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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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SUNDAY 8th <i>DIVINE MERCY</i>	Sung Mass	9.00 a.m	Dec'd of O'Reilly & Budkiewicz families Laurence Kelly (Anniv)
	Mass	6.00 p.m	
Monday 9th <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass Exposition	9.00 a.m 7.00 p.m	Bob Skelly (RIP)
Tuesday 10th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m	Lynette Fitzpatrick (Sick)
Wednesday 11th <i>St Stanislaus</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Richard Green (RIP)
Thursday 12th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m	~
Friday 13th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m	Thomas & June Deegan (Mem Mass)
Saturday 14th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m	Theresa Brooks (20th Anniv) / Sean Monica & Ann-Marie
SUNDAY 15th <i>EASTER 3</i>	Sung Mass	9.00 a.m	People of the Parish
	Mass	6.00 p.m	John Lyskey (Anniv)

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**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

This Weekend

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** we celebrate the fact of God's mercy, revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Divine Mercy is simply the greatest attribute of God—He wants to forgive sinners! He wants to show us His mercy! This we know through the Gospel and the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus is the way in which God's forgiveness is offered to everyone, He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Constantly, we stand in need of God's forgiveness, and constantly He stands ready to give it. There is nothing new-fangled or odd in Divine Mercy for it is part of God Himself. Let us ask for it and trust in it always!
- **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS** at St Mary & St Benedict's Church, 2.00pm



- **THE GIFT** There is an introductory meeting about **The Gift** life in the Spirit course **this evening at 7.15pm in the MRR**. All are warmly invited. The course itself starts on Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm in the MRR.
- **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.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Molly Poole and to James Leybourne married here yesterday.

This Week

- **Monday:**
The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated today, transferred from Sun 25 March.
- **Tuesday:**
Tuesday Society Next Meeting **17th April**.
- **Wednesday:**
Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.
- **Thursday**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
- **Second Collection** for the **Clergy Training Fund** which supports the work of training priests and deacons for the diocese.

Coming Soon

- **JAM 'N' CAKE** next on Tuesday **17th April**

- **“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.
- **MEDJUGORE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE MEETING.** On **Sunday 22nd April at 5.00pm** there will be a meeting in the MRR for all who are travelling on this pilgrimage organised by Justice for the end of July.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** There will be a **meeting for all Eucharistic ministers on Monday 23rd April** beginning with a Holy Hour at 6.30pm followed by a meeting at **7.30pm in the MRR**.
- **FIRST COMMUNION MASSES Sat 28th April 10.00am and 12 noon**
- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**, 21-26 Aug Dublin
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**, Liverpool 7-9 September. Leaflets available at the back of church.
- **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. Eve Hibberd & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Laura Martin

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

PARISH PIETY SHOP

First communion cards and gifts now in stock, plus lots of other new items. Take a moment after Mass to look round.

MISSION ART POSTCARDS

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

PARISH HISTORY

You will see a display of parish history round the church, thanks to Claire. If you have any items that you might allow to be included, please tell us.

THANK YOU...

For your kindness shown by the Easter cards, gifts, warm greetings and the Easter Offering. May God bless you.

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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



The Sunday Readings

As far as the first disciples were concerned,

the joy of the Resurrection takes time to sink in. After all, can this wonderful news be true? Thomas doubts it: but then, faced with Jesus standing before him he utters those words of worship that testify to Christ's divinity and His rising—"My Lord and my God!". Today's Gospel speaks not only of the joy of knowing that the Lord is indeed alive, but also witnesses to God's love in other ways. Jesus is concerned to give us peace, He wants us to have it, deeply and wholly. Sin ruins that peace by the damage it does to the sinner and the victim, as well as to our relationship with God. But in His mercy, Jesus gives His disciples the power to pronounce God's forgiveness. Let us seek this freely given mercy!



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- **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 event 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. 7 PLACES AVAILABLE! Details on the 'What's On' page of the parish website. See Fr Stephen for a

How often must Mary have returned inwardly to the hour when God's angel had spoken to her, pondering afresh the greeting: 'Rejoice, full of grace!' and the consoling words: 'Do not be afraid!' The angel departs; her mission remains, and with it matures her inner closeness to God, a closeness that in her heart she is able to see and touch.

Pope Benedict XVI

The Annunciation is kept this Monday

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

Thank you...

...to everyone who has worked so hard 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.

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/
- See newsletter and more on the website: stmco.org
- Keep up with parish news on Twitter: @StThosMore

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: John-Paul Cassidy, 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: John Wooderson, Bernadette Seal, Madge Carroll, Ann Peat (Newbold), Michael McCarron

ANNIVERSARIES John Pinty, Michael Powell, Norman Adams, Hugh Berrill, Sybill Pearson, Andrew Jarram, John McGeachan, Averil Budden, Stella Bourke, Martha Murphy, Arthur Glass, Kitty Molyneux, Philip Murphy, Kathleen Bloore, Cuth Myatt, Peggy Pimlott, Catherine Dempsey, Chrissie Evans, Dorothy Ward, Brenda Wachowski, James Gilroy, Thomas Brown, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger, John Rutledge, Joseph McSorley, Shelagh Freeborn, James Gilroy, Catherine Regan, June Deegan, Thomas Kane, Patricia Phillips, Julie Cooper, Lokadia Celtick, Damien O'Malley, Teresa Griffin, Edith Buckley, John Armour, Margaret O'Sullivan, Michael McQuade, Bridget Garry, Raymond Madgett, Edward Smith, William Dempsey, Michael Harrington, Derrick Corner, Theresa Brooks, Anne McNulty ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Molly and James, married in this church yesterday.
- For peace in the world
- For an end to gang crime and violence in London
- For trust in the mercy of God and the grace not to take it for granted

❖ NEW SERVERS WELCOME! ❖

Anyone who has made their first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is **welcome** to become a server. Young or old, male or female. See Malcolm Pollard or the clergy in the first place.

PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT
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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