

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 19th February 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 19 th Feb <i>The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Martin Dillon (Anniv) Mr & Mrs Neil Armstrong (Anniv)
Monday 20 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Eucharistic Service Exposition	~
Tuesday 21 st Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Wednesday 22 nd Feb <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Thursday 23 rd Feb <i>St Polycarp</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 24 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Saturday 25 th Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Dec'd of the Armstrong Family
SUNDAY 26 th Feb <i>The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Catherine & Jim Etheridge Ints John Hussey RIP Anniv.

Morning 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 the READINGS are on p 139

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Debbie Middleton 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'Sullivan & Rachel H 6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & John Burns

LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1017.05 **Second Collection: Racial Justice:** 366.34

This Week: Second Collection: Parish Development Fund

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

Sunday's Readings on p139 of the Parish Mass Book...

IN THE GOSPEL FOR THIS SUNDAY, we continue to hear Jesus speaking to us about the call He makes for us to grow in holiness. The Lord had told Moses that the Israelites had to be holy, that as God's people they were to have no hatred among themselves and were to love their neighbours as they loved themselves. Jesus takes this teaching further. We know that he has called us to love our neighbours too, but we are to do that not just to people we like but to those who strike us and persecute us and hate us. Holiness does not lie in doing good to those who do good to us. True holiness is modelling ourselves on Jesus who in offering His life on the Cross did good even for those who nailed Him to it. God offers His grace and salvation to all, just as the sunshine and rain fall on us all. No-one is beyond God's love and mercy and so we must not put anyone beyond our own either.




Fr Stephen

February – Month of the Holy Family

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, HOLY FAMILY, REIGN IN OUR FAMILIES!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS

<p>RECENTLY DEPARTED: Betty Wainwright, Colm Gleeson, 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</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine McLelland, Martin Stapleton, Blanche Smith, Patrick Helme, Gerry O'Sullivan, Matthew Taberner, Rose Wrighton, Isaac Donoghue, Joseph Glynn, Dennis Beirns, Teresa Devlin, Timothy McSweeney, Kathleen Day, Mary Brogan, Bridget Breen, Della Glynn, Andrew Kelly, John Valentine, Linda Davies, Elizabeth Nash, Irene O'Brien, Benjamin Walsh, Thomas McNally, Frederick Chantrill, James Mulligan, Gulio Jannuccelli, Richard O'Connor, Charles Cullinane, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Halloran and all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</i></p>	
<p>SICK & SUFFERING: Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Margaret Knight, 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, Sadie Fulton, Jerry Casey, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Imogen Jones, Tommy Carberrry, 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 being who they are. <i>Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us</i></p>	
<p>TODAY: the SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME: the second collection is for Parish Development Fund</p>	
<p>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 <i>without</i> the clergy moving about: simply queue in the centre aisle. Communion at the side rails <i>remains the same.</i></p>	
<p>THANKS – Miss O'Brien would like to thank all who remembered her on her 90th birthday with prayers and wishes. Plant & Cake Sale raised £135.50 – <i>many thanks to all who supported this.</i></p>	
<p>LIVESIMPLY THIS MONDAY 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 this Mon 20th Feb from 7.45 – 9.15 in the MRR. <i>Light refreshments served from 7.30 p.m.</i> 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</p>	
<p>COVENTRY NEWMAN CIRCLE meets next to hear Bishop William Kenney talk on Lutheranism. This Tuesday 21st February in the MRR</p>	
<p>STEPPING STONES toddler group have moved! The stay and play group now meets 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.</p>	
<p>BETTY WAINWRIGHT RIP Pray for Betty, her funeral Mass is at 10.00 on Tuesday 28th February. Reception in church the night before.</p>	
<p>ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1st. Masses with ashing in the morning and the evening, 9.15 with school, 12 noon and 7.00pm</p>	
<p>PRAYER PEBBLE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION A parish community art project is being organised for Lent to create a sculptural installation for Easter. Everyone welcome to try two simple crafts to transform pebbles into beautiful objects which you can take home to keep when the community piece is dismantled after Pentecost. No experience necessary. <i>Please see display in the porch and take a leaflet.</i></p>	
<p>CONFIRMATION CLASSES Introductory Meeting for parents is on Sunday 5th March 11.00am in the Margaret Roper Room.</p>	
<p>♪ JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON for organising these sessions of getting to know music and singing along. The next are 7 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March and 11th April. Learn and practice hymns and songs that have been planned for forthcoming 9 a.m. Sunday Masses. The aim is singing for fun and learning 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- all are welcome! ♪</p>	
<p>SVP will be serving bacon sandwiches on 12th March and 9th April after 9.00 a.m. Mass in aid of SVP causes and projects. If you know of anyone who needs help or would like a visit, please talk to a member of the SVP. If you would like to become a member or find out more information about what we do please contact Alison Cullinane on 02476 441436.</p>	
<p>SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on 3rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church to pray for the local churches and to seek God's will in growing and working together. In the meantime, local clergy will be meeting too.</p>	
<p>WANTED – SOMEONE TO MOW THE CHURCH GRASS. George, after years of hard work, is stepping down. We thank him for the care and effort he put into keeping the grass look neat round the church. Is there a volunteer to keep up the good work?</p>	
<p>PARISH SHOP now in stock: cards for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. <i>Have a browse!</i></p>	
<p>LIFT REQUIRED An elderly lady needs a lift to 9am Mass – please see Caroline Duignan of the SVP if you can help, or ring 07727135648</p>	
<p>MASSES NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET. Link on the website to http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/. Only the sanctuary is 'in shot', plus the ends of the first three rows.</p>	
<p>MASS INTENTIONS: At the moment <i>demand is very great, particularly Sundays at 9am</i>, so please provide as much notice as possible for a specific date and give alternative dates if you can. Secondly, <i>if you are willing to share the offering of your intention with another</i> please write 'willing to share' on the envelope. Clearly if two people ask for the same Sunday 9am one will be disappointed: sharing opens more possibilities. Please bear with us: it is impossible to guarantee to offer every Mass on the day requested.</p>	
<p>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.  <i>Please follow this</i> to see news, reflections and information about events.</p>	
<p>MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018 The JAG – Jubilee Action Group – met informally last week (Claire Rutter, Kris Pears, Mary Berry, Fr Stephen). Would the parish be interested in a pilgrimage to St Thomas More's London? (Chelsea and the Tower) And in a Tudor themed meal? The church lighting, flooring and heating are all under consideration but will be very costly, perhaps prohibitively so. A Parish Scrap Book: if you have any old photos, leaflets, brochures that could be scanned into a computer, please lend them to Claire Rutter who will then return them. The Mission is booked, the Archbishop will decide when he's coming for Mass, a Rome Pilgrimage is in negotiation. We might get the kitchen done too. The glass screen is still being worked on – remember, we already have £5000 we might spend on that left us by Mgr Gavin for enhancing the church building. We are not allowed to spend it on heating or kitchen, for example.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>THE HEATING IS ON – PLEASE KEEP THE HEAT IN...! ***PLEASE*** make sure that ALL DOORS ARE KEPT SHUT!! Thank you.</p>	
<p>CHECK THE PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS Please use stmcov@gmail.com (not the old thomasmore@...) <i>The old stops working soon.</i></p>	
<p>+ Parish Weekly Events +</p>	
Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: No meeting in half term.
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 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School.
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00am in the MRR.

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