

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2017 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** **YEAR A**

| SUNDAY 2 nd APRIL <i>The 5th Sunday of Lent</i> | 9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | Mass Confession Mass |  | Mrs Suzanne Martin (Sick) Emrys Evans (RIP) |
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| Monday 3 rd April <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 | | Maud & Gay Ryan |
| Tuesday 4 th April <i>Lent Feria</i> | 9.00 a.m. | Mass | | Thanksgiving for Colby family |
| Wednesday 5 th April <i>Lent Feria</i> | 9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | Mass Penitential Service <i>with visiting priests</i> | | Sheila O'Driscoll (Mem Mass) |
| Thursday 6 th April <i>Lent Feria</i> | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic Service | | ~ |
| Friday 7 th April <i>Lent Feria</i> | 7.00 a.m. 12 noon | Mass, <i>followed by breakfast</i> Mass | | Patrick Commins (1 st Anniv) Laurence Kelly "Larry" (4 th Anniv) |
| Saturday 8 th April <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 | | Theresa Brooks (19 th Anniv) / Betty Wainwright (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 9th April PALM SUNDAY | 9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | Mass (<i>begins in school hall if dry</i>) Confession Mass |  | Edward McLaughlin (RIP) Sue Cowley (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 p170
Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1

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| READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Eve Hibberd & Judith Doherty | 6.00 p.m. John Burns & Geraldine Clarkson |
| Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins, Jim Etheridge & Rob Ridley | 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride, Louise Poole & Andrew Colby |
| LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £911.42 Cake Sale: £53.13 CAFOD Famine Appeal Soup Lunch: £275.00 | |
| A RETIRING COLLECTION for EASTER FLOWERS will be held TODAY . <i>A lot of small donations would be a very big help!</i> | |
| MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort | |

Sunday's Readings on p170 of the Parish Mass Book...

THE FIRST reading bears witness to God's ceaseless love of His people—He desires that they have His Spirit and that they live forever! But death is very much a part of human existence: even Jesus weeps at the death of His friend Lazarus. Many people present believed that He could have cured Lazarus and prevented his death. Yet, Jesus works a greater miracle and raises Lazarus from the tomb. A foretaste of Christ's own resurrection and ours: but those are to eternal life with God. Jesus promises us an even greater miracle still for Lazarus will surely die again—he has not been made indestructible—but the final resurrection is eternal. God grant that all who believe in Him may enjoy this eternal Easter Day!

F. Stephen



+ HOLY WEEK & EASTER: DETAILS OVERLEAF... +
LENT: a springtime for the soul by prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving.
Let Lent lift your Christian life!



April: Month of the Blessed Sacrament:
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller, Betty Wainwright
ANNIVERSARIES: Johanna Hogan, Florence Horner, Andrew Brogan, Gordon Baker, Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Joseph Lees, Michael Ward, Jan Zaparaniuk, Helen Raven, Christopher King, Evan Williams, Bridget Ryan, John Cleary, Winifred North, John McCabe, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Danny Butler, Elizabeth Parrott, Peggy Doyle, Danial Burns, Jack Ashforth, Helen Raven, Bridie Swain, Sheila O'Driscoll, Peter Monnelly, John Gallacher, Simone Tiler, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper, Annie Clay, Francis Mullen, Harriet Byatt, Mary Smith, Larry Kelly, John Printy, Michael Powell. Norman Adams, Hugh Berrill, Sybill Pearson, Andrew Jarram, John McGeacham, Averil Budden *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

SICK & SUFFERING: Tom Ashley, Jim Slattery, Betty Carr, Norman Rowe, Roy Haslam, Caroline Fitzpatrick "Fitzs", Suzanne Martin, Diane Taylor, Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, John & Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Peter David, Mary Morris, 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, the victims of terrorism especially in Westminster, God's blessing on all who seek peace.

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

TODAY: the FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT The season moves towards the forthcoming **Passion and Death of the Lord, Passiontide.** In preparation for Holy Week, the Gospel tells of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. But the eternal resurrection of all the departed can only come through the resurrection of Christ and that is only possible because of His death. This the Church solemnly commemorates in Holy Week.

THE ARCHBISHOP has issued a **PASTORAL LETTER** for today

MONDAY for LENT Mass at 6.30pm, leading into Exposition and Benediction. Confession will be available 6.45-7.15 p.m. In the side chapel.

WEDNESDAY LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE at 7.00pm Visiting priests will be available for confession

FRIDAY for LENT Mass is at **7.00 a.m. followed by breakfast and also Mass at 12 noon** Thank you to all who have supported these.

LENT IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK Prayer, Penitence, Almsgiving Details of Masses, Penitential Service and confession times as above **plus CAFOD SOUP LUNCH** after 12 noon Mass, in aid of CAFOD's African Famine Appeal – *Good cause, good food, good company!*

NEXT WEEK: PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK BEGINS the commemoration of the week of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection

SVP will be serving **bacon sandwiches 9th April** after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Any proceeds 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.

+ HOLY WEEK & EASTER +

PALM SUNDAY Mass 9am: if dry procession begins in the school hall. Mass 6pm.

HOLY MONDAY Mass 6.30pm, Holy Hour, Confession, Benediction at 8pm.

HOLY TUESDAY Mass 11am. **HOLY WEDNESDAY** Mass 8.30am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm, followed by Watch until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross 3pm. Stations of the Cross 7pm.

HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil Mass 8.15pm *the First Mass of Easter. Followed by wine & nibbles in the MRR*

EASTER DAY Mass 9am and 6pm.



♪ **JAM 'N' CAKE: THANK YOU TO SOUL REASON** for organising these sessions of getting to know music for 9am Mass and singing along. The next is **7.00 - 8.30 pm on Tuesday 11th April**. This will be a social evening with refreshments - *all are welcome!* ♪

BACH ST JOHN PASSION: Good Friday at Coventry Cathedral at 6.00 p.m. Tickets: 024 7650 2257

EASTER MONDAY MASS The traditional Coventry Easter Monday Mass will be celebrated at St Osburg's at 10 a.m. by Bishop Kenney

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Octave Day of Easter): Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary & St Benedict's beginning at 2.00 p.m.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 5 Night Pilgrimage to Knock 24th April 2017. £649 per person sharing. 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

THE GIFT LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE To be held at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th 18th, 25th May and 8th June. An overview of the course will be held on Sun 23rd April 6.30 p.m. at Christ the King Church. See flyer

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on **3rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church.**

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 26th November flying from Birmingham for four nights from £485 aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or 0800 689 4792

PAT KENNY RIP Please pray Pat who died in hospital on Wednesday: remember also his family. Requiem Mass Tuesday 11 April 11am

ALLOTMENTS AT CHURCH? If you'd be interested in exploring this possibility, please speak to Fr Stephen to form a working group to plan a new use for the grass at the back of the church. This would be a very constructive use of an area that currently just sits there, largely hidden.

OUR BEAUTIFUL MONSTRANCE has gone away to lose its dents and dings and regain its shine and lustre. This may take up to eight weeks.

PARISH SHOP - now in stock: cards for Easter, First Communion and Confirmation. *Have a browse – drop in after Mass*

Do you like cooking? Parishioners at STM have been providing meals to asylum seekers and refugees at Coventry Peace House night shelter since 2012. If you would like to join our team of cooks on a rota basis or for information see the notice in the porch, contact the Justice and Peace group at stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com or call Kevin Duffy on 07812211828

MASSSES 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. *Please give any sick or housebound a hand to watch this if they need help*

PRAYER PEBBLES Can felted and stitched pebbles be brought back to church and placed in box next to installation with a first name pinned to them by Maundy Thursday at the latest please. Can all borrowed threads be returned to the box too. Thank you. *And thank you Debbie!*

THE PARISH WEBSITE. See stmcov.org for all the latest. And the parish is now on **TWITTER @StThosMore.** *Please follow this!*

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.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

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| Tuesday | TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Free and Easy 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. <i>All welcome.</i> |
| Wednesday | STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. in St Thomas More School in term time |
| 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 **after Sunday Mass**. For the baptism of children over four 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.

❖ PLEASE STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS ❖