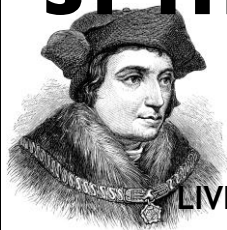


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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 4th JUNE 2017 PENTECOST YEAR A

SUNDAY 4 th June <i>PENTECOST</i> Eastertide ends	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Jim Gallagher (Anniv) / Brian Matthews (1 st Anniv) Special Ints of B Armstrong
Monday 5 th June <i>St Boniface</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Intentions of B & M Ferguson
Tuesday 6 th June <i>Feria (9th Week Ord Time)</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Gerry Carpenter RIP (1 st Anniv)
Wednesday 7 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Mary Jenkins (RIP)
Thursday 8 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 9 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Margaret Crilly (RIP) / Gary Crilly (1 st Anniv)
Saturday 10 th June <i>Of Our Lady</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition and Benediction Confession	Paddy Lamb (RIP)
SUNDAY 11 th June <i>HOLY TRINITY</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	John O'Brien (8 th Anniv) In Thanksgiving, B Armstrong

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 p288

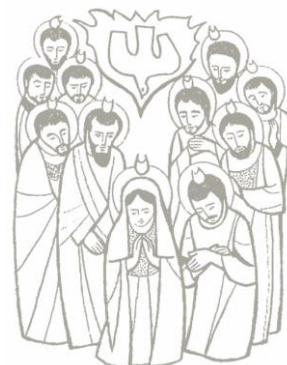
Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 1

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Eve Hibberd & Maureen Porter	6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Brendon Cunningham
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Rob Ridley & Jim Etheridge	6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £818.43 Catholic Communications: £243.50 MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort		

Sunday's Readings on p288 of the Parish Mass Book...

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT made all the difference. People are filled with wonder at the power of the Apostles' witness, and (undoing Babel) in so many languages too! Everything will be accomplished through the power of the Spirit. He enables the Apostles to get out and on with building the Church, and He sustains the Church through all her trials. (Countless times, secular rulers have as we know attempted to exterminate Christianity). And He sustains us. Jesus gives the Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. The Church and all her members need all the Spirit's gifts if we are to be faithful to our calling to be holy and also to make Christ known in the world today.

In a practical way, we may this week seek the Spirit's guidance as we come to vote on Thursday. Let our politics not be selfish, strident or doctrinaire but aware of the needs of others, the common good and the teaching of the Church. Don't forget to vote!

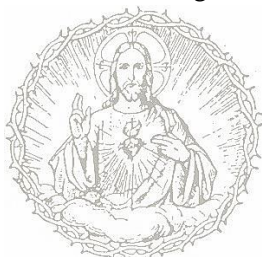


Fr. Stephen

JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

COME HOLY SPIRIT! ALLELUIA!



RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Crilly, Paul Ryan, Elizabeth Wallace, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock
ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Lawlor, Phyllis Lovatt, Arthur Pears, Esther Carlin, Mary Smith, Patrick Higgins, Margaret Palmese, Billy Clark, Catherine Turvey, Agnes Ostick, John Ward, Sr M Conception, Theresa Delves, Michael Maguire, Peter McGovern, Bridget Sweeney, Jane Quill, Mary Newbold, Maireade McMenemy, Jim Donnelly, Agnes Adams, Tom Norris, Katherine Waters, Luke Walker, Eileen Duff, Edward Hodgetts, Paddy Grogan, Lena Grogan, Brenda Billings, Stephen Barnacle, Janet McGinty, Stephanie Carr, George McAdam, James Gallagher, Alice O'Toole.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SICK & SUFFERING: Steve Foster, 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 this 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: PENTECOST We rejoice in the coming of the Holy Spirit. As He filled Mary and the Apostles so may He fill us with His power today!

BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH UK Beatrice Upham is part way through a time sponsored silence. She has forms and details after 9am Mass

FETE PLANNING MEETING Monday 5th June, 7.30pm in the MRR

THE GENERAL ELECTION on THURSDAY Please pray that we may all cast our votes reflectively and that whatever the outcome the country and all of us within it may know peace and security - security in our homes, our jobs, when sick or a stranger. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter to help us reflect on important issues and the kinds of questions our potential MPs need to answer. The letter is at the back of church and is a thought-provoking and challenging document. And pray in thanksgiving that we may choose our own leaders when many in this world suffer at the hands of dictators and have little chance of changing anything about the way they are governed. Pray for them.

NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY TRINITY The celebration of the mystery that is at the centre of our merciful God's very Being.

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.

*** **PLANNING MEETING - MONDAY 5th JUNE at 7.30 p.m. in the MRR.** ***

All hands on deck are required - please offer your services as always or for the first time. All welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES last week went extremely well. The sick and housebound of the parish were all commended to Our Lady's prayers and all intentions given in were left at the Shrine. A big thank you to Andy and Alison for the smooth organisation and to all the pilgrims for making it so successful: prayer, devotion, care, friendship and laughter were all well in evidence. *Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us!*

ROB RIDLEY, as those of you follow social media will know (live coverage on the **parish Twitter account** - follow @StThosMore) arrived in Lourdes to complete successfully his charity cycle ride. He was given a warm welcome by our pilgrims and his achievement was mentioned at the Mass on Thursday where further donations were encouraged from Birmingham pilgrims who responded generously for Cancer Research. You may catch up on Rob's journey on the Parish Twitter account @StThosMore and on his blog Robertridly.co.uk. Not too late to sponsor him!

♪♪ **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!** ♪♪

2018 JUBILEE EVENTS ARRANGED SO FAR - there will be others too!

- **Parish Mission: 17th February-4th March 2018.** *This is a big event and will need us to provide much support to the Team.*
 - **St Thomas More's Day Mass: Friday 22nd June 2018.** *We ask our patron's blessing on our Jubilee Year A simple parish social will follow.*
 - **Thanksgiving Mass with the Archbishop: Friday July 20th 2018.** *We will invite local clergy, past priests and lots more to this big do*
 - **Pilgrimage to Rome: Week beginning 15th October 2018** *Final details still to be arranged, note the date now. Details will follow*
- Other events being explored include a **Trip to the Tower of London or Chelsea or both** (access to St Thomas More's cell is restricted and needs special permission), various social events and 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!

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

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: 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. Fire security at home in the 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. All welcome.
Wednesday	STEPPING STONES Parent & Toddler Group 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. in the Community Room at 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

