

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

SUNDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> APRIL <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Helena Shanley (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Dec'd of Hackett family
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St George</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition	Mr Lee
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St Mark</i>	9.00 a.m..	Eucharistic Service	~
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Carmel Costello (RIP)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Andrew Robinson (RIP, Anniv)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Mrs Marie Moore (Mem Mass)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Cosimi Magli (RIP)
SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Mary Berry & Andrew Turner <i>25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i> Rev G O'Reilly (Sick)

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 p255

*Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1*

<b>READERS: This Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn	Noreen Thornhill	6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride	Geraldine Clarkson
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson	Clive Robinson	6.00 p.m. John Burns	Andrew Colby
<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b>	Many thanks for the kind <b>Easter Offering</b> <b>MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money &amp; effort</b>			

### Sunday's Readings on p255 of the Parish Mass Book...

AS FAR AS the first disciples were concerned, the joy of the Resurrection takes time to sink in. After all, can this wonderful news be true? Thomas doubts it: but then, faced with Jesus standing before him he utters those words of worship that testify to Christ's divinity and His rising— "My Lord and my God!". Today's Gospel speaks not only of the joy of knowing that the Lord is indeed alive, but also witnesses to God's love in other ways. Jesus is concerned to give us peace, He wants us to have it, deeply and wholly. Sin can ruin that peace by the damage it does to the sinner and to the victim, as well as to our relationship with God. But in His mercy, Jesus gives His disciples the power to pronounce God's forgiveness. Let us seek this freely given mercy! Today was made Divine Mercy Sunday by St John Paul II. It is through the wounds of Jesus (the proof of Jesus's identity that Thomas needed to see) that we are healed. In adoration of those healing wounds and in thanksgiving for the gift of mercy we cry out with joy "Jesus, I trust in You!" to Him who is forever our Lord and our God.



Thank you for your kind Easter greetings, card and offering. God bless you all.

# 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, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller **ANNIVERSARIES:** Alice Kane, William Morrell, Mary Bourke, Elizabeth Teesdale, Barry McEvelvenny, Fred Woodward, Francis Dempsey, Frederick Phipps, Sarah O'Donnell, Ada Gamble, Frank Dempsey, Thomas McGinty, James Shepherd, Cora Meehan, Cecil Mancini, Jacky King, Gertie Jeffries, Rosaleen O'Sullivan, Reginald Atkinson, Fr Martin Conboy, Ann Brogan, Esther McLoughlin, Christine Donlon, Philip Maguire, Mary Warnock, Nykola Kowalkczuk, Joseph Hussey, Irene Creighton, Nellie Madge, Mary Buckley, Peter David, Andrew Robinson, John O'Neill, Gerald McGinty, Marie Moore, Moira Nesden, Kathleen Ward & those whose anniversaries occur now.

*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: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Octave Day of Easter):** St John-Paul II instituted today's feast in recognition of St Faustina's visions in 1930s Krakow. We hear in today's gospel of the gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. The mercy of God in Jesus is our only hope and so we praise Him for it. *Jesus, I trust in You! St Faustina, pray for us!*

**Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday** are at St Mary & St Benedict's Church, Raglan Street today beginning at 2.00 p.m.

**THIS WEEK:** Alterations to the usual routine on Tuesday and Thursday. On Thursday, we offer an evening Mass for Andrew Robinson on his 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pray for him and for the **Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust (ARYPT)** that works with young people in his memory.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Easter season continues (for longer than Lent in fact) as an opportunity to celebrate the Risen Lord. Alleluia!

**THANK YOU** for your kind Easter greetings, cards and the Easter offering. God bless you all. *Fr Stephen*

**THANK YOU to everyone who worked and prayed so hard to make our keeping of Holy Week and Easter go so well.** Many thanks are deserved by our deacons, cleaners, servers, flower arrangers, musicians, wardens, singers, prayer pebble makers, refreshment organisers, setters-up, putters-away and everyone who lent a hand in so many different ways. *Thank you all!*

**SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum (SCC)** is holding a time of prayer on **3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm Woodside Methodist Church.** This is to help discern a more positive role for SCC and develop ways of helping Christians of different sorts to meet and to pray together. The churches involved are St Martin's, St James, Christ Church (all Anglican), West Orchard URC, Woodside Methodist, King's Church Cheylesmore, Quinton Park Baptist and us at St Thomas More.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 27 May-2 June** There is a meeting for pilgrims in the MRR on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm. There is a place available – please contact Andy & Alison Cullinane 02476 441436.

**ROB RIDLEY IS CYCLING TO LOURDES** Rob, a parishioner, is to cycle to Lourdes in aid of Cancer Research UK. He will cover 1009km and plans to arrive to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. **Please sponsor him.** You may do this through <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rob-RidleyTDF2017>. *More details next week.*

**FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 26<sup>th</sup> November** flying from Birmingham for four nights from £485 [aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima](http://aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima) or 0800 689 4792

**GIVING EVELOPES** These are available in the church porch. If your box is not there or there is some other problem please contact Tony Curristan (who organises both the envelopes and Gift Aid) on 024 7641 1280


**SINGERS AT 6PM?** Would anyone like to support the music at this Mass by joining others by the piano to help lead? Please consider this.

**OUR BEAUTIFUL MONSTRANCE** has gone away to lose its dents and dings and regain its shine and lustre.

**PARISH SHOP - now in stock: cards for 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](mailto:stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com) or call Kevin Duffy on 07812211828

**MASSES NOW BROADCAST ON THE INTERNET.** Direct 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](http://stmcov.org) for all the latest. And the parish is now on **TWITTER @StThosMore.**  **Please follow this!**

**MARKING THE 50<sup>th</sup> 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. The plans for a London pilgrimage to visit the places connected with St Thomas More, a celebratory meal, a Rome pilgrimage and the Archbishop's visit continue being explored. Various suggestions and ideas have been put forward to mark the anniversary in a concrete way, now including larger projects such as extending the porch area into the church by including the space under the balcony (which would mean moving the font), sorting out the heating system, installing new modern disability friendly glass doors and modern fire exits. Fifty years ago, parishioners 'thought big' to build what we have now: there is a case for considering 'thinking big' again and assessing what should be done to keep the building up to modern needs and standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Clearly, any spending of 'big money' that we'd have to borrow is subject to a thorough vetting process by experts, parish and the diocese. 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

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY:</b> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
<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 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. at St Thomas More Primary 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 **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.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA OR COFFEE AFTER 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

