

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 1st March 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass on p7, readings p151 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1st First 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
Monday 2nd <i>St Chad</i>	Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross	9.00 a.m.	Pauline Sage (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Maraid George
Wednesday 4th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maisie Taylor (RIP)
Thursday 5th <i>Lent feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	~
Friday 6th <i>Lent feria CAFOD Fast Day</i>	Mass Mass	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Mary Spillane (RIP) Joe Rogers
Saturday 7th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Carl Smith (Sick)
SUNDAY 8th Second of Lent	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Dec'd of Doyle Family (Anniv) People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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+ LENT 2020 +

Prayer—Fasting—Charity

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



## THIS SUNDAY

- **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** **Second Collection:** Cathedral Maintenance. There will also be a short talk about the work of **CAFOD** in preparation for CAFOD Lent fast day this Friday.
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass. Cards available for free on the bookcases at the back of church.
- **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!
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS** available after *both* **Sunday Masses**. Do stay if you can.

### THIS WEEK MONDAY

- **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, adoration moves to Thursday night*

### TUESDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. MRR. All welcome.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT** Prayer Group 7.15 p.m. All welcome in MRR.

### WEDNESDAY

- **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
- **Live Simply Meeting** in MRR at 7 p.m.

### NEXT WEEKEND

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.** There will be a **Second Collection** for the work of **CAFOD**, helping the world's poor.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

**This week...**

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

**Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Marisa Gunn  
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Janet Ward

### COMING SOON

**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**

On 29 March, four days after the feast of the Annunciation **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 the special web site **Behold2020.com**

*'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England'* Pope Leo XIII

### **SVP GROUP**

will provide **tea and toast** after **Mass on Palm Sunday**, and in **May** again offer potted plants in memory of loved ones.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage, 20th April 2020.**  
£599 Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

### **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.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?**

Please speak to Kris Pears or one of the clergy.

### **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SVP**

Thank you SVP sandwich makers too! £220 raised

### **PLEASE SHUT ALL DOORS!**

*It's cold outside!*

### **LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Choose Fairtrade goods** to give the best deal to farmers in developing nations. LiveSimply in solidarity with people in poverty.



### **THE YEAR OF THE WORD:**

#### *A God Who Speaks*

event is being organised as a Coventry City wide retreat @ St Osburg's Coventry on 29/30/31 May. Poster in porch. Contact Justine on 07551096269

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £958.82**

**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

**T**ODAY'S READINGS tell us of four temptations. One given into, the others resisted. Sin is not temptation itself, but rather temptation given into. Genesis describes how Eve then Adam give in to the serpent's suggestion, and life for

the whole human race is changed for the worse. God's plan is spoiled. Paradise is lost. And then, thank God, the rest of the Bible is the story of God working to restore us to paradise. As we start Lent, we are reminded of our need for God's mercy. Jesus's resisting of temptation overcomes Adam's failing and, returning from the desert to begin His ministry the stage is set for His death and resurrection—our way back to paradise.



### 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.

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME, COLESHILL**  
Has vacancies for anyone considering respite or residential care in a Catholic care home.

*Please see noticeboards for details.*

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23-29 MAY 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/faqs/lourdes-pilgrimage-faq)

**Claire Rutter** has again kindly agreed to co-ordinate 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 £845.00.

*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

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?**



## LENT 2020

There will be small changes to the parish weekly routine over Lent to create time for an extra events.

**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.*

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 7.00 a.m. and noon

**Saturday Mornings:** Mass and Holy Hour  
As well as the annual **Walk with Me** books, the Bible Study guide for Lent **Bible Alive** is also available. 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!

Allow yourself to realise that you can do better as a Christian and that God wants to help you do that... Come to church at least once on a weekday... Make your confession... Give up meat on Fridays (as we are asked to do throughout the year)... Read a chapter of a Gospel each day... Make a list of people you know who need prayers, and pray for them each day... Make a special effort to arrive at Mass *before* it starts... Review how you use your time to serve God and neighbour... Give up finding excuses for not engaging more with church because of priests or people you don't like... Come to a Lent group or prayer group... Make use of the side chapel which is left open all day... Give up one thing you do for yourself and take on one thing for God, neighbour or both... Offer the sign of peace to someone at Mass who is usually just too far away... Give up a soap opera and spend the time reading something spiritual... Make use of *Walk With Me* or *Bible Alive*... Give up buying and using plastic as much as you can... Make sure your tea, coffee and sugar are *Fair Trade* goods, thus helping developing world farmers... Leave out or cut down on chocolate, meat, cakes, cigarettes or other habitual pleasures...

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### 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

Please see list in porch.

### 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.**

### 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:** Maura Stone (Mgr Tim's friend), Peter Browne, Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Flanagan, Thomas Rogers, Daphne Carvell, Patrick Buckley, Blanche Dargon, Doris Lees, Harry Davenport, Christopher O'Brien, Daniel Butler, James McElvenney, Sadie O'Neill, Gulio Jannucelli, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Tomason, Lillian Brennan, Margaret McElvenney, John Avery, John Kelleher, Mary Parkinson, Ray Murray, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Elizabeth Garry, Margaret McBeth, Lawrence Kelly, Sequoia Collier, Mary Winston, Jack Tarlington, Angela Domican, Joseph Power, Sean Gallagher, Cecil Dowson, Lucy Brennan, George Montgomery, Pauline Woodcock **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those affected by the bad weather
- A good keeping of Lent
- The victims of Corona virus and for medical staff caring for them

## 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**

## 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. 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***