



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 6th NOVEMBER 2016 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR C

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| 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 |
| Monday 7 th Nov <i>Feria</i> | 9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m. | Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Dennis Dixon (RIP) |
| Tuesday 8 th Nov <i>Feria</i> | 9.00 a.m. | Mass | Arthur & Gertie Treanor |
| Wednesday 9 th Nov <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> | 9.15 a.m. | Mass | Norman & Francis Pearson (Anniv) |
| Thursday 10 th Nov <i>St Leo</i> | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic Service | ~ |
| Friday 11 th Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i> | 9.00 a.m. | Mass | Lavinia Lynskey (Anniv) |
| Saturday 12 th Nov <i>St Josaphat</i> | 9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m. | Mass Exposition, followed by Benediction Confession | Deceased Hussey & Merrick family |
| SUNDAY 13th Nov 33rd SUNDAY Remembrance Sunday | 9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | Mass Confession Mass | The Fallen Ints of Mr & Mrs Budkiewicz |

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 160

Sunday readings Cycle C, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter week 4

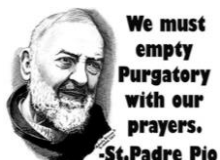
READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Kris Pears 6.00 p.m. Readers from School
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson & Judy Freeman 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Sheila Browne

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £912.14 **Parish Development Fund:** £555.90

Today: 2nd Collection: Johnson Association for Sick & Retired Priests **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort.**

Sunday's Readings are on page 160 of the Parish Mass Book...

THE BELIEF IN LIFE AFTER DEATH was not at first a great feature of the Jewish faith. The dead lived a shadowy existence of near nothingness, but gradually Jewish thinking changed. So much so, that by Jesus's time the idea of the dead being raised to new life by God was commonly held by many Jews. Not all believed it, however and a group called the Sadducees did not. They challenge Jesus by making up a very unlikely woman, a widow seven times over after seven brothers die. If the dead rise again, whose wife will she be? Jesus confounds their cleverness by referring to what God told Moses at the burning bush—"I **am** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", all long dead by Moses's time. In fact, for God everyone is alive. In creating our souls, God made us immortal. Yes, the body dies but for God's faithful people, life is changed not ended. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even death. And on the last day we shall step from our graves to rise like Jesus from the dead, with—we pray—our sins forgiven by our merciful Judge and Saviour to lead the new life of the resurrection. That life will be very different to the life we have now. Jesus stresses the joys of the resurrection that each of us can have, and marriage too will be transformed as part of all that makes the new life of the resurrection the truly happy and blessed life that it is. Going through all this may not be easy, but as Christians we can pray: Give eternal rest to the departed, Lord, and to those who mourn give comfort.



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio

November, month of the faithful departed

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Hubert Hackett, Pat Hackett, Norah Mary Duffy, Helen Martin, Rev Francis Andrews, Bridget Ferguson, Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson **ANNIVERSARIES:** Desmond Eady, Maud Norman, Ron McQuillan, Gertrude Czudej, Thomas Jurczak, Nora O'Donovan, John Dunne, Eileen Hanlon, Agnes Simmonds, Sarah Donoghue, Daron Wiktor, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Galvin, David Kelly, John North, Mary O'Sullivan, Michael McHale, Mary Smith, Edward McGinn, William Turner, Desmond Winter, Mary Durkin, Annie McGinty, Doris Pinches, Margaret Grady, Danuta Koltun, Anne Flint, Richard Molloy, Mary Billingham, James O'Shea, Patrick Brennan, Thomas Deegan, Ann Redmond, Michael Carr, John Tomkins 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, 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 Budkiewicz, 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

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT This will be presented at today's Masses. Thanks to the Finance Committee and our treasurer, Tony for this.

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

ADORATION PRAYER GROUP will meet at 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. on Wednesdays from now onwards. All welcome.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The 'Footsteps in Faith Group' will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday in the MRR and begin to explore what the Catholic Church believes and what being a disciple of Jesus means. The first session is about God, the Holy Trinity.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP - the next meeting of the parish group will be Wednesday 9th Nov 2016 at 8pm in the JP2 room. All welcome.

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

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 6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.** ☆☆☆☆☆☆

☆☆ **WE NEED:** Chocolates, Bottles, Raffle Prizes, Bric-A-Brac, Tombola Prizes. Cakes will be needed on the day. Helpers and ideas welcome. ☆☆☆

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Raffle tickets are NOW available after Mass – please take and sell as many as possible.

100 CLUB WINNERS: 1st Prize: £20 Vera Lee 2nd Prize: £10 Vera Brown 3rd Prize: £8 Susan Sherrell 4th Prize: £7 Jean Findlay 5th Prize: £5 Michael Kirby 6th Prize: £4 Mary Lewis *Congratulations to all our winners.*

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

DYING WELL <http://www.artofdyingwell.org/> A Catholic web resource of beautiful stories, prayers and help with dying, death and bereavement.

PAT JENKINS thanks everyone for their kind regards and prayers whilst he was recovering from surgery. He has now made a full recovery.

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. **Thank you**

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 Last week in May 2017. **If you are interested please speak to Andy Cullinane or Alison or Fr Stephen.** The costs of child pilgrims will be subsidised.

MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018 A two –week 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/> We all know that numbers in our churches are not what they were so it is imperative that, through prayer and action, we do something to be 'missionary', to deepen our own discipleship and to lead others to be disciples of Jesus too. Other events: a Mass with the Archbishop in the summer, a pilgrimage to Rome in the autumn, a parish meal, a trip to Chelsea and the Tower in the footsteps of St Thomas More and a Tudor themed social 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 first impression of what might be done with the glass screen between font and porch can be seen 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? We have much to be thankful for and our marking of this anniversary should be *joyous* and *lasting*.

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 is here. **Thank you**

Weekly Events

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| Tuesday | TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. 'Quiz' in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i> |
| Wednesday | ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 1.30 p.m. in Chapel and 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 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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