Do stay if you can.
- **SVP BACON BUTTIES** after 9am Mass **TODAY**. A hearty breakfast available in aid of SVP funds. Please support. The SVP group is also looking to provide **tea and toast** after **Mass on Palm Sunday**, and in **May** again to offer potted plants in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK TUESDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** Half term break
- **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK: ARCH-BISHOP BERNARD** will talk on current ecumenical dialogue with the Anglican Communion. *All welcome. Talk starts 7.30 p.m., MRR.*

WEDNESDAY

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** Lent begins on **Wednesday 26 February**. Masses with ashes at 9am, 12 noon and 7pm. 9 and noon in the side chapel
- **Adoration Prayer Group** Chapel at 1.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453

NEXT WEEKEND

- **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Laura Martin
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Clive Robinson
6.00 p.m. John Burns & Geraldine Clarkson

COMING SOON

PARISH LENT COURSE: MONDAYS

Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo will be leading a discussion group on for the year of the Word on Monday nights in Lent at 7pm in the MRR. This year is the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict's work on Scripture *Verbum Domini* ('Word of the Lord') and we shall be using that as a guide. *For Lent, Monday night adoration moves to Thursdays*

LENT ART PROJECT: WEAVING

After 9.00 a.m. Sunday Masses in Lent there will be an opportunity to do some CAFOD inspired peg weaving. No experience necessary. Tea, coffee, conversation and creativity—do join in!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND SWINDON, 6th—8th March

Contact: leadership@wwme.org.uk for more details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER— PRAYING WITH ZIMBABWE

Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 11.00 a.m. at Warwick Road URC (see poster in porch)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed 18th March 7.30 p.m. in MRR

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 7PM

Tickets now available after Mass. Baked potatoes with assortment of fillings, tea & coffee provided. Bring your own drinks.

CAKE SALE:

BISHOP ULLATHORNE at LOURDES

On **Sunday 22 March** after 9am Mass, sixth form students from Bishop Ullathorne will be holding a **cake sale** to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Diocese in May.

THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

Around the feast of the Annunciation next year 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

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Pilgrimage, 20th April 2020.

£599 Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

12noon on Saturday May 9th and Saturday May 16th at St Chad's Cathedral open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. To find out more information or to register to attend one of the Masses please email Lianne Pap – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org.

PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH DOORS SHUT!

**Not wasting our heat means
we're not wasting our money *and*
we're saving our carbon footprint.**

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

Last week- Main Collection: £933.63

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

IN THE GOSPEL for this Sunday, we continue to hear Jesus speaking to us about the call He makes for us to grow in holiness. The Lord had told Moses that the Israelites had to be holy, that as God's people they were to have no hatred among themselves

and were to love their neighbours as they loved themselves. Jesus takes this teaching further. We know that he has called us to love our neighbours too, but we are to do that not just to people we like but to those who strike us and persecute us and hate us. Holiness does not lie in doing good to those who do good to us. True holiness is modelling ourselves on Jesus who in offering His life on the Cross did good even for those who nailed Him to it. God offers His grace and salvation to all, just as the sunshine and rain fall on us all. No-one is beyond God's love and mercy and so we must not put anyone beyond our own either.

HOLY SCRIPTURE IN LENT

Please take a **WALK WITH ME** Lent booklet or a **BIBLE ALIVE** Lent edition away with you this week. Both booklets are ways of entering into the Word of God more deeply this Lent. If you like **BIBLE ALIVE** then it is possible to take out an annual subscription for the whole year.

NEW PLANTING BY OUR LADY'S SHRINE

Volunteers have worked hard behind Our Lady's Shrine and Mgr Gavin's grave. Plants are in, but there is more to do. Late in March the Woodland Trust will be delivering a selection of trees for urban settings for us to plant, replacing the old evergreens. There may be enough to plant elsewhere in the grounds. Volunteers will be needed!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

We now travel as part of the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. A great deal of planning work goes on for that all through the year. Details are now available on the diocesan website at

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/faqs/lourdes-pilgrimage-faq

Claire Rutter has again kindly agreed to coordinate things from this end.

Last year's pilgrims will have received forms through the post. We have a supply of forms for the parish. We shall be staying at the Beau Site Hotel (as last year) and the cost is £840.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE, BIRMINGHAM

Details of this devotion aimed at ending abortion are available in the porch.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT SAT 21 MARCH

Tickets available after Mass today



LENT 2020

Ash Wednesday

26 February

Mass at 9.00am, 12.00 and 7.00pm

There will be small changes to the parish weekly routine over

Lent to create time for an extra event.

Parish events must not clash with Mass, Adoration or other acts of worship. Lent must give priority to prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving or it is a poor Lent.

There is a leaflet available with full details next week. In summary -

Monday evenings: A 'Year of the Word' Lent group looking at Holy Scripture with aid of Pope Benedict's insights in his encyclical *Verbum Domini* and *Lectio Divina*

Tuesday Evenings: Mass and a variety of events including *Life in the Spirit* prayer group

Wednesday Evenings: The joint RCIA group between here and St Joseph's exploring the Catholic faith meets

Thursday Evenings: Holy Hour

Fridays: Mass at 7am and noon

Saturday Mornings: Mass and Holy Hour

As well as the annual **Walk with Me** books, there will be freely available for all the Bible Study guide for Lent **Bible Alive**. This is a monthly publication written to help us grow in our knowledge of Scripture.

LET LENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR!

A GOD WHO SPEAKS EVENT is being organised as a Coventry City wide Retreat at St Osburg's Coventry on **29/30/31 May, Pentecost 2020**. Are you creative/good at making art work? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organise/ serve/ cook for this event? We need your help now. We are also looking for individuals who would like to lead a prayer team. Retreats are costly yet we want to be able to offer this free of charge so all can come together and enjoy this experience. Any donations will be a blessing and play an integral part in the event. If you feel you can support this event financially or are interested in serving/becoming part of the prayer team please contact Justine 07551096269. *Thank you.*

MORE MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you can play, please volunteer to join in at 9 or 6 (whichever Mass you come to). Do speak to Debbie and Steve at 9am or Sharon and Anthony at 6pm

CATHOLICS IN WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Fr Sunday, at St Osburg's, is now the full time Catholic chaplain at UHCW. Medical staff will contact the hospital Faith Centre at request for patients who ask. **Please make your needs known.** Due to patient confidentiality rules, **no priest will be automatically told that you are in hospital.**

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR LENT?

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel McLeod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz and all those who are ill.

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Daniel Smith, Peter Browne, Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas McNally, Frederick Chantrill, Vincent Lane, James Mulligan, Gulio Jannuccelli, Richard O'Connor, Charles Cullinane, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Halloran, Driver Jason McFadden, Mabel Perkins, Kathleen Day, Daniel Quinn, Bridie Rogers, Irene Hammond, Garrett Fagan, Tony Royal, Ethel Jones, James Durnien, Alice McConway, Jack Errington, Kathleen Gaught, Thomas Lambe, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Daniel Lee, Margaret McCormack, David Lee, Edward Cawley, Philip Cairns ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- A deepening appreciation of God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those affected by the bad weather, floods and storm damage
- A good keeping of Lent

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. **See Malcolm Pollard or the clergy**

PIETY SHOP, DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

The piety shop has **Diocesan Directories for 2020** available at **£5 each**, wire bound. Plus many other items, devotional and informative.

PARISH NEWS

This news sheet! On paper and on the website
Website: stmcov.org **Twitter:** @StThosMore

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. 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