

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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22nd April 2018: Easter 4



Mass p7, readings p265 in Parish Mass Book

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 22nd <i>4th of Easter, Good Shepherd</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Tony Keeler (RIP) / Kachleen de la Pole (RIP) The People of the Parish
Monday 23rd <i>St George, M</i>	Mass Reception into Church Exposition	9.00 a.m 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m	Jayatunya Ilangasekera (Anniv) Bernadette Seale RIP
Tuesday 24th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Service Mass	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m	Bernadette Seale RIP Deacon Patrick Jeary
Wednesday 25th <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Mary Baimbridge
Thursday 26th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m	~
Friday 27th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Andrew Robinson (RIP)
Saturday 28th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass & First Communion Mass & First Communion	10.00 a.m 12 Noon	The People of the Parish Joseph & Margaret Hussey RIP / Mrs Marie Moore (Mem)
SUNDAY 29th <i>5th of Easter</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Helena Shanley (5th Anniv) Ann-Marie Casey (Sick)

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

This Weekend

- **4th Sunday of Easter:** The joyful season of Easter continues! Today is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **Vocations Sunday**. Please pray for vocations to the diaconate, priesthood and religious life. *Christ is risen, alleluia!*
- **Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund** which supports the training of priests and deacons of the diocese.
- **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
- **NEW GIVING ENVELOPE SETS AVAILABLE**
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the soul and family of **Bernadette Seale**, funeral service here on Tuesday and for the soul and family of **John Wooderson**, funeral service here on Tuesday 1st May. **Pray also for Maisie Taylor** who died on Wednesday night in hospital, and for her family.
- **MEDJUGORE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 31st July-7th Aug. MEETING on Sunday 22nd April at 5.00pm** Margaret Roper Room. Brief history, informal discussion on trip and prayers. Mass to follow as usual at 6, *all welcome*.

This Week

- **Monday:**
SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE Mass 9.00 a.m.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS There will be a **Meeting for all Eucharistic ministers on Monday. Holy Hour from 6.30pm, reflection and meeting in the MRR at 7.30pm.**
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2-4 pm MRR. Beetle Drive.
- **Wednesday:**
Prayer Group 1.30 p.m.
THE GIFT A Life in the Spirit Course 7.30pm—Almost forty people attended the first session and you can join the second this week even if you weren't there last week. Please do and bring a friend!
- **Thursday**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.

Next Weekend

- **FIRST COMMUNION MASSES** **Next Saturday at 10.00am and 12 noon**
- **ROSARY ON THE COAST** A national initiative to pray for the needs of the nation takes place **next Sunday. At 3pm at St Osburg's** there is an opportunity to join in locally
- **SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY SUMMER WORKSHOP** here **Saturday 7th May from 10am**. Bookings and details via the society's

Coming Soon

website. The society promotes music and liturgy.

- **ASCENSION DAY Thursday 10th May.** A holy day of obligation.
- **SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES MEETING AND WORSHIP 7.30pm 6 June** Christ Church
- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES, 21-26 Aug** Dublin
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC 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. Booking forms from Fr Stephen. Please return completed forms to the organiser in London, Anthony Coles.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Millie MacDonald

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Anthony Buckley

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Debbie Middleton

6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Janet Ward

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.

SECOND BILL OF THE MONTH...

The winter quarter gas bill for church heating was £870 or £66 a week. This works out at roughly £5 an hour and we still can't get the church warm! Our architect is keen to see if we can improve this.

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.

DEACON PAT

Deacon Pat had a brief spell in hospital this week with a bad ankle, now much better. He is presently having a well-deserved time of rest and recuperation at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, a diocesan home for retired and convalescent clergy.

Leader now on earth no longer
Soldier of th' eternal king,
Victor in the fight for heaven
We thy loving praises sing



*Great St George
Our patron help us,
In the conflict be thou nigh
Help us in that daily battle
Where each one must win or die!*

Monday is St George's Day

FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.
Last week, Main Collection: £984.49 **Standing Orders for March:** £694.00
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 relationship of a shepherd with his flock was very different in Jesus's time to how it is in modern western Europe. Modern shepherds have their flocks for only a short time before they are slaughtered. They drive the sheep with dogs in the direction they wish them to go. There are no dangerous lions, bears and wolves to protect them from at grave risk to the shepherd. In Jesus's time, sheep were kept for milk and wool and lived much longer. They were led by the shepherd. The shepherd protected them at great personal risk. Jesus uses this kind of imagery to remind His hearers of His sacrificial love that brings life, and that He calls us to follow him. Vocation means answering a call. May Jesus lead us into the fullness of life by answering that call. The call to follow Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And so today is designated Vocations Sunday...



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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 form

MASS INTENTIONS: HIGH DEMAND

There is again high demand for Sunday 9am Mass intentions—*up to five intentions for the same Mass, some booked over a year ahead.* Please **be willing to share**, please try to **book as early as possible** using a completed intention envelope, please **consider if a weekday Mass might suit** your request. It is unfortunately simply impossible to meet all requests for specific dates when they exceed the number of Masses available. That's why being **willing to share** is such a huge help in having an intention offered.

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

FROM CAFOD...Thank you for your support for our **Lent Fast Day** appeal. Donations to **CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government.** We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent **Thank you.**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Margaret Caine, Rev Patrick Jeary, Israel Mcleod, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chus-tecki, 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, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown ***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us!***

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Maisie Taylor, John-Paul Cassidy, Earl Smith, Bernadette Seale, John Wooderson, Madge Carroll, Ann Peat (Newbold), Michael McCarron

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Lovelock, Grace Cairns, Alice Kane, William Morrell, Mary Bourke, Elizabeth Teesdale, Barry McElvenney, Fred Woodward, Francis Dempsey, Frederick Phipps, Sarah O'Donnell, Ada Gamble, Thomas McGinty, James Shepherd, Cora Meehan, Cecil Mancini, Jacky King, Gertie Jeffries, Rosaleen O'Sullivan, Reginald Atkinson, Fr Martin Conboy, Ann Brogan, Esther McLoughlin, Christine Donlon, Philip Maguire, Mary Warnock, Nykola Kowalkczuk, Joseph Hussey, Irene Creighton, Nellie Madge, Mary Buckley, Peter David, Andrew Robinson, John O'Neill, Gerald McGinty, Marie Moore

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

- For vocations to the diaconate, priesthood and religious life
- For seminarians, deacons in formation and those who teach them
- The children receiving Holy Communion for the first time next Saturday, and for their families

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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