



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 13th NOVEMBER 2016 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR C

SUNDAY 13 th Nov <i>33^d SUNDAY</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	The Fallen Ints of Mr & Mrs Budkiewicz
Monday 14 th Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	John Comer (Anniv)
Tuesday 15 th Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Wednesday 16 th Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Thursday 17 th Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 18 th Nov <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Saturday 19 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	John Francis McCarthy <i>(Mem Mass)</i>
SUNDAY 20 th Nov <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Michael Hammond (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 164

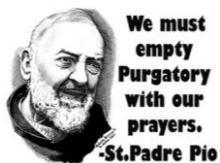
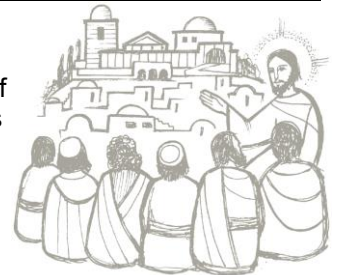
Sunday readings Cycle C, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter week 1

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson & Judy Freeman 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Sheila Browne
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Leaders from Girl guiding 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Anthony Buckley

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £842.08 **Standing Orders for Oct:** £657 **Johnson Association for Sick & Retired Priests :** £426.95
MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort

Sunday's Readings are on page 164 of the Parish Mass Book...

Jesus talks to His followers about the end times in today's Gospel. He foresees the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem (which happened about 40 years after the crucifixion when the Romans brutally put down the last Jewish uprising), the coming of false Christs, natural disasters, persecutions, war and betrayal. Yet while the Name of Jesus will cause some to hate His followers, it is also the Name by which we are saved. We remember today those who died amid the horrors of war and to those who grieve sometimes the death of a loved must feel like the end of everything. But our faith is about hope not ending, a hope founded on the love and mercy of God. The end times Jesus describes are the birth pangs of our eternity. Just as the destruction of the Temple is transformed by St John's vision of the new Jerusalem where God dwells with all the saints, so the deaths of all Christ's faithful are transformed by His resurrection. Christ promises a great reward for our endurance. May that reward be His gift to all the departed. *May they rest in peace.*



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.

+ PLEASE STAY FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS +

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Delargey, Hubert Hackett, Pat Hackett, Norah Mary Duffy, Helen Martin, Barry Hill, Rev Francis Andrews, Bridget Ferguson, Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson **ANNIVERSARIES:** Sean Cleary, Martin Clifford, Patrick O'Connor, Stan Wagstaffe, Ronald Brown, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Ian Reilly, Elizabeth Hayes, Edwin Chandley, Martin Nee, George Bowman, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Lily Allen, Dora Malone, Jeanne Achard, Stephen Allen, Seamus Malone, Bridget Keegan, Charles Cullinane, Joan Sharry, James O'Connor, John Donaldson, Susan McCabe, Peter Cunningham, Elizabeth Loughran, Mary Leonard, Francis O'Brien, Martin Owens, Leonard McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Harriet Giblin, Mary West, Catherine Waters, Thomas Boyd, Mary McCormack, Mark Wheeler, Margaret Shomley, Betty Leigh 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: Suzanne Martin, Jane Hogan, Diane Taylor, Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, 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, persecuted Christians, victims of war and violence, those who have died in war, those who mourn.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Today the 9am Mass is for the fallen and for all who have died this past year. Tea or coffee is available afterwards. Fr Stephen is saying the 11am Mass at the hospital today and so will not be around for long after Mass

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

NEXT SUNDAY is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING and is a day on which we **pray especially for young people.** The parish Guiding units will take a particular part in Mass next Sunday at 9a.m. Please pray for them, for all our youth and for God's blessing upon them.

THE END OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. 4pm at St Mary & St Benedict's, Raglan Street, Vespers to mark the end of the Jubilee Year.

Confession will be available there from **3pm.** The Year of Mercy may end but God's mercy of course does not, and His call to us to be merciful is as loud as ever. Is there anyone I owe an apology to? Is there an apology I've been offered but have ignored? Do I respond mercifully to others' needs? Have I been to confession and received God's gift of mercy personally? Have I taken God's mercy for granted and forgotten how it was won for me on the Cross? Is there someone I deliberately am not merciful towards? ***Lord, have mercy!***

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The 'Footsteps in Faith Group' will meet next at 7.30pm on Wed 30th Nov in the MRR and explore what the Catholic Church believes and what being a disciple of Jesus means.

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. ☆☆☆

☆☆ ☆☆☆ Stalls can be hired at £15 each plus a raffle prize – please contact the school office for details. ☆☆☆

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

♪♪ **JAM 'N' CAKE:** a new initiative that is open to all parishioners. In the new year, we will be offering the chance to learn and practice hymns and songs that have been planned for forthcoming 9 a.m. Sunday Masses. The aim is just singing for fun, increasing confidence and learning new hymns together - there is no expectation that people will join the music group, just sing out from the pews, although new members are always welcome. This will be a social evening with refreshments, so please consider joining us - all are welcome! More details will follow ♪♪

SVP thank parishioners for the donations of clothes and for the foreign coins which have raised £80 (the box is in the porch). Please keep it up!

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

PARISH SHOP Advent Calendars, advent candles, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Miniature Nativity sets, Calendars and diaries.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Further copies of the report are available at the back of Church with a summary of the presentation given by Kris Pears last week. Thanks to the Finance Committee and our treasurer, Tony for this.

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: the parish has funds specifically for this purpose.

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 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 lighting? The floor? The side chapel? The curtain wall round Knoll Drive and Watercall Avenue? We can't do it all, so what shall we do? **We have much to be thankful for: 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

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Talk by John Lucas 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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unto them O Lord*



*and let perpetual light
shine upon them.*