

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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24th June 2018: The Nativity of St John the Baptist



Mass p7, readings p167 in Parish Mass Book

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| SUNDAY 24th <i>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i> | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m | Ints of Maureen Pearson Jim Molloy (Anniv) |
| Monday 25th <i>Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour of Exposition | 9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | Betty Wainwright (RIP) |
| Tuesday 26th <i>Feria</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Breda Gleeson (Anniv) |
| Wednesday 27th <i>Feria</i> | Mass | 9.15 a.m. | Marget Courtney (Sick) |
| Thursday 28th <i>St Irenaeus</i> | Vigil Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Mary Curristan (RIP) |
| Friday 29th <i>SS PETER & PAUL</i> | Mass with school Mass | 9.15 a.m. 12 noon | Gary Cilly (Anniv) The People of the Parish |
| Saturday 30th <i>First Martyrs of the Roman Church</i> | Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession | 9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30 9.40 — 10.20 | Michael Kellegher (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 1st <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY</i> | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m | Robert Lee (2nd Anniv RIP) People of the Parish |

PARISH CONTACTS

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JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



This Weekend

- **We celebrate this Sunday the Birth of St John the Baptist.** This great feast replaces the ordinary Sunday when it falls on the first day of the week. John was the forerunner of Jesus, the one prepared in his mother Elizabeth's womb for his faithful mission of witness and martyrdom.
- **'Walk to Church Sunday'**, part of our LiveSimply campaign. Add your name and distance to the chart to help 'Share the Journey' supporting refugees. Cafod.org.uk/campaign/share-the-journey. We will be walking again.
- **Second Collection: Peter's Pence**
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. **Please stay if you can.**
- Please enjoy the beauty of the **Flower Festival**, created to celebrate St Thomas More's Day last Friday. **Many thanks for all the hard work!** Many of the groups and organisations connected to the parish have created a display to illustrate a favourite saint, from the rainbow by the Rainbows and upwards.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00—4.00 in MRR. Fish & Chips. lunch
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
- **Thursday:**
ST PETER & ST PAUL: Vigil Mass 7.00pm (on Friday, the day itself, Masses at **9.15** with the whole school and **12 noon**).
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR
- **Friday**
ST PETER & ST PAUL, a holyday of obligation. Masses **9.15** (with school) & **12 noon**.

Next Weekend

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Soon...

THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP—3 WEEKS AWAY

Fri 20 July 7pm Mass. All priests formerly connected with the parish and deanery clergy will be invited. **All parishioners—past and present - are of course invited too. A Barn Dance follows,** and unlike the last one for the Mission there may well not be any snow... *See opposite*

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> Deanery coach going on Sat 8 Sept. Places available, contact Christ the King 76591618

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. Debbie Middleton & Blaise H-O'S

6.00 p.m. Anthony Buckley & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Clive Robinson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Friday 20 July at 7pm—Mass with Archbishop Bernard followed by a barn dance in the school hall. **Celebrate 75 years of the parish!** Like the Mission Barn Dance, this is a free event (although any donations of course welcome as the parish does still have to pay for it!). Like the Mission Dance, we hope this will be a very happy time of celebration with one another. Plus there may well be heat and sunshine. Not a feature of the Mission's weather..!

THANK YOU TO SMITH'S NURSERIES

for the beautiful hanging baskets outside.

THANK YOU FOR...

...the **PARISH FETE.** We may have made just over £3,000 but this is still not quite final. This is up on last year so thank you to everyone who ran stalls, donated items, came along, set up or put away. Thanks also to the school and the PTFA

...the **ST THOMAS MORE MASS.** The flowers are great, musicians, servers, readers and others worked hard and we thank Mgr Tim for his homily. The shared table was magnificent and the atmosphere so enjoyable. We locked up at just before 11.00pm..! Thank you all who came. ...the **FLOWER FESTIVAL.** So much work, so many people, such a lovely result! Thank you to everyone who has arranged, greeted visitors, made refreshments and helped in any way. It has been a time to be proud of.

JUBILEE YEAR ICON CARDS

There are small commemorative prayer cards featuring our own icon by Noreen of St Thomas More, photographed by Debbie. There is the collect for our saint from the Roman Missal on the reverse. The cards are at the back on the bookcases. *Please take one.*

NEW ALTAR SERVERS WELCOME!

Anyone who has made his or her first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is welcome to become a server. *See Malcolm Pollard or the clergy*

FINANCE... *Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.*
Last week - Main Collection: £1005.65 **Second Collection:** Day for Life: £483.23
In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510, 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

John the Baptist is one of the greatest men ever born—Jesus said so. It is easy to remember him just in Advent when his call to repent, recorded in the gospels, in order to be ready for the coming of Christ is so apt as Christmas draws near. But we do not meet Christ just at Christmas. We meet Him in one another, in the needy, in Holy Scripture and in the Sacraments (most obviously at Mass). We need to recognise Him and be ready for Him more than once a year, therefore! Today's readings speak clearly and beautifully about the wonder of human life, and how God knows us even before we are born. It is through His loving power that we are formed even in the womb. There are few Biblical passages more telling of the worth of the unborn child than those of today. Read them, and thank God for the wonder of your being and your family and friends! John's conception and birth are unusual for after all he is to be the first witness to who Jesus is and what He came to do. God loves us enough to come to earth as one of us—conceived in the womb of an earthly mother—and to die for us. How can anyone therefore say whether a human life, young or old, is worthless? God made man and in Jesus God Himself is made a man.

MOVEMENT AT COMMUNION, 9AM SUNDAY

At the last Eucharistic ministers' meeting, 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**, in files and ranks from different directions that we don't use at any other Mass. This confuses visitors by its complexity and is unnecessarily time consuming. Time to reconsider? All but one of the comments to Fr Stephen have been in favour of changing to two lines up the middle aisle leading to stationary clergy, as at all other Masses

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **JUBILEE YEAR FLOWER FESTIVAL this weekend. Enjoy the show!**
- **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: Friday July 20th 7PM. Barn Dance follows in the school hall.**
- **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 November at the Village Hotel.**

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, HEDNESFORD

There will be a coach leaving from Christ the King on Sunday 1st July at 1.30pm. There is Rosary and Confessions from 2.30pm onwards with Mass at 4.00pm. Return to Christ the King at 8.00pm approximately. The cost will be approximately £8 per person depending on numbers. Email: admin@ctk-cov.org.uk or phone 02476 591618



Than John the Baptist,
none of all Eve's daughters
E'er bore a greater,
whether high or lowly,
He was thought worthy,
washing in the waters,
Jesus the Holy.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS A year has begun in the Archdiocese to pray for the priests we have and to ask God for more. Prayer cards are at the back of church.

PTFA "Bags to School" Fundraiser

As you pack away those winter clothes & dust off the summer wardrobe please collect a bag from the porch, for anything you no longer want. Full bags can be delivered to the school Mon. 25th June—Wed. 27th June. These are then purchased & proceeds go to school funds

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Jack, Phil Sheridan, Paula Kennedy, 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, 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: Julie Kunsminsqa, Mary Furey, Fr Michael Jordan, Anne Lovelock

ANNIVERSARIES: Herbert Kelly, Terry Sheils, William Grogan, Marie Law, Ellen Walsh, Eddie Price, Anthony Brown, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Cerowski, William Carpenter, Agnes Smith, Sally Donoghue, Breda Gleeson, Edith Palmer, Ida Whittaker, Ben Freeman, John Niro, William Carpenter, Edith Clayton, James Duffy, Kazimierz Galatowicz, Brenda Day, James Walsh, Geraldine Haverty, James Rees, Patrick Fox, Dulcie Glowacki, Eddie Walsh, William Murphy, Jim Molloy, Peter Carney, Harold Davies, Ella Shields, Denis O'Sullivan, Joan Hope, Nora Chandler, Elizabeth Ashurst, Paddy McGoldrick, Catherine Ilsley, Bernard Glynn, Anna Thomson, Ursula Hammond, William Ferguson, Gladys Goddard, Reginald Hone, Palmira Bellezza, Percy Bellezza, Edward Wallam-Durrant, Sheila Bateman, Lillian Stokes, Terry Sharpe

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

- For peace in the world
- For our parish—its people and clergy, past and present, for all we have received by God's grace. St Thomas More, pray for us!

O Sacred Heart!

THE DIGITAL AGE...

PARISH WEBCAM

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/

PARISH WEBSITE

stmcov.org

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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

Our God is a God of mercy! 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.

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 100% guarantee you can catch the clergy in church then! Otherwise contact details are on the front of this sheet