

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2017 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A

CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

SUNDAY 16th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY	Sat 8.15 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Service of Light, Vigil and Mass Mass Confession Mass	John Lynskey (Anniv) Tony Leigh (3 rd Anniv)/Beatrice Spooner (Anniv) Deceased of Minehane family	<p><i>Morning and Evening Prayer is said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses</i></p> <p>There is a loop system in the church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side walls of the church.</p>
Monday 17 th April <i>Easter Monday</i>	(10.00 a.m.)	<i>Easter Monday Mass at St Osburg's</i>	~	
Tuesday 18 th April <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	10.00 a.m.	Mass	Thanksgiving for Middleton family	
Wednesday 19 th April <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Mass Funeral Service of Elizabeth Wallace RIP	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)	
Thursday 20 th April <i>Easter Thursday</i>	10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~	
Friday 21 st April <i>Easter Friday</i>	10.00 a.m.	Mass	Ida Whittacre (RIP)	
Saturday 22 nd April <i>Easter Saturday</i>	10.00 a.m.	Mass	Joseph & Margaret Hussey (Anniv)	
SUNDAY 23rd April Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Helena Shanley (4 th Anniv) Dec'd of Hackett family	

MASS TODAY begins on p7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and the READINGS are on p251

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett Judith Doherty 6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley Brendon Cunningham
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn Noreen Thornhill 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride Geraldine Clarkson

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: £993.52

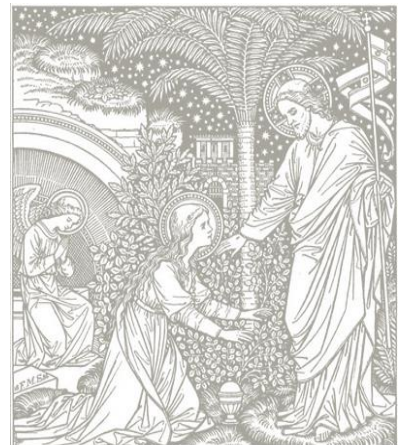
TODAY the *Easter Offering*. Thank you for kindness, generosity and for all your expressions of Easter best wishes. *Fr Stephen*
MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort

**Evening Vigil Mass Readings on p216 of the Parish Mass Book...
 Sunday's Readings on p251 ...**

AT THE VIGIL MASS OF EASTER, the readings tell of God's loving care for humanity from the creation of our first parents to His dealing with the consequences of human sinfulness. We hear how the Israelites escaped the slavery of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. We hear how God has rescued all his faithful people by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. At our baptisms, we are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus—hence the emphasis on the waters of baptism at Easter—and by the waters of baptism we escape sin and death. The Israelites' escape from the slavery of hard labour took place through water. Our escape from sin and death thus takes place through water too—the waters of baptism. The first sacrament of all.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Happy Easter from Fr Stephen and Deacons Leo and Pat



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

April: Month of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Elizabeth Wallace, Jean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Joy Cully, Leonard Pearson, Hugh Gallagher, Freda Durnien, Thomas Woods, Helen Aspell, Lucinda Celtic, Barty Brennan, Hugh Murray, Beatrice Spooner, Arrack Sawny, James O'Sullivan, James McCormack, Reg Nellthorp, Patrick Feehan, Molly O'Reilly, Rose Pallett, Laurence Ryan, Marie O'Malley, John Hanlon, Thomas Rhodes, Audrey Culligan, John Cooney, Margaret Upham, Patrick Tracey, John Robinson, Theresa Poole, Kenneth Pickett, Michael Reilly, Margaret McFadden, Helena Shanley, Kathleen Lowes, John Kerr, Hilary Evans, Rita McConville, Mary Crowe, Renato Paolone, Vincent Rutter, Michael Lovelock, Grace Cairns & 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 "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: EASTER SUNDAY: May the Risen Christ bless you all! *Alleluia!*

EASTER MONDAY MASS The traditional Coventry Easter Monday Mass will be celebrated at St Osburg's at 10 a.m. by Bishop Kenney. Parishes have been asked to have no Masses of their own so that Coventry's Catholics might gather together.

MASSES THIS WEEK are all at 10am A later start for this week of Easter rejoicing. There is no Exposition on Monday evening.

ELIZABETH WALLACE RIP Please pray for Elizabeth who died suddenly and for her family. Sadly, this has happened so quickly after the death of her mother, Betty Wainwright. Her funeral service is on Wednesday at 11.00 a.m.

JEAN O'REILLY RIP Funeral Mass is 1pm Weds 19th April at Blessed Robert Grissold Church, Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common, CV7 7FX

NEXT SUNDAY DIVINE MERCY (Octave Day of Easter): Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Mary & St Benedict's Church beginning at 2.00 p.m. God's mercy is of course our only hope, and the events of Holy Week reveal how deep that mercy is.

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

ANDREW ROBINSON RIP Andrew's annual Mass will be offered on Thursday 27th April at 7.00pm

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES (SCC) Ecumenical Forum is holding a time of prayer on **3rd May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church**. This is to help local churches look afresh at the aims and work of SCC that a vision for it might be clearer. Please support if you can.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who has worked so hard for our celebration of Easter and Holy Week – so many cleaners, servers, flower arrangers, readers, wardens, musicians, setters-up, putters-away and others have done such a great job. *Thank you!* These thanks include all those who were involved with the **PRAYER PEBBLES** art project. Do have a look at the completed art project by the Sacred Heart statue.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

NEW GIVING ENVELOPES are available in the JP2 room. Any problems or queries please contact Tony Currigan on 024 7641 1280

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

PALM SUNDAY PALMS Our regular annual standing order of palms proved to be insufficient this year: sorry. An *extra 200* have already been ordered for 2018 which should prevent the problem recurring. Some blessed palm leaves and crosses have been found and are available.


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 till June.

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

I SAY, I SAY, I SAY...! Q. What do you call a row of Easter bunnies marching backwards? **Ans.** A receding hareline...!

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 if they need help*

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

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: Next meeting 25 th April.
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.
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

IN EASTERTIDE we sing the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady...

Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia! (*Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia*)

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia! (*He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia*)

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia! (*Has arisen as he said, alleluia*)

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia! (*Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia*)

V. Rejoice and be glad O virgin Mary, alleluia R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia. Let us pray...Amen



*Dying, death's defeat He seals,
Empty Tomb new life reveals!*