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**ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018**JUBILEE YEAR: 75 YEARS OF THE PARISH 50 YEARS OF THE CHURCH DEO GRATIAS!**

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WEB: [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)LIVESTREAM WEBCAM [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-morecoventry/)**1st April 2018: The Resurrection****Mass p7, readings Vigil p220 Sun p255 Parish Mass Book***The church has a hearing loop system***MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

	<b>Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</b> <i>Refreshments follow</i>	<b>8.00 p.m</b>	Jean O'Reilly (RIP) / Joanna Taylor (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 1st</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	The People of the Parish
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>11 a.m</b>	Carmel Mary di Cioccio (Anniv)
Monday 2nd <i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>(Easter Monday Mass at St Osburg's)</i>	10.00 a.m	~
Tuesday 3rd <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m	Private Intention
Wednesday 4th <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	Mass, <i>with social in MRR</i>	7.00 p.m	Rev P J Jeary (75th Birthday)
Thursday 5th <i>Easter Thursday</i>	Eucharistic Service	10.00 a.m	~
Friday 6th <i>Easter Friday</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m	Sheila O'Driscoll (Anniv Mem Mass)
Saturday 7th <i>Easter Saturday</i>	Mass Wedding Service of Molly Poole & James Leybourn	10.00 a.m 1.00 p.m	Canon Peter Jones
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b>	Dec'd of O'Reilly & Budkiewicz families
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 p.m</b>	Laurence Kelly (Anniv)

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**ROOM BOOKINGS:**email: [amandafriswells@btconnect.com](mailto:amandafriswells@btconnect.com)**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

This Weekend  
**CHRIST IS RISEN,  
ALLELUIA!**

- **EASTER SUNDAY: We rejoice today at the victory of Christ over sin and death!** Today, Christ rises. Today, He greets us. And today we may be sure of His love and mercy.  
*Hail thee, festival day, great day that art hallowed for ever, day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death!*  
**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 \***
- **The Easter Offering** is a gift to the parish priest. **Thank you.**
- **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** in the John Paul II room, opposite the Margaret Roper room door.

This Week

- **Monday:**  
**The traditional Coventry Easter Monday Mass is at St Osburg's at 10am**
- **Tuesday:**  
**Tuesday Society** Next Meeting **17th April.**
- **Wednesday:**  
**Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.**  
**Mass at 7pm for Deacon Pat.** Refreshments in the MRR follow to celebrate his birthday.
- **Thursday**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
- **Saturday**  
At 1pm **Molly Poole** will marry **James Leybourn** at a service led by her father, Deacon Leo. **Every blessing** to this new husband and wife. Molly was one of the first girl altar servers here and those that might remember her are more than welcome to come along.

Next Weekend

- **Divine Mercy Sunday, Octave Day of Easter**  
**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.

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** Saturday **28 April**
- **SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY**, which promotes music and liturgy, has Spring Workshops for the Midlands are here on Saturday **5 May**. See the Society's website for details and how to book.
- **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. Judy Freeman & Ernest Hackett  
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Pat Jenkins

**Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Eve Hibberd & Mary Wilson  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & John Burns

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There will be a **meeting for all Eucharistic ministers on Monday 23rd April** **Exposition at 6.30pm** followed by reflection and meeting at **7.30pm.**

**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.

**COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY**

An exhibition 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' is now on at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. For further information ring 024 7625 6629 or visit the website -<http://www.theherbert.org/>

**A Happy &  
Blessed Easter  
to you all!**

*With prayers and best  
wishes from all at the  
Presbytery*



**FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.**  
**Last week, Main Collection: £1182.30**  
**In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510, 2014 £1,966)**



## The Readings

At the Vigil Mass, the readings tell of God's loving care for humanity. We hear how the Israelites escaped the slavery of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. We hear how God has rescued all his faithful people by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. At our baptisms we are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus—hence the emphasis on the waters of baptism at Easter—and by the waters of baptism we escape sin and death. *Alleluia!*



*In Eastertide*, we sing the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

*Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia!*

*Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!*

*Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!*

*Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!*

[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia

He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia

Has arisen as he said, alleluia.

Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]

*V.* Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

*R.* For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray...Amen

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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 ARCH-BISHOP:** 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 booking form.

**E**ASTER was the day when Jesus showed himself to his disciples as the Risen Lord. In truth, this encounter had something unsettling about it. The world had changed. This man who had died was now living with a life that was no longer threatened by any death. A new form of life had been inaugurated, a new dimension of creation. The first day, according to the Genesis account, is the day on which creation begins. Now it was the day of creation in a new way, it had become the day of the new creation. We celebrate the first day.

*Pope Benedict XVI, Easter homily 2011*

## 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:*  
[www.stmcov.org](http://www.stmcov.org)

\* *Keep up with parish news on Twitter:*  
[@StThosMore](https://twitter.com/StThosMore)

## Thank you...

...to everyone who has worked for Holy Week and Easter in the parish. Serving, reading, singing, cleaning, setting up, putting away, flower arranging, odd jobs, refreshments, wardens and all who have come to worship.  
*Thank you all.*

## 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, Cynthia Walton, Ivor Sanders, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, 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:** Madge Carroll, Ann Peat (Newbold), Michael McCarron, Cardinal Keith O'Brien

**ANNIVERSARIES** Sarah Simpson, Cornelius Harrington, Margaret Smith, Tom Norris, Johanna Hogan, Florence Horner, Andrew Brogan, Gordon Baker, Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Joseph Lees, Michael Ward, Jan Zaparaniuk, Helen Raven, Christopher King, Evan Williams, Bridget Ryan, John Cleary, Winifred North, John McCabe, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Danny Butler, Elizabeth Parrott, Peggy Doyle, Daniel Burns, Jack Ashforth, Bridie Swain, Sheila O'Driscoll, Peter Monnelly, John Gallacher, Simone Tiler, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper, Annie Clay, Francis Mullen, Harriett Byatt, Mary Smith, Larry Kelly ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Ellen Coughlan baptised at the Easter Vigil
- Molly and James to be married on Saturday
- That the joy of the resurrection may be hope to the oppressed and suffering, to those who mourn and to the dying



Christ is  
Risen.  
Alleluia!

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***