

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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

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## 4th March 2018

### Mass p7, readings p158 Parish Mass Book

*The church has a hearing loop system*

**MISSION FINAL WEEKEND**



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 4th</b> <b>LENT 3</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b> <b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>9.00 a.m</b> 5.30 p.m <b>6.00 p.m</b>	Mrs O'Brien Esther Ilangasekera (Anniv)  Nellie McCann (RIP)
Monday 5th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Stations of the Cross Exposition	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Edward Connolly (RIP)
Tuesday 6th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Anthony Tierney (RIP)
Wednesday 7th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Jean Davenport / Gill Horrell (RIP)
Thursday 8th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Mass	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	The People of the Parish Paul McShane (RIP)
Saturday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Norah George-David (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b> <b>LENT 4</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b> 5.30 p.m <b>6.00 p.m</b>	Patrick Kenny (RIP) / Bill Merrick (Anniv)  Theresa Christine Duignan (Anniv)



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**LENT MEANS SPRING! FASTING, PRAYER, PENITENCE, ALMSGIVING**

## This Weekend

- **The Third Sunday of Lent.**
- **Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance**
- **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.
- **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! Inner and outer! Thank you!**

## This Week

- **Monday:**  
**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT CONTINUES.**  
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 our bargain prices be a cause of a farmer's poverty!*
- **Tuesday:**  
**Tuesday Society 2pm—4pm** in the MRR. Presentation by MacMillan Cancer. All welcome.  
**Catechists' Meeting at All Souls 7pm** This meeting focusses on First communion prep
- **Wednesday:**  
**Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.**  
**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 7pm Weds.** This is an event for Coventry run by a CAFOD team from London
- **Thursday**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **Saturday**  
**At All Souls** a Morning of Prayer from 9.00 am to shared lunch at 12.15pm

## Next Weekend

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—Mothering Sunday**

## Coming Soon

- **DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12TH-19TH MARCH** You are invited to join in with praying for those suffering from dementia and for their carers. Prayer cards at the back of church.
- **COVENTRY ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S MASS** Fri 16th March 7pm, St Mary & St Benedict
- **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS in the new church is March 19th, St Joseph's Day.** There will be Mass at 7.00pm that day with refreshments to follow.
- **MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL 2018** 29 Jul

## **FINANCE...**

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

**Last week, Main Collection: £965.33**

**Second Collection: CAFOD: £1,363.54**

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

-5 Aug. All ages are welcome. Contact Justine Gaffney as soon as possible 07551096269.

- **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.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 22ND OCT**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

## **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Rachel Thompson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Andrew Colby

## **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Ernest Hackett

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

## **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.

## **THE DIGITAL AGE...**

Remember that if you have a computer and internet access you can -

- \* Watch events in church as they happen: [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/)
- \* See newsletter and more on the website: [stmcof.org](http://stmcof.org)
- \* Keep up with parish news on Twitter: [@StThosMore](https://twitter.com/StThosMore)

## **PARISH PIETY SHOP**

Stocks of Mothering Sunday cards and St Patrick's Day cards are now in. Plus much more. Step inside and browse after Mass.

## **YOUTH SYNOD OCT 2018**

The Church's next Synod in October is to reach out to young people. Across the world young people are being asked to give their views and experiences. We have two places for a day event at Oscott College Sat 24 March. If you are 16-29 and are interested please see Fr Stephen. Details [www.synod18.org](http://www.synod18.org) and [Twitter.com/synod\\_2018](https://twitter.com/synod_2018).



## The Sunday Readings

God's relationship with His people was always meant to cut both ways: He will care

for them and they must worship Him and keep His commandments. But as time goes on, they take Him for granted and forget their responsibilities to God. Of course He keeps loving and calling them to love Him too. A picture of this sliding away from God is provided by all the trading that went on in the Temple by Jesus's time. Jerusalem's temple was the holiest place on earth, the place where God met His people. And yet, it had become busy with trade and commerce. Trade connected with worship—the selling of sacrificial animals and the changing of money to pay the Temple tax. But Jesus calls the people back to the truth: love and worship of God are vital.

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018

- **ST JOSEPH'S DAY, THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHURCH. 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Mass followed by refreshments**
- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE after Easter**
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL: Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June**
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCH-BISHOP: Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October PLACES STILL AVAILABLE! Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website. See Fr Stephen for a booking form.**

**MARCH-MONTH OF ST JOSEPH!**  
**St Joseph, faithful guardian of Mary and Jesus, pray for husbands and fathers, wives and mothers and for all children, especially those in danger.**



# MISSION 2018

## THANK YOU ALL

### That's a wrap!



### We came—we followed!

### Let it not all be over!

- ♦ **THANK YOU to everyone involved in any way with the Mission**—what a tremendous community effort. It was a lot of hard work but the rewards will be great.
- ♦ **THANK YOU to the Mission Teams from the Sion Community**—we will miss you! Grace and her team, Allegra, Fr Ged and theirs.
- ♦ **THANK GOD for all the good things that have happened and the graces received.** May He lead us to see and grow lasting fruits from the Mission. Although the Team will leave and the two weeks of special events end, the Mission is meant to have lasting positive effects.
- ♦ **FINALLY there are comment sheets** available for you to use—if you wish—to write down your thoughts about the Mission. For example: what struck you? How has your faith been affected? What was effective? Has anything changed in your Christian life? Did you discover something new? These thoughts can of course be anonymous. We hope that sharing positive experiences will help us dis-

## How Do I Have a Mass Said?

**S**imply pick up a white envelope, headed *Mass Request* from the porch. Fill in the front of it with the details requested (who the Mass is for, whether there's a date you'd prefer), write 'willing to share' on it if you agree to sharing your intention with another (it means your Mass can be offered sooner) enclose a donation and hand it to Fr Stephen, or put in in the presbytery letterbox. The Mass will then be offered and you'll see the details on the front page of this sheet. Please remember that preferred dates can not be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you. The sooner the better!

## For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Israel McLeod, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, Kathleen McMenemy, 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, Heather Cunningham

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maurice Walton, John Kelleher, Mary Parkinson, Ray Murray, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Percival Miller, Elizabeth Garry, Margaret McBeth, Lawrence Kelly, Sequoia Collier, Desmond McDade, Dagmor Halliwell, Jean Craft, Mary Winston, Jack Tarlington, Angela Domican, Joseph Power, Catherine McNab, Lucy Brennan, George Montgomery, Henry Pickersgill, Catherine Smart, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Teresa Wardle, Richard Royal, Leonard Roberts, Denis Twoomey, Cyprian Texeira, May O'Connor, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, James Hannigan, William Malone, Mary Tams, Alfred Waters, Margaret Mulligan

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- For peace in Syria
- In thanksgiving for the Mission
- For the Holy Spirit to lead us forward, discerning and nurturing the fruit of the Mission.

## EASTER MASS TIMES

For Easter weekend *only*, it is proposed to give a better spread of Mass times by having the Vigil Mass on Saturday at **8pm**, and on Sunday at **9am** and at **11am**. As Saturday will have an evening Mass already, we hope this will suit those who find evenings or early mornings difficult.

**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***