

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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6th May 2018: Easter 6

Mass p7, readings p270 in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 6th <i>6th of Easter</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Dec'd of McElevnney family Susan O'Shea (RIP)
Monday 7th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m	Elaine de Courcey (Sick) / Lorcan McKenna (Sick)
Tuesday 8th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Miss O'Brien
Wednesday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv)
THURSDAY 10th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Mass Mass Mass	<i>Readings on p276 of the Parish Mass book</i> 9.15 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Tony Miller (RIP) People of the Parish Nina Senyk's Mother (RIP)
Friday 11th <i>Easter feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 12th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 9.40 a.m.	Thomas K J (RIP)
SUNDAY 13th EASTER 7	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Sarah Boyce (Anniv) Martin Ward (Anniv)

PARISH CONTACTS

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

This Weekend

- **6th Sunday of Easter: The 50th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Church. Celebratory refreshments after Mass.** Fifty years ago today, 6th May 1968, Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer solemnly blessed the new church building. *Thanks be to God!*
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **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** and for **Margaret Kane.**
This Week
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2-4 pm MRR. Sing & Be Happy. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
THE GIFT A Life in the Spirit Course 7.30pm— Nearly 50 people are coming each week to be uplifted and encouraged. A short talk by a well qualified speaker is shown and then sharing and discussion follows. A time of prayer and praise is included, with a hymn or two. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes are all involved as well. Thank you to Lynda Leigh and her helpers for all their hard work.
- **Thursday**
ASCENSION DAY Thursday 10th May. A holy day of obligation. **Masses 9.15am** with the school, **12 noon** and **7.00pm.**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
Next Weekend
- **Second Collection:** Catholic Communications
Coming Soon
- **SVP will be serving Bacon Butties** after 9.00 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday 20th May. All donations welcome to support its work.
- **SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES MEETING AND WORSHIP 7.30pm 6 June** Christ Church
- **SUMMER FETE Sunday 10 June.** *Please help!*
- **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. Kris Pears & Noreen Thornhill
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Jim Etheridge
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS for April 2018

Please see poster in the porch.

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**

COMMUNICATION—PAPER & DIGITAL

Parish news and information is available on **paper** as the weekly news sheet, **on the internet** at the parish website (which includes the news sheet), **on the live web cam** and on the **parish Twitter account.** If you are connected to the web then please make use of the fact that the parish is too!

TEACHING VACANCIES

See the Romero MAC website for details of Principal, Head of School and Acting Executive Principal vacant positions.



**May is Mary's
Month
Ave Maria!**

FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.

Last week, Main Collection: £1022.06

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 great command of Jesus is to love. To love God and to love one another. After

all, Jesus's ministry is all about that: and demonstrated most fully by His dying on the cross. "Greater love has no man", He said, "than to lay down his life for his friends". We are thus made His friends and the objects of His love. Love is to be the hallmark of the Christian because love is the hall mark of Christ. If we could only grasp the depth of that love. And if we could only realise that if Jesus loves us enough to die for us, then who are we to look at our fellow human beings without love? If God can love them, so should we. The cross and nails, the wounds of Christ, these are all the greatest love letters ever written.

What is it about us that might be a love letter to our fellow human beings?



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- **THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE** continues Wednesdays 7.30pm in the MRR. A follow-up to the Mission
- **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLEMN BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH** 6th May
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY MASS & FLOWER FESTIVAL:** Fri 22nd June 7pm. 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 20th 7PM. 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
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER:** Fri 9th Nov

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 is the **only** reason why requests are sometimes not met. That's why being **willing to share** is such a huge help in having an intention offered, but nothing can be guaranteed. It is **always possible** that the date wanted may already be fully booked!



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 9AM

At the Eucharistic ministers' meeting, some concern was expressed about movement for 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** from many directions that we don't use at any other Mass. This confuses visitors and is unnecessarily time consuming. Time to reconsider?

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, Mike Perry, Ivor Sanders, Kathleen McMenemy, Eileen Connolly, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Walton, Steve Foster, John Walker, Hildegard Atherton, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Martin, Liam Mee, John & Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Carl Smith, Mary Morris, Roy Haslam, 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: Margaret Kane, Joan Rutter, Mary Baimbridge, Maisie Taylor, John Wooderson, John-Paul Cassidy

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick McAree, Kathleen O'Brien, Thomas Hope, Harry Mee, Joseph Harvey, Mary Janew, William Kelly, Richard Horner, Eileen O'Brien, Matthew Reilly, John Vertigan, Gladys Donaldson, Elizabeth Gilroy, Fr Patrick Keegan, Anne Le Conte, Andrew Le Conte, Charles Smith, John Healey, John Ahearn, Michael Fahy, George Dutton, Marie Finn, Wilfred Day, Sarah Morton, Mollie O'Connor, John Anderson, Albert Nash, James Phillips, Margaret Pyle, Edwin Chandley, Thomas & Susan Cassidy, Margaret McDade, Rose Harvey, Eugene O'Malley, Margaret Whitehouse, Catherine Grant, Thomas McGee, Sarah Gillespie, Margaret Hills

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

- For peace in the world
- For those elected as councillors last week

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH...

The gladness of thy motherhood

The anguish of thy suffering

Thy glory now that crowns thy brow

O Virgin Mother, would we sing.

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