

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 12th March 2017 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** **YEAR A**

SUNDAY 12 th March <i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Gordon Howell (Anniv) Phil McShane (RIP)
Monday 13 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	6.30 p.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. 7.15-7.45 p.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Theresa Christine Duignan (Anniv)
Tuesday 14 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass	Bridie Rogers RIP
Wednesday 15 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Dec'd of Murray family
Thursday 16 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 17 th March <i>St Patrick</i>	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Mass, <i>followed by breakfast</i> Mass	Bernard & Mollie Swinden (Mem Mass) Mary Kathleen Reynolds (JF)
Saturday 18 th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Mrs McEevenney (RIP)
SUNDAY 19th March <i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Carmel Di Cioccia (Anniv) Ben Freeman (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 155

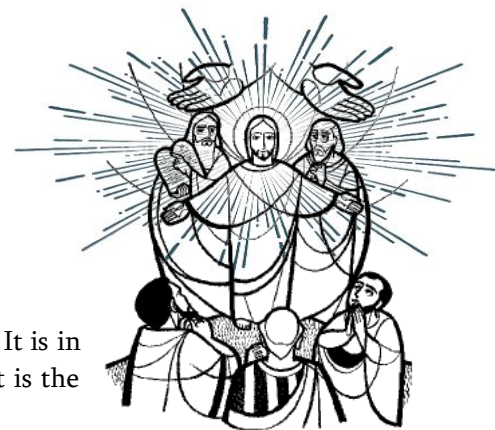
Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson & Marisa Gunn	6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Sheila Browne
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Clive Robinson	6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Brendon Cunningham
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1017.65	Standing Orders for February: £674.00
This Week's Second Collection: CAFOD Lent Fast Day	Cathedral Maintenance: £465.23

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

Sunday's Readings on p 155 of the Parish Mass Book...

Abram's obedience to God's call cannot have been easy. Why leave security and comfort to take off to goodness knows where? How the neighbours must have wondered! But God is to be trusted. Any call answered, any going forward means leaving something behind. Jesus reveals to His disciples something of His glory as Transfigured, brilliant and dazzling, He talks to Moses and Elijah. What an event this must have been. But Jesus knows that He is called to go down the mountain and begin to prepare for His suffering and death. Peter wants to stay behind, but Jesus calls him to face the truth. Jesus has laid aside His glory so that He may triumph on the Cross. It is in His weakness that He will be most powerful. He asks us all to go with Him, for that is the Father's call.



Fr Stephen

LENT: a springtime for the soul by prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving.
Let Lent lift your Christian life!



March: Month of St Joseph Protector of Jesus and Mary, protect our families!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Pawlina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller, Betty Wainwright, Colm Gleeson, Linda Proctor ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Woods, Geraldine Barrett, Nora Wood, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, Bill Merrick, John Kelleher, Louise O'Brien, Harriet Winkless, Molly Jones, Philip Kingston, Francis Higgins, Gordon Howell, Madeline Jeary, Mary Edward, Lelia Ward, Ellen Ludford, Thomas McGeacham, Gerturude McGoldrick, John Ryan, Theresa Chamley, Nick Jarram, William Howdle, Thomas Wainwright, Nora McCrea, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Carmel Di Cioccio, Thomas McCrea, John Quirke, Patrick Stapleton, Leo McSorley, George Hall, Catherine Nolan, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan, Thomas Lawlor, Patrick Hannigan, George Lycett, Barbara Killingrey, Joseph Parkinson, Peter Doyle Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.	
SICK & SUFFERING: Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Roy Haslam, 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 Carberry, Thomas Ryan, 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 Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us	
TODAY: the SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT The second collection is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day . Please support the work of CAFOD in helping the world's poorest. Giving envelopes are available and <i>tax payers please Gift Aid your donation by completing the form.</i>	
SVP will be serving bacon sandwiches TODAY and 9 th 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.	
MONDAY for Lent Mass at 6.30pm, leading into Exposition and Benediction. Confession will be available 6.45-7.15 p.m. All in the side chapel.	
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. Contact: Annemarie Vincent-Poole in school on 024 7684 9910.	
FRIDAY for Lent Mass is at 7.00 a.m. followed by breakfast. Mass is also at 12 noon.	
FRIDAY FRUGAL SOUP LUNCH for CAFOD Fri 24 th March, following noon Mass. Make a date, dig out a recipe, cook a pan of yummy soup!	
LENT IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK ... Prayer: Mass and Exposition, Monday and Saturday. Penitence: Confession Sunday evening Monday evening and Saturday mornings. Fasting: a focus on giving something up for CAFOD this week. Almsgiving: support for CAFOD. And whatever else you decide... Perhaps a fast from gossip to say something positive... Miss a TV soap and write to a relative... Make a donation to charity instead of having that extra something... Give half an hour extra to God...	
PRAYER PEBBLE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION A parish community art project 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. Please see display by the Sacred Heart take a leaflet.	
♪♪ JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON for organising these sessions of getting to know music and singing along. The next is 7.00 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 11th April . Learn and practice hymns and songs that have been planned for forthcoming 9.00 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! ♪♪	
SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on 3 rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church.	
BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL is looking to recruit EXAM INVIGILATORS . Poster with details of pay, hours and tasks is in the porch.	
ALLOTMENTS AT CHURCH? As part of our commitment to <i>Live Simply</i> it has been suggested that the grass area at the very back of church be turned into allotments. If you'd be interested in exploring the implications of this possibility, please speak to Fr Stephen to form a working group to plan a way forward. This would be a very constructive use of an area that currently just sits there.	
PARISH SHOP now in stock: cards for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. <i>Have a browse!</i>	
WANTED – SOMEONE TO MOW THE CHURCH GRASS The parish has no mower or strimmer and nowhere easily to store them. In the short term as the grass won't wait, contractors are being asked to quote. In the longer term, if we had a group of volunteers or the offer of a suitable mower it might be worth investing in equipment and storage. Two volunteers have come forward so far.	
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 aisle. Communion at the side rails <i>remains the same</i> .	
MASSES NOW BROADCAST ON 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. <i>Please give any sick or housebound a hand to watch this if they need help</i>	
MASS INTENTIONS: At the moment demand is very great, particularly Sundays at 9am , so please provide as much notice as possible for a specific date and give alternative dates if you can. Secondly, if you are willing to share the offering of your intention with another please write 'willing to share' on the envelope . If two people ask for the same Mass one will be disappointed: sharing opens possibilities. Please bear with us: at the moment it is simply impossible to guarantee to offer every Mass on the day requested.	
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 2018 Do you have any old photos or mementoes of the first St Thomas Church or the second? We should like to borrow them to scan and create a display or parish history book. 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 KEEP ALL DOORS SHUT!! PLEASE KEEP ALL DOORS SHUT!!	
+ Parish Weekly Events +	
Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Parish Art Project "Prayer Pebble Road to the Resurrection" in the MRR.
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.

ST JOSEPH  PRAY FOR US!

PLEASE STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS