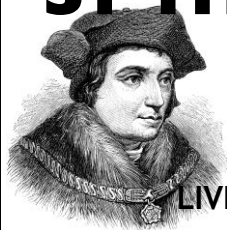


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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

SUNDAY 21 st May SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Tony Leigh (Thanksgiving) Martin Ward (Anniv)
Monday 22 nd May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass, followed by School May Procession Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Martin Hallman
Tuesday 23 rd May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Mary Jenkins (RIP)
Wednesday 24 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Michael Hammond (RIP)
Thursday 25 th May <i>St Bede</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 26 th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Private Intentions (AW)
Saturday 27 th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service Exposition and Benediction <i>No Confession today</i>	~
SUNDAY 28 th May The ASCENSION of the LORD	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Ellen O'Sullivan (RIP) Sean & Margaret Gallagher(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 p268

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 2

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Debbie Middleton	6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Pat Jenkins	6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:	£1297.24	Parish Development Fund: £580.73
TODAY: Second Collection	Church Flowers	Standing Orders April: £724.00
NEXT SUNDAY: Second Collection	Catholic Communications	MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort

Sunday's Readings on p268 of the Parish Mass Book...

THE GREAT COMMAND OF JESUS is to love. To love God and to love one another. After all, Jesus's ministry is all about that and demonstrated most fully by His dying on the cross. "Greater love has no man", He said, "than to lay down his life for his friends". We are thus made His friends and the objects of His love. Love is to be the hallmark of the Christian because love is the hall mark of Christ, the basis of all His teaching and commands. If we could only grasp the depth of that love. And if we could only realise that if Jesus loves us enough to die for us, then who are we to look at our fellow human beings without love? If God can love them that much and believe us all worthy of His love, then of course so should we!



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: Rita McGovern, Ann Stapleton, Paul Carr, Mary Neal, May Tighe, Elizabeth Brown, Ann Sonroy, Grace Murphy, James Phee, Bridget Bell, Phyllis Ward, Constance Cridland, Con O'Neill, Dave King, Esther Flanagan, Edward Browne, Terence Clifford, Georgine Bruell, Daniel Yorath, Michael Kitson, Mary Harris, George Preston, Bertha Lawlor, Andrew Rothwell, Maureen McCormack, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan & 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: Steve Foster, Margaret Crilly, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, 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 Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell. All who are taking exams at tis time.

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: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! The Easter season continues as we rejoice in the Risen Christ

THURSDAY: 6.30pm VOCATIONS MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH with Bishop Robert Byrne. All welcome. *And at almost the same time 7.30pm ARCHBISHOP BERNARD AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL* with the Anglican bishop for **evening prayer**. We are all invited to attend this ecumenical event.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD God goes up with shouts of joy! The Lord returns to the Father and we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The day is designated **Communications Sunday** to support the Church's work in communicating 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 today. Please do **not** put any money in the envelopes! The envelopes are left unopened in the grotto prayer box. The pilgrims are away from next Saturday. ***Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!*** Pray for the pilgrims as they shall for us.

ROB RIDLEY IS CYCLING TO LOURDES Rob, a parishioner, is cycling to Lourdes in aid of Cancer Research UK. ***He leaves today*** and will cover 1009km and plans to arrive to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. ***Please sponsor him*** in person or through the Justgiving website at <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.

***** PARISH SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 24TH JUNE - MAKE A DATE WITH THE FETE! *****

We are trying a **Saturday** this year – please look out items for stalls. There will be a planning meeting soon

BILL OF THE MONTH The **annual insurance bill** for all our buildings and contents of church, MRR and house: **£3,218.37** paid every April

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 Poster in porch

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.

YOUTH POLL ON LIFE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT Young people between 13-29 can give their views to the poll at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. It closes on 5 June and can be completed in less than 30 mins. These resources will be used by the Bishops of England & Wales for the 2018 Synod on: 'Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

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

♪ **JAM 'N' CAKE: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.** in the MRR on Tuesday 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!*** ♪

MARKING THE 50th 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.

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.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Chengeta School Project in MRR. All welcome.
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**

