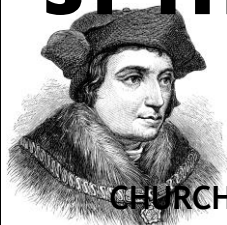


# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Mass with First Communions Confession Mass	Anne Martin (RIP) The People of the Parish Deidrie Burns (RIP)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ellen Connell (RIP)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Nora Cawley
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Clr Philip Townsend (RIP)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Roger Murray (RIP)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv)
SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Tony Leigh (Thanksgiving) Martin Ward (Anniv)

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 p 265

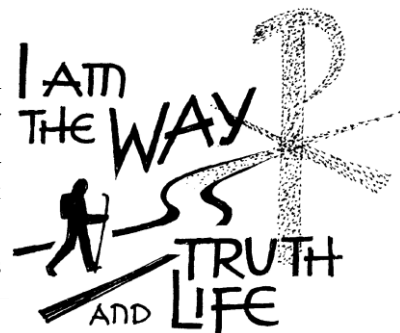
*Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1*

<b>READERS: This Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Laura Martin	6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Debbie Middleton	6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole
<b>LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:</b>	£956.65	<b>Clergy Training Fund:</b> £518.97
<b>TODAY: Second Collection:</b>	Parish Development Fund	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY: Second Collection:</b>	Church Flowers	

**MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort**

### Sunday's Readings on p 265 of the Parish Mass Book...

JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS APOSTLES in this Gospel not long before His death. They will soon see that all He taught them is true. He speaks of preparing a place (a room, even) for each of us in the Father's house. This is in fact the heart of the Easter Gospel. We are invited by the Father to live with Him for ever. And the One that brings us that invitation, that supplies the travel directions and gets the room ready for us is none other than the Son! More than that, the Father is so keen for us to be with Him that only our own wilfulness can stop us: even death is no barrier to life with Him, quite the reverse...



*Fr. Stephen*



**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH**  
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death*

# CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Paul Ryan, Elizabeth Wallace, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock, Bridie Rogers  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas Grant, Michael Ruddy, Janet Kellar, Laurie Garvey, Jeannie Mead, Winona Chattaway, Mary Ford, Thomas Bird, Michael Barnett, Bill Thompson, Martin Ward, Joan Sanders, George Conway, James Fawcett, Elizabeth Freeman, Hazel James, Peter Pawsey, David Hawthorne, Luke Jackson, Michael Meany, Michael Morley, Joan Pears, Francis O'Hanlon, Elizabeth McElroy, Marie Bowen, Mary Lamb, John Chambers, Christina Hannon & 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:** Hildegard Atherton 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

*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: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS TODAY 11am** *Please pray for the children of the parish who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time today.* It will be possible this year to use the MRR as usual for tea and coffee after 9am Mass

**SECOND COLLECTION** for the Parish Development Fund.

This weekend marks the Centenary of the apparitions of **Our Lady of Fatima** in Portugal. ***Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!***

**NEXT SUNDAY : 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!** The Easter season continues as we rejoice in the Risen Christ

**LOURDES PETITIONS** – If anyone would like a petition to be placed at the grotto in Lourdes please put them in the box by Our Lady's statue in church by 22 May. Please do **not** put any money in the envelopes! The envelopes are left unopened at the grotto. **The pilgrims are away from 27 May – 2 June. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm** Bishop William Kenney CP is coming to confirm the young people of the parish.

**AFTERNOON TEA Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Woollorton 07968 370195.

**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

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** The Archdiocese seeks to appoint a Head of Communications & Community Engagement (£34-40K) and a Press & Media Relations Officer (£27-31K). Contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources at [gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org)

**OUR LADY'S STATUE IN THE GROUNDS** You may have noticed that the Christ Child is missing a hand. The hand is safe and had simply become loose and was just lodged in place. It is being safely kept until it can be repaired.

**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.

**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](mailto:stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com) or call Kevin Duffy on 07812211828

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

**MARKING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING 2018** A number of people have commented that we should explore the possibility of 'thinking big' with the building to mark our anniversary year in a lasting way. What do you think? Would enlarging the porch level with the front of the balcony create a more useful welcoming space? Where would the font go? What about renewing the heating entirely – the boiler is only ten years old but the pipes and heaters are all 50 next year. What about the lighting? Improved fire exits are desirable, and why not the entrance doors while we're at it? This is all at the earliest stage of discussion. How about it? 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. There is much to think and pray about. **In the meanwhile, 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.** Thanks be to God!

**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.

**THIS NEWSLETTER** might well start to look a little different over the next few weeks as we try to use the pages as efficiently as possible. There never seems to be enough room to get everything on!

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

#### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY SOCIETY:</b> 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Fish & Chip lunch in MRR.
<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

