



St Thomas More, pray for us!

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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+ THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY +



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## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016 THIRTIETH SUNDAY YEAR C

SUNDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass No Sunday Night Confession this week Mass	Patrick Cilly (RIP) Beryl, Tony & Andrew Gill (RIP)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Eucharistic Service Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	~
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Feria</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Jackie Buckley (RIP)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>SS Simon &amp; Jude</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition, followed by Benediction Confession	Paddy Browner (RIP)
SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30 - 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Patricia Keating (RIP) People of the Parish

Morning and Evening Prayer is said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses

There is a loop system in the church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side walls of the church.

### MASS TODAY begins on pg 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and READINGS on pg 155

*Sunday readings Cycle C, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter week 1*

**READERS: This Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Maureen Porter 6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Brendon Cunningham  
**Next Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Rachel Hickingbotham & Blaise H-O'S 6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & John Burns

**LAST SUNDAY:** Main Collection: £1035.84

**MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort.**

**TODAY: Second Collection:** World Mission Day

**Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Parish Development Fund

### Sunday's Readings are on page 155 of the Parish Mass Book...

**THE FACT THAT GOD LOVES US** is not always properly understood.

Sometimes, people don't believe that they are worthy of it: "God can't possibly love someone like *me*". Sometimes, people use it to excuse wrong doing "It doesn't matter if I do bad things: God loves me anyway". Sometimes people look at others and feel superior "God can't possibly love someone like *him*". But properly understood, God's love for us ought to humble us, and bring us out of ourselves. Almighty God Himself cares about each of us, no matter who we are, what we've done or what we are like. Out of His great love shown by the sacrifice of His only Son Jesus, He calls us to respond. We cannot impress Him by wealth, brains or beauty, by rule keeping or by our own hard work. But like the sinful taxman in today's Gospel story, we do right in His sight by acknowledging always our own failings rather than our successes, and trusting in His freely-given love and mercy rather than in ourselves. And we certainly don't get closer to God by being like the Pharisee and thinking we don't need God's mercy. We do and because He loves us, that mercy is always offered.



## October, month of the Holy Rosary

### Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

**You must know** that when you 'hail' Mary, she immediately greets you! Don't think that she is one of those rude women... on the contrary, she is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will answer you right away and converse with you!

*St Bernardine*

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**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Norah Mary Duffy, Helen Martin, Rev Francis Andrews, Bridget Ferguson, Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Siobhan Bonner, William Moulding, Jayne Mitchell, Frances McCluskey, Joan Bell, Silbert Smith, Thomas & Ruth Higgins, Thomas Dean, Paschal Keegan, Jan Zajac, Ellen Duffy, Patrick Lacey, Catherine David, Cath Gallacher, Kathleen Murray, Clara Kelly, Ada Jackson, Margaret McMahon, William McCann, Mary Cunningham, James Davey, Harold Anderton, Nancy Allen, Desmond Winter, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold, Paddy Hope, Les George, William McSorley, Mario Sajeve, Bert Twigger, Theresa Lacey, Molly Donagh, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

**SICK & SUFFERING:** Diane Taylor, Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Pat Jenkins, Barry Hill, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Peter David, Mary Morris, Harry Davenport, Vera Lee, John Martin, Ron Hamilton, Beatrice Upham, Diane Sharpe, Bill Brennan, Christopher, Ben Green, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Kaime Orchard, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Dolores Heffernan, Jerry Casey, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Imogen Jones, Tommy Carberry, Thomas Ryan, Rebecca Power, Julie Burke, John Nugent, Natalie Molloy, Bill Molloy, Sean Craig, Marie Lynch, Ken Stone, Caroline Cunningham, Sylvester & Kitty Budkiewjcz, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, the Missions

***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us***

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** when the whole Church is asked to pray for the missions and to support them through prayer and by the second collection today.

**THIS TUESDAY Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop William Kenney who is afterwards meeting the Deacons of Coventry and Warwickshire.

**ANDY CULLINANE – BIRMINGHAM HALF MARATHON** Andy ran the half marathon last Sunday and there is still an opportunity to sponsor him for Parkinson's UK and Andrew Robinson Young Peoples' Trust. To donate on-line you can go onto his just giving page using [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search Andy Cullinane. He will be collecting any further donations this Sunday. **Thank you**

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ALL SAINTS' DAY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** 9.15am Mass with the school and 7.00pm Mass

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> ALLSOULS'DAY** Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm. Praying for the departed is an act of mercy bringing heaven to many

**BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CANLEY CEMETERY Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm** Part of our prayer for the Holy Souls in November

**SOWING THE SEEDS – a course in the Coventry Deanery for all who want to know more about the Catholic faith** Are you a **parent, teacher, catechist, teaching assistant** or simply someone keen to know a bit more and be confident in asking and answering questions? The course is running at All Souls, Earlsdon and began on **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7-9pm, and continues weekly.** Please speak to Fr Stephen

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** The 9.00am Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and those who have lost loved ones this past year will be particularly invited.

**THE ST BARNABAS SOCIETY –** Dr Cyprian Blamires will be speaking on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov about the work of this charity helping support converts.

**THANK YOU** to all who supported yesterday's Harvest Soup Lunch.

\*\*\* **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016** \*\*\*

**Planning meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6.00 p.m.** in the MRR. Please come and offer your support – new volunteers very welcome.

**YOUNG PEOPLE: 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER PROUD2PROFESS AT OSCOTT COLLEGE** for 14-25 year olds, focussed on Mercy in Action. Have a look at [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) **ADRENALINE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME** Great to help with leaderships skills, something for the CV and a way of getting experience and new skills. See [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** A group will be formed in the autumn to explore what the Church believes and help you decide and prepare for entering the Church. **There is a meeting for those considering joining the Church Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm**

**THE PARISH SVP IS LOOKING FOR...** warm clothing for males/ females and children ie: socks, vests, jumpers, coats, trousers, sweat shirts, new underwear, trainers/shoes which can be collected and given to those in need in the city this winter. There is a box in the porch – **thank you**

**FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS** Please do continue to be generous with donations of **non-perishable** foodstuffs that can be left in the back sacristy. Fresh fruit and vegetables are not suitable as food is sorted and stored so perishables may well perish before use. **Thank you**

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017** As normal, Andy and Alison Cullinane will be organising a pilgrimage to coincide with the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage always takes place in the week containing the late May Bank Holiday. Andy spoke about this two weeks ago. If you are interested please speak to him or Alison or Fr Stephen. The costs of child pilgrims will be subsidised. **It is now time to express interest!**

**MARKING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018** A **Parish Mission** has now been booked for Lent 2018, to be led by the Sion Community – a Catholic community of priests and lay people, old and young dedicated to evangelisation. See more about them at <http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk/> Some other big ideas are up for discussion: a Mass with the Archbishop in the summer, a pilgrimage to Rome in the autumn. Smaller events are being suggested too – a parish meal, a trip to Chelsea and the Tower in the footsteps of St Thomas More and a Tudor themed event. Clearly, nothing happens without preparation and support, so we shall need a parish **Jubilee Action Group** to co-ordinate and plan. Volunteers will be called for in due course... Meanwhile, the initial first impression of what might be done with the glass screen between font and porch is available to look at in the porch. Some of this will need financing: the Parish Finance Committee agreed that from now the Parish Development Fund second collections will be set aside for marking the anniversary year. Plus there's the MRR kitchen, the heating, the exterior downpipes, the floor and all the other things we might rightly expect to be a bit worn after fifty years!

**SINGERS AT SIX** If you are at the 6.00 p.m. Sunday Mass and like to sing, please do join the singers and sit by the piano to help give a lead.

**BEING A SERVER...** If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at Mass, then **please be a server.** Young or old, male or female the servers' ministry enhances worship. Please see Malcom Pollard or one of the clergy to know more.

#### **Weekly Events**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY: Half term – No meeting this week.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 6.00 p.m. in Chapel and 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EXTEND gentle exercise group:</b> 10.00 a.m. in MRR <b>Half term – No meeting this week</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>STEPPING STONES: Half term – No meeting this week.</b>

#### **ARRANGING THE BAPTISM of BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN**

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 from one of the clergy **after Sunday Mass.** For the baptism of children over 4 and of adults see the parish priest.

#### **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place. 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.

**THE YEAR OF MERCY ENDS ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.** Of course, God never stops offering us His mercy in this life but the ending of this year should help remind us of our need to receive and to give mercy. Have I been to confession and heard the words of God's mercy pronounced personally for me? Am I still harbouring a grudge? Do I need to ask someone's forgiveness but haven't yet? Am I holding back the mercy of forgiveness from someone who has apologised to me? Have I neglected to show mercy to the poor, homeless and starving? Have I thanked God for His mercy offered to me? Do I ask for that mercy to warm the hearts of the lapsed and those who ignore Christ's call to repentance? **NOVEMBER 2ND *Be merciful like the Father!***

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