

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 July 2018: 16th Sunday**

**Mass p7, readings p109 in Parish Mass Book**  
*The church has a hearing loop system*



**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>22nd</b> <i>16TH SUNDAY</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Reception into Church <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30 p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Peter, Sian & Aaron Hughes (Anniv) <i>Ann Lane</i> Jim Fulton (4th Anniv)
Monday 23rd <i>St Bridget</i>	Requiem Mass Holy Hour of Exposition	11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Ann Lane (RIP)
Tuesday 24th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Betty Wainwright (RIP)
Wednesday 25th <i>St James</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Lawrence Mitchell (RIP)
Thursday 26th <i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	25th Wedding Anniv—Clive & Becky Wright
Saturday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30 9.40 — 10.20	Pat Kenny (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>29th</b> <i>17TH SUNDAY</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Reception of Ann Lane <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30 p.m. <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving— Mr & Mrs Budkiewicz People of the Parish

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**JULY: MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

*GLORY BE TO JESUS, WHO IN BITTER PAINS,  
 POURED FOR ME THE LIFE-BLOOD FROM HIS SACRED VEINS!*

### This Weekend

- **The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. *Please stay if you can.*

### This Week

- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** No meetings over the summer, Next meeting: 11th September.
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m.** in the chapel.
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR

### Next Weekend

- **The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Coming Soon...**

#### **FUNERAL MASS OF JEREMIAH JOY**

Please pray for Jerry and his family at this time. His funeral Mass is on Tuesday 31 July at 10.30am

#### **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>

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL, THE SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

Sunday 2 September. Mass at 3pm, confessions from 1.30pm. Tours of the house available before and after Mass.

#### **JUBILEE YEAR AFTERNOON TEA**

**Saturday 15 Sept**—tickets on sale now.

#### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

**Week Beginning 22 October 2018 6 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.

#### **PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER**

Friday 9 November at the Village Hotel Coventry. Details and tickets available in the autumn.

#### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Friday 7th December**—make a note now.

#### **Sunday Readers' Rota**

#### **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Millie MacDonald

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Louise Poole

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

9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'S & Laura Martin

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

#### **READERS WANTED**

If you know you have strong voice and are willing to join the readers' rota, please volunteer to one of the clergy or to Kris Pears.

#### **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.***

#### **MRR KITCHEN—THE LATEST NEWS**

Now that the five yearly architect's inspection has happened we can move towards renovations and repairs. An advisor from the diocese has made a visit and the next stage is a first design for the kitchen for us to comment on. They are also working on ideas for church heating centred on insulation, altering the loft ventilation so that we do not have ventilation grilles (in other words, holes) in the ceiling, and finding a way of bringing heat nearer to where people sit. The building is simply too large to heat as warmly as a house but if the heating were not round the walls but somehow under the pews, we would feel warmer. Ideas are still being worked on.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Every effort is made to accommodate people's requests for specific dates, but please remember that it will always be possible that someone else has already requested a date first. Please indicate if you are willing to share an intention: that helps a lot (but still can't guarantee a

## **Parish Mass & Barn Dance** ❖ **THANK YOU!** ❖

to all involved in the preparation, planning and participation in this event. Servers, musicians, readers, cleaners, flower arrangers, setters up, putters away, bar staff, cake maker, school caretaker and staff, visiting clergy, former curates and those ordained here, visitors and everyone who came! The Archbishop said some lovely things about the parish and its people.

### **What a wonderful evening!**

*Photos taken by Con McHugh, the deanery photographer are online—see the events page of the parish website.*

*Other photos to follow.*

*The Mass was recorded by the livestream webcam and can be seen again on the parish livestreaming web page. This is easily found from the parish website at*

**stmcov.org**

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £997.24

**In 2017** it cost **£1,503 a week** to run the parish. (**2016** £1,589 **2015** £1,510, **2014** £1,966)



## The Sunday Readings

Jesus is always moved by the needs of those who come to Him. Today, a vast crowd comes to see and hear Him. He has in fact gone off for what we might call today a retreat. But they will not leave Him alone. So, He teaches them. We can easily forget that Jesus spent more time teaching than doing anything else. He teaches about God the Father, the Spirit, how to reach heaven, how to live as God wants, how to treat each other, how to pray...and so much else. Teaching in the Church today is so important. This is how the faith is handed on: not by “lessons” as such, but by parents telling children, the quiet faithfulness of grandparents, the lives of the saints, the examples of ordinary Christians. We teach by our way of living, our attitudes and showing what’s important to us. As Christians we are called to be like Christ, so we are called therefore to be teachers. We cannot hope to pass on the faith very effectively if we’re not!

### CONFIRMATION: CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The celebration of confirmation during the next academic year will be on Saturday 10 November 2018, at 11am. Bishop Kenney will be the celebrant. If you have a child not in a Catholic school who will be in Yr6 next term, and he or she wishes to be confirmed, we shall be collecting details in September.

### ARE YOU AN ADULT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please think about this over the summer. Preparation for any adult wishing to join the Catholic Church will begin in the autumn and offer the opportunity to be received at the Easter Vigil next year. Have a word with Fr Stephen.

### PRAYERS BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Mgr Tim Menezes** has written a book of prayers for various occasions that can be offered during a time of private prayer in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. Copies will be available in the Piety Shop at £4.99, once a fresh supply arrives. The book is published by Alive Publications and may also be ordered direct from them.

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **AFTERNOON TEA:** Saturday 15th September in MRR at 2.00 pm. Tickets in advance only - available now. See Claire Rutter
- **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
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER:** Fri 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hotel. *Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!*  
*St Thomas More, pray for us!*

### DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

Archbishop Bernard has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 90121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experience with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant using Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 0207766 7374 or 07872 602207.

**L**ORD GOD, WE THANK YOU for our parish and for all its people. We praise you for the hard work of those now gone before us whose vision has given us what we have today. Bless all who come to this church that they may hear Your Word and live by it, receive Your sacraments and be strengthened by them and find in this place a glimpse of Your love, an experience of Your mercy and a foretaste of heaven. Help us travel faithfully into Your future. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**  
*St Thomas More, pray for us!*

## **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Stuart Coley, Mya, Joan Blaney, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, Jack, Phil Sheridan, Paula Kennedy, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chustecki, 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:** Jeremiah Joy, Ann Lane, Julie Kunsminska

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ruby Harrington, Margaret Hinch, Maurice Cunningham, Lawrence O'Rourke, Mary Harshaw, Joan Flynn, Vanessa Maher, Thomas Gibbons, Daisy O'Flanagan, Mary Baker, Michael Crampsie, Margaret Synnott, Ethel Carpenter, Marjorie Hampston, Charlie Quirke, Iris Gamble, Margaret O'Brien, Annie Rogers, Rosie Harris, James Fulton, Thady Higgins, Mary Banholzer, Hannah Swales, Thomas Browne, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- For peace in the world
- In thanksgiving for this parish and its church, for all who have and who do worship here, clergy and lay faithful, for God's continuing blessing on this community

## **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.

*Please see Malcolm Pollard or the clergy*

## ***THE DIGITAL AGE...***

### **PARISH WEBCAM**

[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/)

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

[stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org)

### **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**

***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***