

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 9th APRIL 2017 PALM SUNDAY YEAR A

SUNDAY 9th APRIL PALM SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass (begins in school hall if dry) Confession Mass	Edward McLaughlin (RIP) Sue Cowley (RIP)
Monday 10 th April <i>Holy Monday</i>	6.30 p.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. 7.15-7.45 p.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Francis Bernard Thompson (RIP)
Tuesday 11 th April <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass	Pat Kenny RIP
Wednesday 12 th April <i>Holy Wednesday</i>	8.30 a.m.	Mass	Thomas & June Deegan (Mem Mass)
Thursday 13 th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper Pg 192 <i>followed by Watch until Midnight</i>	Mr & Mrs Connelly
Friday 14 th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Passion Pg 197 Stations of the Cross	~
Saturday 15 th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8.15 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass Pg 216 <i>followed by wine & nibbles in MRR</i>	John Lynskey (Anniv)
SUNDAY 16th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Tony Leigh (3 rd Anniv)/Beatrice Spooner (Anniv) Deceased of Minehane family

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.

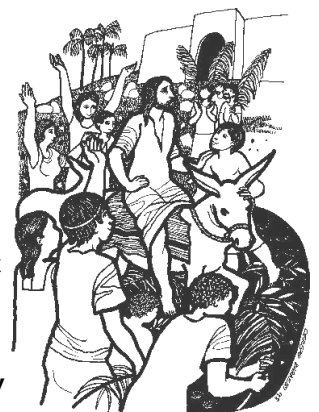
MASS TODAY begins on p7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and the READINGS are on p176

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins, Jim Etheridge & Rob Ridley	6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride, Louise Poole & Andrew Colby
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m.	6.00 p.m.
LAST SUNDAY:	Main Collection: £1048.17	Collection for Easter Flowers: £281.11 THANK YOU
GOOD FRIDAY:	Collection for The Holy Places where the events of the Lord's life, death and resurrection took place	
NEXT SUNDAY:	The Easter Offering MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort	

Sunday's Readings on p176 of the Parish Mass Book...

TODAY IS A DAY OF CONTRASTS. We begin with the crowds hailing Jesus as He rides into Jerusalem. But then His mission is to be accomplished by betrayal, rejection, pain and death and "Crucify!" is all their breath". All this He submits to, meekly, without complaint for our sakes. We leave Mass today having heard of that loving sacrifice, knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son. Reflect on that love, rejoice in that love, thank Him for it and look forward to the glory that His resurrection promises us, remembering always that it was won only by the Cross. *Save us Saviour of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free!*



F. Steffen

❖ PLEASE STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS ❖



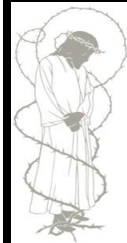
LENT: a springtime for the soul by prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving.

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



April: Month of the Blessed Sacrament:

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



+ 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. Wine & nibbles in MRR follow*

EASTER DAY Masses 9am and 6pm.



RECENTLY DEPARTED: Ron Hamilton, Jean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Tony Miller
ANNIVERSARIES: Stella Burke, Martha Murphy, Arthur Glass, Kitty Molyneux, Philip Murphy, Kathleen Bloore, Cuth Myatt, Peggy Pimlott, Catherine Dempsey, Chrissie Evans, Dorothy Ward, Brenda Wachowski, James Gilroy, Thomas Brown, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger, John Rutledge, Joseph McSorley, Shelagh Freeborn, Catherine Regan, June Deegan, Thomas Kane, Patricia Phillips, Julie Cooper, Lokadia Celtick, Damien O'Malley, Teresa Griffin, Edith Buckley, John Armour, Margaret O'Sullivan, Michael McQuade, Bridget Garry, Raymond Madgett, Edward Smith, William Dempsey, Michael Harrington, Derrick Comer, Theresa Brooks, Anne McNulty, Francis Fletcher, Constance Hessian, Winifred Coward, Mary Lambe and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 "Fitz", 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, 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 Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, Margaret Pewsey, the victims of terrorism especially in Westminster, God's blessing on all who seek peace. Remember all who in this great carry a cross of suffering, persecution or injustice.

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

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

If dry we begin the 9am Mass in the school hall (at 9am). Please bring your palm and books with you to the school hall for the procession.

Children go straight to their liturgy when the procession reaches church – no usual dismissal. **SVP bacon sandwiches** after 9 Mass.

THIS WEEK IS THE WEEK OF WEEKS, WHICH ENDS WITH THE QUEEN OF FEASTS! Details of Holy Week and Easter are at the top.

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!**

SERVING PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK Maundy Thursday 10am, Good Friday 10am, Holy Saturday 10am. **Servers please attend!**

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 and all borrowed threads be returned to the box too. Thank you. **And thank you Debbie!**

FOOT WASHING Please sign up in the list at back of church to have a foot washed – male or female, young or old.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please be ready to be commissioned at the **Maundy Thursday Mass**, just before the peace

HOLY SATURDAY FOOD BLESSING 12 noon. Among the peoples of eastern Europe a blessing of food for Easter is an ancient tradition.

NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER DAY If you are away for Easter may the Risen Christ travel with you and may you know joy and peace.

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

JEAN O'REILLY RIP Her funeral Mass is on Tues 18th April at Blessed Robert Grissold Church, Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common, CV7 7FX

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

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

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

WE ARE ON TWITTER @StThosMore. *Please follow this for news, reflections, photos and even the occasional music track...*

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

OUR 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. *Please give any sick or housebound a hand to watch this*

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.

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.

SCHOOL 100 CLUB WINNERS - MARCH: 1st: £20 Jeanette Quayle 2nd: £10 Margaret Armstrong 3rd: £8 Claire Price 4th: £7 Paul Farmer 5th: £5 Sue McLane 6th: £4 Danielle Brampton **Congratulations to all winners**

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: Next meeting 25 th April 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 Next session 26 th April in the 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 **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.

THIS IS



HOLY WEEK