

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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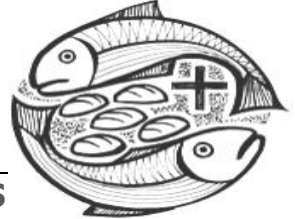


29th July 2018: 17th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p112 in Parish Mass Book

This news sheet is available on the parish website

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 29th <i>17TH SUNDAY</i>	Mass Baptism Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 12.15 p.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	In Thanksgiving: Mr & Mrs Budkiewicz People of the Parish
Monday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Holy Hour of Exposition	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Requiem Mass	10.30 a.m.	Jeremiah Joy (RIP)
Wednesday 1st Aug <i>St Alphonsus</i>	No Service		~
Thursday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00am	~
Friday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	No Service		~
Saturday 4th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	Eucharistic Service Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30	~
SUNDAY 5th <i>18TH SUNDAY</i>	Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	John Reddan (Anniv) / Terry Wilson (RIP) People of the Parish



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JULY: MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

This Weekend

- **The 17th 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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Coming Soon...

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Weds 15 August: Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 12 noon and 7pm. Our Lady's great summer feast celebrating Her entry into what we hope will be all our final destinations—heaven!

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

21-26 Aug Dublin See /www.worldmeeting2018.ie/

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.

ADOREMUS

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

Liverpool 7-9 September. See <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018>

JUBILEE YEAR AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 15 Sept—tickets on sale now.

PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER

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

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 forms to the organiser Anthony Coles, in London

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 7th December—make a note now.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Ernest Hackett

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Every effort is made to meet 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). **Thank you**

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.

SEE VIDEO OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S MASS! SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENING!

A video recording made through the church web cam is available via the **parish website**, as are photographs of the evening. Do have a look—the Archbishop spoke extremely well about the parish and some of the people connected with it through the years. **Again, THANK YOU to so many who worked so hard** to make it a wonderful evening from the ringing of the bell for Mass to the last dance!

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**

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

Last week - Main Collection: £1062.45

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



The Sunday Readings

There are today two accounts of God's generous provision for His people. In the first reading from the Second Book of the Kings, the gift that one man brings becomes, after some doubt, enough to feed a hundred men. In this we see the heralding of God's greatest generosity in the person of Jesus. The small boy has five loaves and two fish. How on earth is that to feed a great crowd—but it does, with plenty left over. This is not simply Jesus taking care of the catering in a generous and miraculous way. This is Him revealing something about Himself and His Father. First, the small boy gives all he has: it is not much but he gives his all. Secondly, Jesus accepts it, takes it, gives thanks for it and all are fed. There are obvious pointers here: to the need for us to give what we can and not worry about how limited are resources are, how little we seem to amount to in a troubled and needy world. God takes it and uses it. Secondly, Jesus feeds all generously, and in taking, thanking and giving the bread in this miracle, prefigures another and greater gift. Himself, taken and broken on the Cross, as on the altar of the Mass. His generosity amounts to more than baskets of leftovers: He gives us the Bread of Life, His Body, the food of eternal life.

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.

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 are in the Piety Shop at £4.99.**

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **AFTERNOON TEA:** Saturday 15th September in MRR at 2.00 p.m
Tickets in advance only - available now. See Claire Rutter
- **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.
Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!
St Thomas More, pray for us!

Saint Mary Magdalene,

woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. **Amen.**
This great saint's feast day fell last Sunday.

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.

LORD GOD, WE THANK YOU for Your 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**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Clifford Foley, 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: Dick Deasy, Jean Langeveld, Gerry Harland, Martin Brennan, Daphne Berrill, Denis Doody, John Piazzon, Baby Thomas Mellon, Jean Kinsella, Margaret Oswell, Jaimie Keegan, Leon Kinsella, Trudi Somers, Jack Gerrard, Ellen Hayward, Gertrude Somers, Christopher Mullen, Julia Cardwell, Alfred Harris, Mgr Dominic Barry, Sheila Coyle, Sheila Devlin, Ludmilla Cerowski, Eileen Barnett, Emma Bower, Mick Muldrone, Hilda Waters, Michael Rock, Bernard Jordan, John Parsons, Tony McCabe, Michael McCabe, Con Sexton, Bishop Francis Thomas, Lucy Beale, Mary Langdon, Thomas McKenzie, Christopher Meehan, Sheila McWilliams, Vincent & Laura Panico, Frank Smith, Alan Dawson, Beryl Gill, Maria Watson, Christopher Mullen, William Ryan, James Daly, Simon Coldrick, Mabel Shakespeare, Jodie Armstrong, John Reddan, Roland Veasey, David Gormal, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans ***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 respect and protection of the family, the first place of nurture for the infant Christ

THE DIGITAL AGE...

PARISH WEBCAM:

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry/
PARISH WEBSITE: stmcov.org

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