

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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# 29th April 2018: Easter 5

**Mass p7, readings p268 in Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 29th</b> <i>5th of Easter</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Baptism Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b> 12.15 p.m 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m</b>	Helena Shanley (5th Anniv)  Ann-Marie Casey (Sick)
Monday 30th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Exposition	9.00 a.m 6.30 p.m	Neetha Pisano (Anniv)
Tuesday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Mass Funeral Service of John Wooderson RIP	<b>11.30 a.m</b> 1.00 p.m	Betty Wainwright (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	Requiem Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maisie Taylor RIP
Thursday 3rd <i>Ss Philip &amp; James, Ap</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m	David Wagstaff (Sick)
Friday 4th <i>English Martyrs</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 5th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service <i>No Confession or Exposition this week</i>	9.00 a.m.	~
<b>SUNDAY 6th</b> <i>6th of Easter</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m</b>	Dec'd of McElevnney family Susan O'Shea (RIP)

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# CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

## This Weekend

- **5th Sunday of Easter:** Easter continues, alleluia!
- **ROSARY ON THE COAST** A national initiative to pray for the needs of the nation takes place **today**. At **3pm** at **St Osburg's** there is an opportunity to join in locally.
- **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 stay if you can.
- **NEW GIVING ENVELOPE SETS AVAILABLE:** those few not yet collected are now on the newspaper table in the porch.
- **PLEASE PRAY** for the soul and family of **Mary Baimbridge** who died last week. Mary moved earlier in the year from The Chesils to Yorkshire, to be with her son. Her funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Also for **John Wooderson**, funeral service here on Tuesday and for **Maisie Taylor**, funeral Mass on Wednesday.

### This Week

- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2-4 pm MRR. **Scam Awareness**—All welcome. **See leaflets at back of Church**  
**CONSECRATION OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH** The church is to be consecrated on Tuesday evening. Please pray for Fr Harry and the people of the parish as they celebrate this milestone in their parish history
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m.** in the chapel  
**THE GIFT A Life in the Spirit Course 7.30pm**—Almost forty people attended the first session, over forty the second and you can join the third this week even if you haven't been before. Please come and bring a friend! Many thanks to Lynda and her helpers for running this much appreciated event.
- **Thursday**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
- **SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY SUMMER WORKSHOP** here next **Saturday 5th May from 10am**. Bookings and details via the society's website. The society promotes music and liturgy in the Church.
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development fund
- **ASCENSION DAY Thursday 10th May.** A holy day of obligation. **Masses** at **9.15am** with school, **12 noon** and **7.00pm** on the day.

### Next Weekend

### Coming Soon

- **SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES MEETING AND WORSHIP 7.30pm 6 June** Christ Church
- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES, 21-26 Aug** Dublin See /www.worldmeeting2018.ie/
- **ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**, Liverpool 7-9 September. See <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>
- **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. Judith Doherty & Debbie Middleton  
6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Janet Ward

#### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Noreen Thornhill  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES**

Andy and Alison will soon be taking 53 pilgrims to Lourdes on 26th May. If anyone would like a petition to be taken to Lourdes there is a box next to Our Lady's statue for you to put them in. The box will be there until 20th May. Please do **not** place any money in envelopes. All prayer request are taken to Lourdes and left unopened at the shrine.

### **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.

### **DEACON PAT**

Deacon Pat is presently having a well-deserved time of rest and recuperation at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, a diocesan home for retired and convalescent clergy.

### **MASSES BROADCAST LIVE**

If you or a relative are unable to be in church, Masses are **broadcast live over the internet**. Just follow the link from the parish website at the easy to remember web address **stmconv.org**



**G**OD OUR FATHER, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Tuesday is St Joseph the Worker*

## **CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**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 conversion of St Paul caused mixed reactions among the disciples. How could such a feared persecutor of the Church suddenly be trusted as a fellow Christian? St Barnabas vouched for him, and Paul is finally accepted and begins his unique ministry of travelling, writing, preaching and healing. His conversion is recognised as being real. Jesus in the Gospel speaks of the need to remain in Him. He likens Himself to a vine and His faithful to its branches. This expresses the depth and the power of the relationship that He calls us to. Paul's life bore much Christian fruit because he made his home in Christ and grew, as it were, as a branch of the vine of Christ. So of course Paul's conversion is authentic. He is in Christ, and for the glory of the Father, bore much fruit. That is our vocation too.



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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**

## 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

## MOVEMENT AT COMMUNION

At the Eucharistic ministers' meeting last week, some concern was expressed about movement to and from communion at the rail nearest Our Lady. Things can be cramped so please be careful of steps, pews and other people. Secondly, at 9am we have a way of coming up to the **centre** that we don't use at any other Mass. The current method confuses visitors and has times when clergy are not giving communion but walking about. Perhaps we need to change?

## For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Margaret Kane, 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:** Mary Baimbridge, Maisie Taylor, John-Paul Cassidy, John Wooderson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Moira Nesden, Jack O'Neill, Kathleen Ward, James Holmes, Catherine Forrester, Fr Joe Conboy, Eily O'Connor, Marjorie Thompson, Elizabeth McNicholl, Eileen Hammell, Blanca Avery, Florence O'Grady, George Iggulden, Gerald Sheriden, Thomas Neary, Richard Corkery, Paula Tew, Dr John Rogan, Thomas Murphy, Regina McGeachan, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Sarah Fulton, Mary Warnock, Catherine O'Neill, Stella Harwood, Patrick Coyle, James McGinty, John Magennis

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

- Peace in Syria and the entire Middle East and for relations between east and west
- For the children who received Holy Communion for the first time yesterday, and their families
- For those to be baptised on Sunday
- For the family of Alfie Evans

**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***