



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 15 th Jan <i>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Margaret & Ron Rutter (Anniv) Margaret & Sean Gallagher (Anniv)
Monday 16 th Jan <i>Feria</i>	9.30 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Requiem Mass Exposition	Richard Green RIP
Tuesday 17 th Jan <i>St Antony, Ab</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Wednesday 18 th Jan <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Marie Maguire (50 th B'day)
Thursday 19 th Jan <i>St Wulstan, Bp</i>	9.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Reception into Church Pauline Ledwidge	Anthony Armstrong RIP
Friday 20 th Jan <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass	Pauline Ledwidge RIP
Saturday 21 st Jan <i>St Agnes, M</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Margaret McColgan (RIP)
SUNDAY 22 nd Jan <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Dec'd of O'Brien & O'Shea families Mr & Mrs Norman (Anniv)

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 p 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and READINGS on p 125

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2

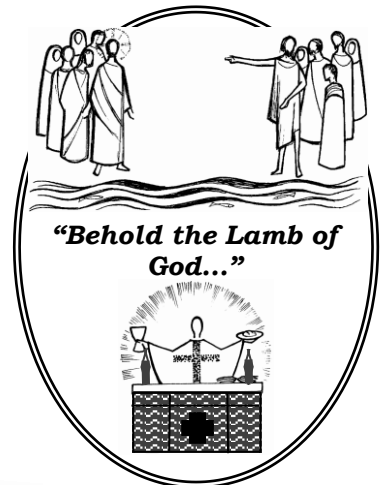
READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Debbie Middleton 6.00 p.m. Sheila Browne & Brendon Cunningham
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Laura Martin 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Anthony Buckley

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1014.17 Standing Orders for December: £561.00

This Sunday: Second Collection: Pax Christi **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort**

Sunday's Readings on p125 of the Parish Mass Book...

GOD IS A PERSONAL GOD, who is quite happy to work through human beings. He reveals His message to the prophets—people. He chooses John the Baptist to bear witness—a person. And yet while human beings are fallible, perhaps our greatest fault is not a reluctance to serve God but rather thinking that **we** know best how to serve Him. God calls us to trust, and expects us to work at His speed to His plan—not at our speed to our own ideas. John baptised crowds and crowds long before Jesus arrived at the Jordan. But he simply had to wait until God's time was right, and then he fearlessly proclaims the truth about Jesus – the Lamb of God, the One whose sacrifice of Himself will take away the sins of the world. Yes God has plans for us, but He also has a plan that can be worked out **through** us. Our halting, impetuous human nature need be no barrier to the ultimate triumph of God's plan.



January – Month of the Infant Jesus

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US...

YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Pauline Ledwidge, Angela, Richard Green, Dolores Hefferman, Patricia Fowler, James McCormick, John Martin, Jane Hogan, Isabel Dow, Emrys Evans, Bridie Farrell, Margaret Delargey **ANNIVERSARIES:** Ida Whittaker, John Hallinan, Teresa Walton, Ethel Helm, Jerry O'Sullivan, Harriet Baimbridge, Ann Casserly, Leonard Hunt, Cecilia Whittington, Mary Moran, John Crone, Margaret Bradshaw, Len West, Donald Woodfield, Sr Mary McAvooy, Hilda Caffrey, Patrick Cully, Christopher Eddon, Lee McMahon, Mary Mulligan, Brinley Tabram, Bridget O'Donoghue, Donald O'Donoghue, Veronica Coin, James Murphy, Christopher Carey, Lily Bird, Leo Connor, Richard Glover, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills, Andrew Gallagher, Agnes Clark, Tom Hulme, Samuel Maxwell, Patricia Kelly, Charles Brady, Pamela Chew, Annie Quinn, Margaret Rutter and all those 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: Betty Carr, Caroline Fitzpatrick "Fitzs", Suzanne Martin, 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, 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 Hefferman, Sadie Fulton, 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

TODAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. It is also designated as **PEACE SUNDAY**, a day to pray for world peace. **The Second Collection** is for **Pax Christi**, the Church's international movement for peace. See <http://paxchristi.org.uk/> for lots of information.

THIS WEEK: please pray for **Richard Green** and **Pauline Ledwidge** whose Funeral Masses take place this week. Remember their families in too. May they rest in peace. The **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Wednesday. As Jesus prayed 'Father, may they all be one'.

CARRIERS OF HOPE – bringing practical help to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Coventry. Now they moved depot, Carriers of Hope are appealing for volunteers to help clear their old premises at St Mark's Annex, Bird Street, Coventry CV1 5FX next Friday 20th. Skip filling, breaking up of large items and lots of firewood. 8.30am-3.00pm. Any help MOST welcome! <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/>

JAM 'N' CAKE: 7 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 24th January, 7th March and 11th April 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 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!**

STEPPING STONES toddler group are moving! From **25th January** we will be holding our stay and play group in the Community Room at Saint Thomas More School. Sessions are now on **Wednesdays** at 1:30-3:00. Everyone welcome. If you have any questions please call Annemarie Vincent-Poole on 024 7684 9910. This award-winning group welcomes all who wish to bring pre-school children along.

FATHER HUDSON'S 113TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BALL Saturday 18th February 2017 from 7.30 p.m. – 1.00 a.m. at National Conference Centre, Birmingham. Tickets from £39.50. Please see poster in porch.

LIVESIMPLY Looking for a New Year's challenge which will both enrich a parish community and transform the lives of those overseas? Why not make 2017, a **LiveSimply** year! You invited to our **LiveSimply** evening on **Mon 20th Feb from 7.45 – 9.15 in the MRR.** *Light refreshments served from 7.30 p.m.* There will be the opportunity to learn more about CAFOD's LiveSimply Award, which encourages parish communities to live simply, sustainably & in solidarity with the poor and to explore how parishes might get involved.

MARY EVANS AND HER FAMILY wish to thank everyone for their kind prayers, cards and support following the death and funeral of Emrys. The Memorial collection **raised £330** towards the **Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust**, which is very much appreciated on behalf of the disadvantaged children the trust helps. Please continue to pray for Emrys and his family

WALSgrave HOSPITAL FULL TIME CHAPLAIN Following the retirement of Fr Michael Stack, Fr Paul Burch has been appointed Catholic Chaplain. If you or a relative in hospital wish to see a priest he is available: when he isn't, there is *always* a local priest on call. Ask the staff.

THE GOVERNORS OF BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL are seeking to appoint a **new Head Teacher** from September 2017 in succession to Miss Byrne who is retiring at the end of this academic year. Poster in porch and information from school.

WANTED Anyone willing to do some **BRASS CLEANING** would be very welcome – please speak to one of the Clergy if you could spare some time. The cleaners work hard every Tuesday morning and will provide company, find polish for you and make you smile!

MASSES NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, we have been put live online at no cost to the parish. There is a link from our website to <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/>. Only the sanctuary is 'in shot', plus the ends of the first three rows. **Please help anyone who needs help to access this if you can.**

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a *particular date* at least four months' notice is required because demand can be very great. Masses are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis – there is always a chance that someone else has chosen a date first. Every effort is made to offer Masses on or near the requested date. If several dates are acceptable please give them. 'Undated' Masses are offered as soon as possible.

THE PARISH WEBSITE has been updated and includes the weekly sheet and a lot of other information. See stmcoventry.org for all the latest. And the parish is now on **TWITTER @StThosMore.** **Please follow this** to see news, reflections and information about events.

MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018 So far, a **two-week Parish Mission** has been booked for **Lent 2018**, to be led by the Sion Community. Other possible events will need planning and organising: Mass with the Archbishop, pilgrimage to Rome - autumn, parish meal, trip to Chelsea & the Tower in the footsteps of St Thomas More, Flower Festival and Tudor themed social event are all real possibilities. Clearly, nothing happens without planning, we shall need a parish **Jubilee Action Group** to co-ordinate, plan and help generate ideas. Meanwhile, the first artist's impression of the glass screen between font and porch can be seen in the porch. If this happens, St Thomas More will 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. 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? Ideas of costs for these various projects are being sought. **We have much to be thankful for!**

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 all doors are kept shut.** **Thank you for doing this: it helps us all be less cold, helps the planet and helps our bank balance. Thank you.**

+ Parish Weekly Events +

Tuesday **TUESDAY SOCIETY:** 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Welcome back & conversation in the MRR. All welcome.

Wednesday **ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:** 1.30 p.m. in Chapel and 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in the MRR. *All welcome.*

Wednesday **STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group** from 25th January 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School.

Thursday **EXTEND gentle exercise group:** Next meeting in February 2017

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.