

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

SUNDAY 30 th 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>25th Wedding Anniversary</i> Rev G O'Reilly (Sick)	<i>Morning and Evening Prayer is said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses</i> There is a loop system in the church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side walls of the church.
Monday 1 st May <i>Easter Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	Mass	Bernard Swann (Anniv)	
Tuesday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Sylvia Harland (RIP)	
Wednesday 3 rd May <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Judith Coughlan (RIP)	
Thursday 4 th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~	
Friday 5 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Deceased Pollard/Byatt family	
Saturday 6 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Peter Adams (RIP)	
SUNDAY 7th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Mary Mannion (RIP) Emrys Evans (RIP)	

MASS TODAY begins on p7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and the READINGS are on p258

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 3

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson & Clive Robinson	6.00 p.m. John Burns & Andrew Colby
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Rachel Thompson & Blaise H-O'Sullivan	6.00 p.m. Sheila Browne & Anthony Buckley
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:	£914.08	Easter Cake Raffle: £90.50
NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION for the Clergy Training Fund		Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places: £446.79
MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort		

Sunday's Readings on p258 of the Parish Mass Book...

PPETER STANDS UP and proclaims the truth about Jesus to the crowd. He speaks of Jesus as the one who came from the Father, worked signs and miracles and was crucified and rose again. David, king and prophet, bore witness in the Old Testament to the power of Christ, and here it is made plain by the glory of the resurrection. Christ is risen, and the experience of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus was one of many that Jesus's followers had that convinced them that Jesus had risen. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus do not recognise their companion until they stop and eat together. He takes bread, says the blessing and breaks it...and they know only then that He is Jesus. Jesus's presence is revealed in the simple, everyday act of breaking bread. We do that again and again as Christians, for it is the Mass. This great gift of Christ to His Church, this sacrifice, this offering His Body and Blood is the source and summit of the Church's life. In it, we come to know Jesus, just as did those first disciples. May we all see Jesus in this wonderful sacrament, the most holy sacrament of the altar, when His presence, His Body and Blood, are offered for us simply out of love.



Fr. Stephen

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Elizabeth Wallace, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers, Eileen Kennedy, Tony Miller **ANNIVERSARIES:** James Holmes, Catherine Forrester, Fr Joe Conboy, Eily O'Connor, Marjorie Thompson, Elizabeth McNicholl, Eileen Hammell, Blanca Avery, Florence O'Grady, George Iggulden, Gerald Sheridan, Thomas Neary, Richard Corkerry, Paula Tew, Dr John Rogan, Thomas Murphy, Regina McGeaham, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Sarah Fulton, Mary Warnock, Catherine O'Neill, Stella Harwood, Patrick Coyle, James McGinty, John Magennis, Patrick McAree, Kathleen O'Brien, Thomas Hope, Harry Mee & 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 "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, 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

Please advise a member of the clergy if any names can be removed. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!**

TODAY: CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! The Easter season continues as we rejoice in the Risen Christ!

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are recruiting new members. A member will speak to us during the notices **today** about their work.

THIS WEEK: ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL SPRING FAYRE Wednesday 3rd May after school, in the school grounds.

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES Ecumenical Forum (SCC) is holding a time of prayer on **3rd 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 pray together. The churches involved are St Martin's, St James, Christ Church (Anglican), West Orchard URC, Woodside Methodist, King's Church Cheylesmore, Quinton Park Baptist and St Thomas More.

WALTON'S BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST, the St Michael's Singers - Sat 6th May 7.30 p.m. Coventry Cathedral. Tickets 7650 0257 Poster in porch.

NEXT SUNDAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund

NEXT WEEK: ♪ JAM 'N' CAKE: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. in the MRR on Tuesday 9th May, 20th June, 18th July, 12th September, 24th October and 21st November. Come and join in this social evening with refreshments getting to know music for the 9.00am Mass. **All welcome!** ♪

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 13th May Deanery coaches leave from St John Fisher and from Christ the King at 8.00am. £15 per person incl transport and Pilgrimage costs. Bring a mac and packed lunch. Book a place by phoning Fiona at Christ The King on 76 591618

FIRST COMMUNION MASS Sunday 14th May 11am *It will be possible this year to use the MRR as usual for tea and coffee after 9am Mass*

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

CONFIRMATION MASS Tuesday 13th June 7.00pm Bishop William Kenney CP is coming to confirm the young people of the parish.

AFTERNOON TEA Saturday 17th JUNE Two sittings: 12.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. in the MRR. Booking is essential for this Parish fundraiser. Tickets £8 per head. To purchase/reserve please text or call Mandy Wooltorton 07968 370195.

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

TEACHING VACANCY at St Thomas More School. Please visit the school's website to find out more.

MASS INTENTIONS Demand is **very high** and it is still not possible to guarantee a given date. If you are willing to share a Mass that eases the problem so if so please state clearly on the envelope. This would be a tremendous help.

GIVING ENVELOPES 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.

EASTER CAKE RAFFLE Many thanks to Mary Evans for providing the cake and to all who bought tickets. £90.50 was raised – **thank you**

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 the cooks' rota 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

MASSES NOW BROADCAST ON THE INTERNET. Direct link on the website to <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/>.

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. 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 into the church by including the space under the balcony (which would mean moving the font), 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: isn't there a case for considering 'thinking big' again and assessing how to keep the building up to modern needs and standards for the 21st century? Clearly, any spending of 'big money' that we might have to borrow is subject to a thorough vetting process by experts, parish and the diocese and we would have to be fundraising too. 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: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Game of 'Family Fortunes' in MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
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 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. at St Thomas More Primary 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.

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

