



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

+ THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY +



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SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2016 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR C

SUNDAY 30th Oct 31st 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
Monday 31 st Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
Tuesday 1st Nov All Saints	9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Mass (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)	People of the Parish Ken Brown (Anniv)
Wednesday 2 nd Nov <i>All Souls</i>	9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Mass	All the faithful departed Deceased of the Parish
Thursday 3 rd Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 4 th Nov <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Phil Cairns (B'day)
Saturday 5 th Nov <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	Anne Margaret Sumner (7 th Anniv)
SUNDAY 6th Nov 32nd SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Brian Matthews (RIP) Thanksgiving: Armstrong/Maguire family

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 157

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

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Rachel Hickingbotham & Blaise H-O'S 6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & John Burns
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Kris Pears 6.00 p.m. Readers from School

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £963.18 **World Mission Day:** £480.75

This Sunday: 2nd Collection: Parish Development Fund **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort.**

Next Sunday: 2nd Collection: Johnson Association for Sick & Retired Priests

Sunday's Readings are on page 157 of the Parish Mass Book...

The author of the first reading is considering the sheer greatness of God's being and yet how He is still concerned with ordinary human beings. Through His mercy He is calling all of us to repent and turn from evil to Him. In the Gospel is an account of just such a turning. A sinful, money-grabbing and swindling tax collector, Zaccheus is nonetheless keen to see Jesus about whom he has obviously heard so much and whom the crowds flock to see and hear. So when Jesus singles him out and announces He is coming to visit Zaccheus's house, the sinful tax-collector is overcome. The sheer greatness of God in Jesus coming to visit him causes a complete conversion. Not only is Zaccheus sorry for his sin but he wants to make up for it, to restore what he has wrongly taken. Salvation indeed came to Zaccheus's house: Jesus is that salvation and Zaccheus's response to Him ensures that Jesus and Salvation are his.



October, month of the Holy Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

THE rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

+ PLEASE STAY FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER EITHER SUNDAY MASS +

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Norah Mary Duffy, Helen Martin, Rev Francis Andrews, Bridget Ferguson, Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson
ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Taylor, Fintan Conroy, David Nisbet, Cele Oyamburu, Alan Stock, Patrick Brennan, Sean O'Sullivan, John Leonard, Matthew Madden, Thomas McMillan, Christina Mahon, Edward Hastings, Ona Smith, John Comer, Alice Williams, Mary McKenzie, Michael McLaughlin, Tony Corcoran, Austin O'Reilly, Elizabeth Stapleton, Annie Gallagher, Patrick Lawlor, Leo Keenan, William Brownbill, Kathleen Glynn, Tom Connor, Ruth Brown 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 Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, persecuted Christians, victims of war and violence. *Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING THIS MONDAY 6.00pm in the MRR. Ideas and help always warmly welcomed!

TUESDAY IS ALL SAINTS' DAY a Holy Day of Obligation. **Masses at 9.15** (with the school) **and at 7.00pm.** Rejoice in the gift of the saints whose God's grace has made examples and helpers for us.

WEDNESDAY IS ALL SOULS' DAY Come and pray for the departed those known and loved by us and those known only to God. **Masses at 9.15am and at 7.00pm**

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 2nd November 7.30pm*

COVENTRY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER operates in turn across seven churches in the city. Training is being given for any who would like to volunteer to help. The Night Shelter has a Facebook page, email address coventrywinternightshelter@gmail.com or see Kris Pears. The training is this **Thursday 3rd** at The Welcome centre from 7pm. Poster in the porch.

PEACE WALK A warm welcome awaits you at **9.30am on Saturday 5th November** when citizens of Coventry and beyond, from all faiths and none, assemble for prayers in the Garden of the Priory Visitor Centre, Priory Row CV1 5EX. They will then visit four places of worship – Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Christian.

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

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY and an **OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE DOOR OF MERCY. TUES 8TH NOV 7PM ST MARY & ST BENEDICT'S.** Followed by a buffet to which everyone is invited. Pray for the departed (an act of mercy) and praise God for His great mercy.

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 on Mondays at 7pm. Please speak to Fr Stephen

THE ST BARNABAS SOCIETY Dr Cyprian Blamires will be speaking at Masses on 27th Nov about its work with converts to the Catholic Church.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2016 *****

Planning meeting this Monday 31st October at 6.00 p.m. in the MRR. Please come and offer your support – new volunteers welcome.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13TH NOV The 9am Mass will be for the fallen and for all who have died this past year.

FR MICHAEL STACK is stepping down from his post as **Catholic Chaplain to the University Hospital** at Walsgrave. His ministry has been of great service to many, many people over the years, sometimes in moments of great need and suffering. Please pray for him as he moves on to new challenges and new ministry. We have much to thank him for. The Deanery clergy are dining with him this Sunday evening as their farewell.

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 stored and sorted and given according to need which means that perishables may well perish before they can be given out. **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 50TH 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 coordinate 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. If this happens, St Thomas More would need to move from the porch, perhaps to where Our Lady is now and Our Lady move to the opposite side of the sanctuary where, with shortened pews, there will be much more space to pray at her shrine. 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. And what about the MRR kitchen? The heating? The exterior down pipes? The floor?

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.

THE HEATING IS ON – PLEASE KEEP THE HEAT IN! Please make sure that doors are shut now the cold weather has come. **Thank you**

Weekly Events

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. 'Why Pilgrimage?' in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
Wednesday	ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 6.00 p.m. in Chapel and 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00 a.m. in MRR
Friday	STEPPING STONES: 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Parents & Toddlers in MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>

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.

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