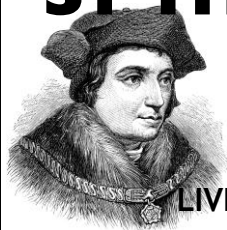


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St Thomas More, pray for us!

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SUNDAY 25 th JUNE 2017	TWELFTH SUNDAY		YEAR A
SUNDAY 25th June <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY</i>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Ben Freeman (1 st Anniv) / John & Helen Martin (Anniv) Jim Molloy (Anniv)
Monday 26 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Breda Gleeson (Anniv)
Tuesday 27 th June <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Geraldine Haverty (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 28 th June <i>St Irenaeus M</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Mary Shepherd (Mem Mass)
THURS 29th June SS PETER & PAUL <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass Mass	The People of the Parish The Rev John Taylor RIP
Friday 30 th June <i>First Martyrs of the See of Rome</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Michael Higgins (RIP)
Saturday 1 st July <i>St Oliver Plunkett B,M</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service Exposition and Benediction <i>No Confession this Saturday</i>	
SUNDAY 2nd JULY THIRTEENTH SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Robert Lee (1st Anniv) Connie Tallant (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 p93

Sunday readings Cycle A, Psalter week 3

READERS: This Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Marissa Gunn	6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Andrew Colby
Next Sunday:	9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'S & Rachel Thompson	6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection:	£821.06	Day for Life: £388.09
THIS SUNDAY: Second Collection - Peter's Pence	MANY THANKS for all you give in time, money and effort	

Sunday's Readings on p93 of the Parish Mass Book...

'DO NOT BE AFRAID'. These words of Jesus spoken to the Apostles were much quoted by Pope St John Paul II for they are wonderful words. Amid the pain and suffering of the world, the rejection of the Gospel and hostility to the teachings of Christ, Jesus can still say "Do not be afraid" to us. Jesus knows all about suffering, and yet He can still speak these words. Are they empty comfort? No, for they are said by the Lord Himself and they are spoken out of an understanding of reality. The reality is this: life on earth contains good things and bad, pleasure and pain, sin and self-sacrifice, and one day it will end. But Jesus has overcome the bad, the pain and the sin and out of the Father's great love He offers that victory to us: "...there is no need to be afraid..."



JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart, have mercy on us!

F. Stephen



St PETER & St PAUL

Pray for us



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SUMMER FETE YESTERDAY

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Margaret Crilly, Paul Ryan, Elizabeth Wallace, Sean O'Reilly, Consolata, Pat Kenny, Paddy Hughes, Paulina Woodcock
ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Walsh, Eddie Price, Anthony Brown, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Cerowski, William Carpenter, Agnes Smith, Sally Donoghue, Breda Gleeson, Edith Palmer, Ida Whittaker, Edith Clayton, James Duffy, Kazimierz Galatowicz, Brenda Day, James Walsh, Geraldine Haverty, James Rees, Patrick Fox, Dulcie Glowacki, William Murphy, Jim Molloy, Peter Carney, Harold Davies, Ella Shields, Denis O'Sullivan, Joan Hope, Nora Chandler, Elizabeth Ashurst, Paddy McGoldrick, Catherine Ilsley, Bernard Glynn, Anna Thomson, Ursula Hammond, William Ferguson, Gladys Goddard, Reginald Hone, Palmira Bellezza, Percy Bellezza, Edward Wallam-Durrant, Sheila Bateman, Lillian Stokes, Stephen Aspbury, Josiah Fox, James Pinches, Nora Tebbutt, Margaret Colby, Daniel McCarthy, Paddy Daly, Patrick Connolly, Reg Hone, John & Charles Hourihan, John Higgins, John Harris
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

SICK & SUFFERING: Olivine Gilhooly, 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, all victims of terrorism and the victims of Grenfell Tower.
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

AFTERNOON TEA "Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped prepare and serve at Afternoon Tea making the event an enjoyable and very successful fundraiser" **£543 raised for Parish funds** WELL DONE to all involved

*** **PARISH SUMMER FETE** ***
***Thank you to everyone** who worked and who came! Many people work really hard for this event*

TODAY: We return to green Sundays as we explore the teaching of Scripture and celebrate the resurrection of Christ week by week as He comes to us at every Mass.

THIS WEEK... THURSDAY is the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass here at 9.15 and 7.00pm. There is also a 7.00am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Canley (as well as Masses in every parish in Coventry that day).

NEXT SUNDAY: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HEDNESFORD, SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2nd JULY. Deanery Coach leaving Christ the King at 1.00pm please book a place by phoning 024 76 591618. Cost about £5. Return to Coventry at 8.00pm.

SVP - TEA & CAKE – The SVP would like to invite parishioners to a special Tuesday Club tea and cake afternoon on Tuesday 4th July 2.00 – 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY There will be a meeting of Catechists from the Coventry area on **Mon 10th July 7.00 p.m.** All Soul's on **Children's Liturgy**. We will have the opportunity to share experience, practice, resources with other parishes where there is a group at Sunday Masses. **All are welcome** – those who have recently volunteered to help and those leaders who can share their very valuable experience with others.

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

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 27th August at 2.00 p.m.

ALEX & DAVID DARRAGH are taking on three massive challenges this year to raise money for **Teenage Cancer Trust**. The first one is a half ironman triathlon. On 24th Sept the 100 mile bike ride around Birmingham. Then we will be running in the inaugural Birmingham Marathon on 15th Oct. Please this wonderful charity that supported Rosie in her battle by sponsoring us through our Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alex-Darragh1>

APF RED BOXES – Collectors needed. Volunteers needed to collect in the boxes. Please help if you can. Speak to Vic Bellanti/Fr Stephen.

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.

STEPPING STONES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP needs helpers. About a dozen children aged 0 - pre-nursery attend each Wednesday afternoon in the Community Room at school. If you can spare a couple of hours to help set up, join in or lead the activities and pack away afterwards that would be great. Come along on a Wednesday afternoon to find out more, 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Community Room at school

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 Mission Team. The Team will spend two weeks with us, visiting homes and school, organising activities. There will be Mission Masses and Services every day. The lay members of the Team will need bed & breakfast, the MRR will be their daytime base, there will be a need to organise publicity, transport to events and more. Details will follow in the autumn. Please God He will bless our parish through this time of prayer and work, that people might return to the faith or come to it anew and that we might all be encouraged and affirmed in discipleship. Pray for its success!
- **St Thomas More's Day Mass & Flower Festival: 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 from the Warden of the Tower, which is being asked for), 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!*

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS	
Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Fish & Chip lunch in the MRR.
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. in the Community Room at school.
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00am in the MRR.

ARRANGING THE BAPTISM (CHRISTENING) 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