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# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH 2018

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

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## 25th March 2018

**Mass p7, readings p180 Parish Mass Book***The church has a hearing loop system*

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 25th</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> 5.30 pm <b>6.00 pm</b>	Pat Kenney (Anniv) Steven Armstrong (Sick)
Monday 26th <i>Holy Monday</i>	Mass with whole school Exposition	9.15 am 7-8.00pm	Tom Caffrey RIP
Tuesday 27th <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	Confession Mass	6.00pm 7.00 pm	Theresa Charmley (11th Anniv) / Bridget Ferguson (Anniv)
Wednesday 28th <i>Holy Wednesday</i>	Mass	9.15 am	Tony & Cathy Mayne (RIP)
Thursday 29th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Anna Naglik (RIP)
Friday 30th <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Liturgy of the Passion</b> & Veneration of the Cross <i>Followed by Confession</i> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	~
Saturday 31st <i>Holy Saturday</i>			
	<b>Service of Light, Vigil</b> & First Mass of Easter	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Jean O'Reilly (RIP) / Joanna Taylor (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 1st</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Mass	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11 am</b>	People of the Parish Carmel Mary di Cioccio (Anniv)

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## THIS IS HOLY WEEK

*Ride on, ride on in majesty, In lowly pomp ride on to die!*

### This Weekend

- **PALM SUNDAY** The solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion begins and the first day of Holy Week is here. **We gather at 9am, if the weather is dry, outside at Our Lady's shrine to begin the Procession of Palms.**
- **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!**
- **NEW GIVING ENVELOPE SETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM TODAY** in the John Paul II room, opposite the Margret Roper room door.

### This Week

- **Monday:**  
**Mass 9.15am** with the whole school
- **Tuesday:**  
**Tuesday Society** Next Meeting 17th April.  
**Confession 6.00pm-6.45pm**  
**Mass 7.00pm**
- **Wednesday:**  
**Mass 9.15am**  
**Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.**  
**The Chrism Mass** today in the Cathedral at 11.30 when the Holy Oils of catechumens, chrisms and the sick are consecrated by the Archbishop and the priests renew their vows.
- **Thursday MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR.  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper, Footwashing and Watch at the Altar of Repose 8pm**
- **Friday GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3.00pm** Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine  
**Stations of the Cross 6.00pm**
- **Saturday HOLY SATURDAY**  
**Blessing of Food 11am** in side chapel  
**The Easter Vigil 8pm** refreshments follow
- **There are yellow sheets available with details of the events of Holy Week in the parish. Please take and spread!**

### Next Weekend

- **EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 9am and 11am (11AM INSTEAD OF 6PM)** to give a better spread of Mass times rather than have two evening celebrations out of three Masses)  
**\* NO MASS AT 6PM \* 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.
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME Week Beginning 22 October 2018 7 places are 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. Jim Etheridge & Blaise H-O'Sullivan  
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Brendon Cunningham  
**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**  
**FOOTWASHING THIS THURSDAY**

**Feet needed!** Male or female, old or not so old please volunteer on the list on the clipboard at the back of church. **Thank you**

#### **MISSION ART POSTCARD**

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

#### **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**

#### **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.**

#### **BLESSING OF FOOD**

A Polish tradition: **11.00am** in the side chapel on **Holy Saturday** morning.

#### **IF YOU ARE AWAY FOR EASTER...**

May the risen Christ bless you wherever you are and keep you safe on your travels.

#### **IF YOU'VE JUST ARRIVED AND IT'S ALL OVER...**

You probably forgot to put your clocks forward by one hour last night. Ooops....

**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

**T**ODAY is a day of contrasts. We begin with the crowds hailing Jesus as He rides into Jerusalem. But

then His mission is not to be accomplished by popular acclaim and cheering crowds. No, betrayal, rejection, pain and death are how He triumphs. All this He submits to, meekly, without complaint for our sakes. We leave Mass today having heard of that loving sacrifice, knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son. Reflect on that love, rejoice in that love, thank

Him for it and look forward to the glory that His resurrection lovingly promises us.



## 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** Rehearsal times:

Maunder Thursday: 10am

Good Friday: 10am

Easter Eve: 10am

## FIRST MASS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came and made such a joyful event last Monday when we celebrated both St Joseph and the 50th anniversary of the first Mass in this building. Some of the congregation had been here at the first Mass. Afterwards a very happy social event filled the MRR. It was a taste of the Mission again—snow, worship, celebration and a great community spirit. **Thank you all!**

## + HOLY WEEK DETAILS +

Full details are on the yellow sheets available at the back of church. Please take and spread!

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- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE** begins Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the MRR. A follow-up to the Mission
- **THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Celebratory refreshments after Mass
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Preacher: the Rt Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes VG, former parish priest of this parish. Social event follows
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP:** Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October. 7 PLACES 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.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: [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org)
- \* Keep up with parish news on Twitter: @StThosMore

By His imprisonment we are freed,  
By His wounds we are healed,  
By His death we are made alive!

Glory be to Christ our Saviour!



## 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:** Michael McCarron, Lily Bailey, Kathleen Simpson, Cardinal Keith O'Brien

**ANNIVERSARIES** Mgr Frank Gallagher, Georgina Kelly, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Nora Brennan, Brian Kavanagh, Irmgard Wainwright, Bridie Williams, Philip Maguire, Dora Merry, Ellen Craig, May Falconer, Peter Stockman, Beatrice & Roger Jackson, Eileen McCann, Kevin Bills, Kitty Ryan, John Griffin, Catherine Desmond, Conrad Cerowski, Frank Phillips, Philomena McKenna, Donal Warburton, Caroline Kelly, William Vickerstaff, Geoff Stenner, Joyce Ellis, Pat Kenny, Frederick O'Grady, Sr Isobel Harrington, Johanna O'Connell, Mary Healey, Walter Roche, Ronald Stokes, Anne Norden, Sheila Ferguson, Teresa McGavin, Seamus O'Malley, James Costello  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Victims of injustice and torture
- Prisoners
- God's blessing on our keeping of this week
- 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*