

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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

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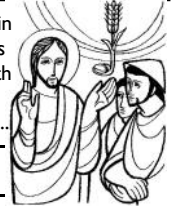


18th March 2018

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The church has a hearing loop system

Unless a grain
of wheat falls
into the earth
and dies...
But if it dies...



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 18th <i>LENT 5</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m 6.00 p.m	Judy Freeman (80th B'day) & Ben Freeman (RIP) Susan O'Shea (RIP)
Monday 19th <i>St Joseph</i>	Mass (<i>50th Anniversary of the first Mass in the church</i>)	7.00 p.m.	P Martin (RIP)
Tuesday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	6.45 p.m.	Eileen Crean (RIP)
Wednesday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Maureen Hughes (Anniv)
Thursday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Stations of the Cross Mass	7.00 a.m. 11.30am 12 noon	Emrys Evans (RIP) People of the Parish
Saturday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Terry & Theresa Brooks (70th Wedding Anniv RIP)
SUNDAY 25th <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m 6.00 p.m	Pat Kenney (Anniv) Steven Armstrong (Sick)



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**JESUS, DIVINE CARPENTER OF NAZARETH, WHO MADE OUR SALVATION
FROM WOOD AND NAILS, MAKE US FIT FOR HEAVEN!**

This Weekend

- **Fifth Sunday of Lent—Lent takes on its solemn phase as it begins its final two weeks.** A retiring collection for Easter flowers.
- **Nails will be blessed** as reminders of the salvation that Jesus, Divine Carpenter of Nazareth, made for us from wood and nails. Please take one to keep in purse or pocket as a simple reminder of He who was wounded for our sins
- **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
- **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: THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS in the new church** There will be Mass at 7.00pm with refreshments to follow.
- **Tuesday:**
Tuesday Society 2pm—4pm in MRR. Bring & Share. All welcome. Next Meeting 17th April.
JAM'N'CAKE 7.15pm in the MRR
- **Wednesday:**
Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.
- **Thursday**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR. All welcome.
FLOWER FESTIVAL MEETING THURSDAY 22ND MARCH AT 7.00 p.m. Anyone or any groups that would like to take part in the festival, please come to this meeting. If you are unable to come please give your name to Claire Rutter or Amanda Kelly.
- **Friday**
MISSION ART RECYCLING FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 9.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m. in the MRR
Please come along to make some cards to send out to the sick of our Parish at Easter.

Next Weekend

- **HOLY WEEK BEGINS WITH PALM SUNDAY 25TH MARCH** and the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion begins.
 - **EASTER DAY MASSES** Vigil Mass Saturday 8pm, Sunday 9am & 11am. **NO MASS AT 6PM**
- Coming Soon**
- **"THE GIFT" A Life in the Spirit Course—**
You are invited to join us on a new and exciting DVD course which has been given the blessing of Pope Francis. "The Gift" will be presented **HERE** over six Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. from Wednesday 18th April. This is a follow-up to the Mission and was commended by

several missionaries in their faith sharing.

- **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, cost £40. Leaflets at back of church.
- **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.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Rob Ridley
6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & Janet Ward

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Blaise H-O'Sullivan
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Brendon Cunningham

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY

Month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' is now on at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. 65 Irish people have been interviewed for this project and the resulting film will be shown. Furthermore, a variety of objects have been lent by the community and these will be put on display for the first time. The exhibition is free and will stay open until April. For further information ring 024 7625 6629 or visit the website - http://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/1242/irish_heart_coventry_home

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.

THANK YOU...

An anonymous donor has given the parish a baptismal banner for hanging behind the font. Another kind parishioner has given £500 towards the cost of a new monstrance. An anonymous gift of £100 towards the Mission costs has been given and some smaller gifts too. **Thank you all very much**

MISSION ART POSTCARD

AVAILABLE by Sacred Heart statue 60p each or £2.50 for 5. Proceeds cover costs of art projects.

ST JOHN PASSION

Coventry Cathedral Fri 30th March 6.00 p.m.
See poster in porch

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES A NEW FEAST

Pope Francis has declared that the Monday after Pentecost is to be kept in celebration of **Mary, Mother of the Church.**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please be present at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 7pm to be commissioned for the coming year. There will be a **meeting for all Eucharistic ministers** on **Monday 23rd April 7.30pm**

FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.
Last week, Main Collection: £925.31 Standing Orders for February: £674.00
In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510, 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

The readings today speak of the great covenant that God is to make with His people, signed, as it were, in His Blood, spilt when, lifted up on the cross, Jesus endures the Passion for love of us. Today, Jesus points us firmly towards what is to happen, and although His followers did not grasp what He meant when He said it, they finally saw exactly how wonderful His love is on the Cross. That Blood is the new covenant of love: God wants to bestow forgiveness and eternal life on all who would believe in Him. He expresses that love perfectly: I love you enough to die for you.



O, who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

SERVERS:

REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK

There will be rehearsals for the Masses and liturgies of Holy Week early each day for the events that will take place later in the day.

Please come and take part.

Maundy Thursday: 10am

Good Friday: 10am

Easter Eve: 10am

+ HOLY WEEK IN BRIEF +

The greatest week in the Church's year as we follow Jesus from life to death!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm Foot washing, Mass & watch at the altar of repose

GOOD FRIDAY

3pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord with veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Confession follows

6pm Stations of the Cross

EASTER EVE

8pm Service of Light, Vigil & First Mass of Easter

EASTER DAY

Masses at 9am and 11am with renewal of baptismal vows. (NB: No Mass at 6pm)

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- **ST JOSEPH'S DAY, THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS IN THE NEW CHURCH.** 19th March 7pm Mass followed by refreshments cheese & wine
- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE** begins Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm in the MRR. A follow-up to the Mission
- **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH** Sunday 6th May. Celebratory refreshments after Mass
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Fri 22nd June. Preacher: the Rt Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes VG, former parish priest of this parish. Social follows
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:** Friday July 20th. THERE WILL BE A BARN DANCE TO FOLLOW. COME AND DOZY-DO WITH EVERY SORT OF CLERGY - BISHOP, PRIEST AND DEACON..!
- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22nd October PLACES STILL AVAILABLE! Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website. See Fr Stephen for a form

THE DIGITAL AGE...

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

- * Watch events in church as they happen: www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/
- * See newsletter and more on the website: stmcov.org
- * Keep up with parish news on Twitter: @StThosMore

PARISH PIETY SHOP

Stocks of Easter cards are now in. Plus much more... Step inside and have a browse after Mass.



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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Lawlor, Patrick Hannigan, George Lycett, Barbara Killingley, Joseph Parkinson, Peter Doyle, Bridget Burke, Gerry Carney, Lelia Ward, Catherine English, Maria Diuk, Elma Errington, Donald Meacham, Jerzy Kolacki, Anne Nordon, Mary Brogan, William Kenny, Frank Hargreaves, Jeffrey Colin Blackwell, Jan Aston, Eleanor Graham, Mary Kelly, Sheila Glass, John Kelly, John Robinson, Ellen Errington, Alice Brownhill, Michael Carroll, Charles Selfe, Leslie Morton-Blake, Percy Briscoe, Bridie Sharkey, Michael Byrne, William Byatt, Margaret Boyle, Patrick Ryan

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

- Peace in the world
- A spirit of penitence and gratitude for God's love for us shown in the suffering of Christ

EASTER MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 31 MARCH EASTER EVE
8pm Service of Light, Vigil & First Mass of Easter

SUNDAY 1 APRIL EASTER DAY
9am Mass

11am Mass (*instead of at 6pm*)
NO MASS AT 6PM ON EASTER DAY

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