

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

JUBILEE YEAR: 75 YEARS OF THE PARISH 50 YEARS OF THE CHURCH DEO GRATIAS!

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25th February 2018

Mass p7, readings p155 Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

THE MISSION IS IN FULL SWING!



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 25th LENT 2	Sung Mass Mission Service for all with a Parish Ministry Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 3.00 p.m	Irene Hammond (50th Anniv)/ John Hussey (Anniv)
		5.30p.m 6.00 p.m	The People of the Parish
Monday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Mass Mission Service: <i>The Father</i>	7.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Joe Daley (RIP) Daphne Carvell (RIP)
Tuesday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Mass Reception & Mass Mission Service: <i>The Son</i>	7.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Roy Haslam (Sick) Thanksgiving Winnie Coleman Doreen Robinson (RIP)
Wednesday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Mass Requiem Mass Reconciliation Service	7.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Linda Proctor (RIP) Mary Jenkins (RIP) Doreen Robinson (RIP)
Thursday 1st March <i>St David</i>	Mass Mass Requiem Mass "Questions of Faith"	7.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Alan Wilkinson (RIP) Bernard Swan (Anniv) Kathleen Simpson (RIP) <i>In school hall with refreshments</i>
Friday 2nd <i>St Chad</i>	Mass Mass Mission Service: <i>The Spirit</i>	7.00a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Margaret Gallagher (RIP) Pat, Ann & family
Saturday 3rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass for the Sick with Anointing	11.00 a.m.	Paul & Mary Howley (Anniv) <i>Soup Lunch follows</i>
	Vigil Mass for Sunday	6.00 p.m.	Mrs O'Brien
SUNDAY 4th LENT 3	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m 6.00 p.m	Esther Ilangasekera (Anniv)
			Nellie McCann (RIP)



Christ calls us to follow Him—this Lent take the opportunities the Mission gives to hear anew and explore afresh what that means!

This Weekend

- **The Second Sunday of Lent. Use the Mission as part of your Lenten devotions!** We welcome **Fr Ged** and the other members of the Mission Team to the parish for week 2.
- **TODAY**, there is a **Pastoral Letter** from the **Archbishop**. Copies at the back of church.
- **TODAY, Second Collection for CAFOD.** CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 23rd Feb. Please Gift Aid using CAFOD envelopes available in church if possible. This Lent the government will match each pound donated so a gift aided donation of £10 is worth £22.50 to CAFOD. Bargain!
- **TODAY, SERVICE FOR ALL IN A PARISH MINISTRY** 3-4pm. **All our** servers, eucharistic ministers, cleaners, flower arrangers, tea makers, wardens, musicians, readers, counters, volunteers and so on are warmly invited. Thank you for what you do and **please come along!**
- **We shall be saying the Mission Prayer at all Masses.** A Mission is meant to be a very big event in the life of any parish. **Please come and experience what it has to offer as part of your Lent.** There is something for everyone to help us all know God's love afresh. **Don't forget that TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO NEED IT to any Mission event. Contact Nick (transport co-ordinator) on 07851 833871.** A transport team is ready!
- **Jubilee Year Bookmarks** are available, **please take one.** **Calendars** are available too.
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room
- **Parish Song Book new edition. Thank you** to all who worked so hard on this.

This Week

- **After 7.00 a.m. Masses** there is breakfast. **After 11.00 a.m. Mass** there will be a faith sharing talk by one of the Mission Team and refreshments will follow in the MRR
- **Monday:** **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT BEGINS.** Please remember to use Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and other products whenever possible so that farmers in developing countries can support their families and communities. We hope to become a Fairtrade Church in 2018. **Don't let bargain prices be a cause of a farmer's poverty!**
- **Wednesday:** **Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.** **MISSION PENITENTIAL SERVICE with CONFESSION Wed 28 Feb 7.30pm.** This be the parish Lenten penitential service, other priests will be here to help.
- **Thursday** **NOVENA OR PRAYER** for the canonisation of

Bl Dominic Barberi and **Bl John Henry Newman** begins

• **Saturday:**

MISSION MASS with ANOINTING OF THE SICK followed by soup lunch **3 March 11am**
VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT at 6 p.m.

After the Saturday Vigil Mass there is a **Parish BARN DANCE & Social to celebrate God's love revealed in the MISSION Saturday** come and join the fun! 7pm onwards. For catering purposes, please take a **FREE** ticket. **ALL VERY WELCOME...**

Next Weekend

- **Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance Coming Soon**
- **CAFOD SHARE THE JOURNEY REFUGEE INITIATIVE** In response to Pope Francis's concern for refugees and migrants, CAFOD is running a special campaign Come and hear about that in the MRR 7th March 7pm. This is an event for Coventry run by a CAFOD team from London
- **World Meeting of Families**, 21-26 Aug Dublin
- **Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, Liverpool 7-9 September. Coventry Deanery will be organising a coach for Sat 8, coast £40. Leaflets at back of church.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Amanda Kelly & Marisa Gunn

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Rachel Thompson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Louise Poole

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME **Week Beginning 22 October 2018**

Places available. Details are on the parish website 'What's On' page. Forms from Fr Stephen for those who want to take part. Please return completed forms to the organiser in London, Anthony Coles. **COVENTRY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER HELP** Staying overnight, cooking a meal or giving breakfast foods and toiletries, there are many ways to help. See a member of the Justice & Peace Group. There is a box in the porch for items.

APPEAL FOR HISTORIC PARISH PHOTOS

If you have any historical photos from your time within the Parish, please pass to Claire Rutter or a member of the clergy so that we can copy them.

PLEASE SHUT THE DOORS!

If our heating is to stand half a chance, the church doors **must not be left open!** **Please keep all the doors closed! PLEASE!** *Thank you!*

SCHOOL 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEB

Please see poster in the porch.

MARCH:

MONTH OF ST JOSEPH!



FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.

Last week, Main Collection: £1,243.90

In 2016 it cost £1,589 a week to run the parish. (In 2015 £1,510, in 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

Abraham's faith is tested by God asking him to sacrifice his own son. Abraham reluctantly prepares to do this, but God stops him. Now not only has God seen his faith but Abraham realises the importance of it too. Atop another mountain, centuries later, the voice of God is heard again, witnessing to the Sonship of Jesus. Here, in the Transfiguration, Jesus's glory is revealed. But the sacrifice is yet to come. This is Jesus, God the Son but He will become the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Just as Abraham's faith allowed God's will to be done, so will Jesus's. Abraham offers the ram and becomes the father of a great nation. Jesus offers Himself so that all might enter the kingdom of Heaven, the eternal nation of God's people, forgiven and saved.

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018

- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE** after Easter
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL: Fri 22nd June**
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCH-BISHOP: Friday July 20th**
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Week beginning 22nd October PLACES STILL FREE!** Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website. See Fr Stephen for a booking form.

MISSION 2018

17 FEB - 4 MAR



FOLLOW ME

It's Week 2!

INFORMATION, PRAYER CARDS AND THE TIMETABLE OF EVENTS ARE ALL AVAILABLE.

- ◆ **This week Fr Gerard Kelly**, a priest of the Community, and a new team of Missioners lead the second week of the Mission.
- ◆ **Get on the parish Twitter account** for regular news and announcements **@StThosMore** Twitter *is* simple and brief!
- ◆ Please take a moment to add your intentions to the **prayer footprint** (in the Sacred Heart corner). Pray for the Mission, family, friends, the world, problems, joys—whoever or whatever you know that needs prayer

Transport to all events is available!



Please ring Nick on 07851 833871 or complete a form to ask for a lift (see the Mission Notice Board in the porch)

"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Jesus, and to speak to others of our friendship with Him". Pope Benedict XVI



PARISH CONTACTS



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For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, Kathleen McMenemy, Kathleen Simpson, Eileen Connolly, Mike Perry, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Patricia Hugenin, John Magee, Cynthia Walton, Ivor Sanders, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, Tom Ashley, Roy Haslam, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Martin, Liam Mee, John & Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Lily Bailey, Kathleen Simpson, Doreen Robinson, Luigi Rigione

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Cullinane, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Halloron, Driver Jason McFadden, Mabel Perkins, Kathleen Day, Daniel Quinn, Irene Hammond, Garrett Fagan, Alec Sadler, Mary Lee, Leon Brocki, Tony Royal, Ethel Jones, James Durnien, Alice McConway, Jack Errington, Thomas Lambe, Edward McClory, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Daniel Lee, Margaret McCormack, David Lee, Edward Cawley, John Flanagan, Luke Keene, Thomas Rogers, Patrick O'Laughlin, Robert Fuller, Ellen Higgins, Patrick Buckley, Blanche Dargan, Daniel Butler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Celia Gains, Norman Cartwright, Gladys Stagg, James McElvenney, Sadie O'Neill, Gulio Jannucelli, John Higgins, James Costello
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- For peace in Syria
- For Fr Pontius, newly inducted parish priest of St Osburg's

**THE MISSION PRAYER
INTENTION
FOR THIS WEEK**

For the outpouring of the fruits of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control For a spirit of gentleness and sensitivity and for the gift of expectant faith.; that God's glory may be seen and that we turn to Him in a deeper way.

Lord hear us! Lord, graciously hear us!

**PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT
@StThosMore**

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place to make arrangements for your wedding. 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.



ARRANGING A BAPTISM

(CHRISTENING) for BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN

Congratulations on the birth of your child! 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.

MAKING YOUR CONFESSION

Confession, the sacrament of reconciliation, is available on Saturday mornings 9.40 a.m.-10.20 a.m., on Sundays before 6 p.m. Mass and by arrangement with the parish priest. Our God is a God of mercy!

ADORING THE LORD EXPOSITION

There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. (following Mass) and Mondays 7.00 p.m.

If you need to ask anything that can wait until Sunday—we guarantee you can catch the clergy in church then! Otherwise contact details are on the front of this sheet