



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY 2017 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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.	Dec'd of O'Brien & O'Shea families Mr & Mrs Norman (Anniv)
Monday 23 rd Jan <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition	Harry Davenport (Sick)
Tuesday 24 th Jan <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Tim & Nora O'Keeffe
Wednesday 25 th Jan <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Jackie Buckley (RIP)
Thursday 26 th Jan <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 27 th Jan <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Ints of Rooney Family
Saturday 28 th Jan <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Lawrence Donnolly (RIP)
SUNDAY 29 th Jan <i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	Ints of Catherine & Jim Etheridge Mary Jenkins (1 st 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 127

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 3

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Laura Martin 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Anthony Buckley
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Rob Ridley & Eve Hibberd 6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £967.90 **Pax Christi:** £465.17 *Thank you*

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

Sunday's Readings on p127 of the Parish Mass Book...

IN JESUS the prophecies of the Old Testament were at last fulfilled. He makes plain the light of God by His actions—teaching, curing, caring. He calls people to repent, to give up the old ways of sinfulness, to lead a new life. He calls people to follow Him instead of their own selfishness, and they in turn will call others. We travel learning and growing in our experience of God's teaching, caring and curing. Jesus has called us—you and me—and He wants us to follow. Just like those first disciples, He wants us to bring others to Him, until all men and women are reconciled to their Creator by knowing the Truth, being cured of sin and death, and by God's care knowing and sharing His love. It's quite a journey, but we step out to make it with all the saints and every other Christian. In such good company we follow after He who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life".



F. Stephen



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: Linda Proctor, Robert Webster, Pauline Ledwidge, Angela, Richard Green, Dolores Hefferman, Patricia Fowler, James McCormick, John Martin, Jane Hogan, Isabel Dow, Emrys Evans, Bridie Farrell, Margaret Delargey **ANNIVERSARIES:** Christine Nealon, David Norris, Eugene Brady, Doris Silk, Augustine McMahon, Noel Carberry, Frank Williams, Jean Rock, Samuel Donnelly, Bridget Weir, Austin Whelan, Stephen Treacy, Czeslaw Glowacki, Norman Kelley, Maureen McGuire, Adrian Mullen, Diana Cook, Margaret Gavin, Jane Tighe, Donald Guise, Gail Boyle, Winnie Adams, Minnie Bear, Norah Hegarty, Una McGuinness, James Donoghue, Denis Parker, Lilian Corrigan, Mary Fallon, William Ashton, Ellen Hodson, Ellen Hodson, Michael Donnelly, Samuel Wright Maxwell, Anthony Ledwidge, Elizabeth Wrighton, David Evans, John Durnien, Rosemary Walker, Catherine McKenzie, Simon Rutledge, Diso Gianni 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: Norman Rowe, Margaret Wright, Roy Haslam, 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, all the sick, those who mourn, all who are persecuted for simply being who they are. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us**

TODAY: the THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jesus calls His first disciples, a call that is still made to gather the disciples of today **DISTRIBUTION of COMMUNION at 6PM MASS** A reminder that communion at **6pm Mass** is now from the head of the aisle in front of the altar *without* the clergy moving about: simply queue in the aisle. Communion at the side rails *remains the same.*

JAM 'N' CAKE: 7 - 8.30 pm on THIS Tuesday 24th January, then 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.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ends on this Weds 25th. Pray for the full unity of Christians as Christ wills, in the way He wills.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY is this **Friday 27th.** Pray for the survivors of genocide and that, remembering the past, we may never repeat it

CARRIERS OF HOPE – AGM Tue 31st Jan 11.45 a.m. at their new warehouse, Unit 2c, Swallowgate Business Park, Holbrook Lane, CV6 4BL

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our head teacher Mr Morgan Williams and his wife Laura on the birth of baby son Luke. Mother and child both well.

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!

MASSSES NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET. There is a link from our website to <http://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/>. Only the sanctuary is 'in shot', plus the ends of the first three rows.

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 demand for Masses is very great – a good thing – but does mean that offering them quickly is very difficult.

THE PARISH WEBSITE has been updated and includes the weekly sheet and a lot of other information. See stmcov.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 Sunday 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.** The heating system struggles in the depths of winter. On Sundays the heating is set to come on three hours before Mass, but once the warm air has escaped by open doors it takes ages to replace it. **Thank you.**

+ **Parish Weekly Events** +

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Quiz 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. <i>All welcome.</i>
Wednesday	STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group from 25 th 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.

