

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> 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	Ints of Catherine & Jim Etheridge John Hussey (Anniv)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Mass Reception into Church – Betty Wainwright Exposition	Josephine O'Sullivan
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass	Elizabeth Wainwright RIP
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.15 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Mass with Ashing ( <i>Whole school attends</i> ) Mass with Ashing Mass with Ashing	Ellen Walsh (RIP) The People of the Parish Vincent Lane RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>St Chad</b>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Mass Mass	Esther Ilangasekera (Anniv)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Bill Merrick (Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	Sr Patrick DHS (Maureen Totin) RIP Larry Kelly (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) RIP

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 the READINGS are on p 142**

*Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2*

**READERS: This Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'Sullivan & Rachel H 6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & John Burns  
**Next Sunday:** 9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Judy Freeman 6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Andrew Colby

**LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:** £846.93 **Second Collection: Parish Development Fund:** £698.09

**Next Sunday: Second Collection:** Cathedral Maintenance **MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort**

## Sunday's Readings on p142 of the Parish Mass Book...

**I**N TODAY'S GOSPEL it is the intention of Jesus to lead us deeper into faith. It might be said that worry is the opposite of faith. It can consume us with fear and a pointless nervous fretting that saps energy. And yet there will not be anyone who hasn't worried about something! It seems to be part of human nature. Jesus is keen to help us lift up our heads and see the bigger picture. Just as Isaiah points out that God will never forget His people, so, very vividly, does Jesus, using the glory of nature. Even if we do succumb to worry, Jesus helps us see the bigger picture. The Father loves us and values us every day. Rejoice in that daily love and do not create troubles for tomorrow or next week. Jesus comes to show how our fallen human nature may be forgiven and transformed, and we can start that now. Jesus is Lord not just of heaven and earth but of the future too.




*Fr Stephen*

## February – Month of the Holy Family

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER MASS**

<p><b>RECENTLY DEPARTED:</b> Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller, Betty Wainwright, Colm Gleeson, Linda Proctor, Robert Webster, Pauline Ledwidge  <b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> Driver Jason McFadden, Mabel Perkins, Kathleen Day, Daniel Quinn, Irene Hammond, Garrett Fagan, Alec Sadler, Mary Lee, Leon Brocki, Tony Royal, Ethel Jones, James Durnien, Alice McConway. Jack Errington, Thomas Lambe, Edward McClory, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Daniel Lee, Margaret McCormack, David Lee, Edward Cawley, John Flanagan, Luke Keene, Ceceila Gains, Thomas Rogers, Patrick O’Laughlin, Robert Fuller, Ellen Higgins, Patrick Buckley, Blanche Dargon, Christopher O’Brien, Daniel Butler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Norman Cartwright, Gladys Stagg, James McElevney, Sadie O’Niell, Guilio Jannucelli, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Tomason, Maurice Walton, John Kelleher, Mary Parkinson, Ray Murray, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Lillian Brennan and all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. <b>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</b></p>	
<p><b>SICK &amp; SUFFERING:</b> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Kaime Orchard, Deacon Jim Gilligan, 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 &amp; Kitty Budkiewjcz, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O’Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, all the sick, <b>Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us</b></p>	
<p><b>TODAY: the EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME:</b> the last before Lent</p>	
<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY March 1<sup>st</sup> LENT BEGINS</b> Masses with ashing at <b>9.15</b> (whole school), <b>12 noon</b> and <b>7.00pm</b>. The church will look different and the liturgies take on a more penitential feel as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage. Lent is a time to grow in faith and love as we set aside extra times for PRAYER, PENITENCE and ALMSGIVING. Giving up a regular pleasure – whether of food, drink or anything else – is meant to help us respond to God’s sacrificial love of us and point us away from our own wants and towards the needs of our neighbours. <b>Let Lent make a difference!</b> An extra Mass, a time before the Blessed Sacrament, Confession will make us focus more on God and strengthen us to serve our neighbour. What will you do for Lent? And remember, Confession is <b>not</b> about how bad we are but about how merciful God is! See Lent sheet</p>	
<p><b>STEPPING STONES toddler group have moved!</b> The stay and play group now meets in the <b>Community Room at Saint Thomas More School</b>. Sessions are now on <b>Wednesdays at 1:30-3:00</b>. Everyone welcome. If you have any questions, please call Annemarie Vincent-Poole in school on 024 7684 9910. This award-winning group welcomes all who wish to bring pre-school children along.</p>	
<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Second collection for Cathedral Maintenance</b></p>	
<p><b>♪♪ JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON</b> for organising these sessions of getting to know music and singing along. The next are <b>7 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March and 11th April</b>. 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- <b>all are welcome!</b> ♪♪</p>	
<p><b>SVP</b> will be serving <b>bacon sandwiches</b> on 12<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Any money raised will be used for further 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><b>PRAYER PEBBLE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION</b> 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. <b>Please see display in the porch and take a leaflet.</b></p>	
<p><b>SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum</b> is holding a time of prayer on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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><b>PARISH SHOP now in stock:</b> cards for St Patrick’s Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. <i>Have a browse!</i></p>	
<p><b>WANTED – SOMEONE TO MOW THE CHURCH GRASS.</b> George, after years of hard work, is stepping down. We thank him for the care and effort put into keeping the grass look neat round the church. Please volunteer to Fr Stephen. A lack of volunteers would mean we shall have to pay to have this done –pushing up costs and tying up money that could be spent elsewhere. Such as on the MRR kitchen or the church floor...</p>	
<p><b>LIFT REQUIRED</b> 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><b>DISTRIBUTION of COMMUNION at 6PM MASS</b> A reminder that communion at <b>6pm Mass</b> is now from the head of the aisle in front of the altar <i>without</i> the clergy moving about: simply queue in the aisle. Communion at the side rails <i>remains the same</i>.</p>	
<p><b>WALSgrave HOSPITAL FULL TIME CHAPLAIN</b> Following the retirement of Fr Michael Stack, Fr Paul Burch has been appointed full time <b>Catholic Chaplain</b>. He is assisted by a team of Catholic volunteers. If you or a relative in hospital wish to see a priest he is available: when he isn’t, there is <i>always</i> a local priest on emergency call. Ask the staff: Communion is regularly distributed and the anointing of the sick celebrated. Mass on Sundays in the hospital chapel is at 3.00pm</p>	
<p><b>MASS NOW LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET.</b> Link on the website to <a href="http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/">http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/</a>. Only the sanctuary is ‘in shot’, plus the ends of the first three rows. <i>Please give any sick or housebound you can a hand to watch this if they need help</i></p>	
<p><b>MASS INTENTIONS:</b> At the moment <b>demand is very great, particularly Sundays at 9am</b>, 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 ‘<i>willing to share</i>’ on the envelope. At the moment if two people ask for the same Sunday 9am one will be disappointed: sharing opens more possibilities. Please bear with us: <b>at the moment it is simply impossible to guarantee to offer every Mass on the day requested.</b></p>	
<p><b>THE PARISH WEBSITE has been updated and includes the weekly sheet and a lot of other information.</b> See <a href="http://stmcov.org">stmcov.org</a> for all the latest. And the parish is now on <b>TWITTER @StThosMore.</b>  <b>Please follow this</b> to see news, reflections and information about events.</p>	
<p><b>MARKING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018</b> So far, a <b>two-week Parish Mission</b> has been booked for <b>Lent 2018</b>, to be led by the Sion Community. The possibility of the glass screen between font and porch is being explored (we have £5,000 towards this from a legacy of Mgr Gavin – money that has been given to beautify the church and not to pay running costs). Contractors are also quoting for a new MRR kitchen and for the stripping down and renovation of the church floor. The lighting is also being looked at. A celebration Mass with the Archbishop, pilgrimage and social events of different sorts are all being considered too. <b>We have much to be thankful for!</b></p>	
<p><b>BEING A SERVER</b> If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at Sunday Mass, then <b>please be a server</b>. 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><b>THE HEATING IS ON – PLEASE KEEP THE HEAT IN..! PLEASE KEEP ALL THE DOORS SHUT!! PLEASE KEEP ALL THE DOORS SHUT!!</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">+ Parish Weekly Events +</p>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY:</b> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Talk on St John Bosco in the MRR. All welcome.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 1.30 p.m. in Chapel and 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>STEPPING STONES Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EXTEND gentle exercise group:</b> 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.