

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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26th August 2018
21st Sunday

Mass p7, readings p123 in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 26th <i>21st SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30—5.40 6.00 p.m	Kenny O'Neil (RIP) Joseph Kendall (Anniv)
Monday 27th <i>St Monica</i>	Mass <i>(No Exposition today)</i>	10.00 a.m.	Abie Doherty (RIP)
Tuesday 28th <i>St Augustine</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Betty Commins (19th Anniv)
Wednesday 29th <i>St John the Baptist</i>	Mass	9.15 a.m.	Charlie Cullinane (Anniv)
Thursday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 31st <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Terry Roddy (RIP)
Saturday 1st Sept <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30 9.40-10.20	Des Flynn (RIP)
SUNDAY 2nd <i>22nd SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30—5.40 6.00 p.m	Josephine Cottrell (RIP) Candida Amato (RIP) & Alan Stock (Anniv)



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August, month of the Assumption of Our Lady
A sign is seen in Heaven, a Mother-Maiden fair
Her mantle is the sunlight and stars adorn her hair!



This Weekend

- **The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room.
- **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES & PAPAL VISIT TO IRELAND** See www.worldmeeting2018.ie/. Please pray that this meeting may encourage all families, husbands, wives and children, and help the Church serve them better. This afternoon pilgrims and Archbishop Bernard will be on *Songs of Praise*. Pray that Pope Francis's visit may bring healing and strength to the Irish Church at this challenging time. Last week, Pope Francis issued a letter to The People of God in which he uses the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger to condemn the 'filth there is in the Church', reflects on the suffering of the abused and asks that the Holy Spirit may help in identifying sins, bring about true repentance and lead us all in a courageous combatting of them. 'If one member suffers, all suffer..' (1 Cor 12:26). See <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018.index.html>

This Week

- **Bank Holiday Monday**
Mass 10.00am and no evening Exposition.
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY Next meets 11th Sept
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Next meets 4th Oct
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Jim Etheridge
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Janet Ward

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Eve Hibberd
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Anthony Buckley

Next Weekend

- **The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Second collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL, THE SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS** Sunday 2 Sept. Mass at 3pm, confessions from 1.30pm. Deanery coach leaves Christ the King 1.30pm, returns at about 7pm. £10 Book with Fiona at Ck 76 591618.

Coming Soon...

DEANERY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MEETING
The monthly prayer meeting begins again on **Thu 6 Sept 7.30pm** at Christ the King.

ADOREMUS: NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

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

BLESSING OF GRAVES

St Paul's on 9th September at 3.00pm
Canley on 16th September at 3.00pm
London's Lane on 23rd September at 3.00pm
London Road on 30th September at 3.00pm
JAM 'N' CAKE 9am SUNDAY MASS MUSIC

Next session is on **Tuesday 11 Sept**

JUBILEE YEAR AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 15 Sept—tickets on sale now.

LIFE IN THE SPRIT PRAYER GROUP

Following our recent Mission and 'The Gift' programme we invite all members of the parish to come on **Tues 18 Sept 7.30pm** and experience a Life in the Spirit prayer session—**all welcome!**

PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK

to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hedgesford

There will be a Pilgrimage led by Bishop Robert Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. To take place at 3pm on Sunday 16th September at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hedgesford.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 19 September at 7.15pm MRR

PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK

Sat 22 Sept 11am with anointing followed by **lunch** provided by the **SVP**. All welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Week Beginning 22 October 2018 Booking now closing: flight prices are rising for any late applications, alas (those already booked are **NOT** affected). There will be a meeting in Sept.

PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER

Friday 9 Nov at the Village Hotel Coventry.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 7th December—make a note now.

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 07872 602207 or Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 0207766 7374

HOLIDAY TIME

May your holidays bring rest and refreshment.

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

Last week - Main Collection: £820.68

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



The Sunday Readings

We live in an age where choice is held in high regard, whether its schools, sexuality, gender or morals,

choice is held to be everyone's right. And yet there is of course a fundamental choice, a choice of choosing right or wrong. In the first reading, Joshua presents the Israelites with a choice: follow God or don't. They choose to follow God. Jesus finishes His teaching in today's Gospel about His Flesh and Blood. To accept it or reject it are of course the only choices. And some choose to reject it. But Peter, speaking for the Twelve, can see that in rejecting this He rejects the teaching of God Himself. To reject some of what Jesus says is to undermine all of it. Being a Christian won't always be easy, but it will always be right. In rejecting the teaching of Jesus, Peter can see that there is no-one else who can take His place. Who else can we turn to except He who is the Way, the Truth and the 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.

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday 22nd September there will be mass and anointing of the sick at 11.00am followed by a lunch in the MRR provided by the SVP – All are welcome to both events.

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



MARY, assumed into Heaven and now its Queen, pray for us, that we may walk with Jesus in this life and dwell with Him in the next.

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.
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER:** Fri 9th November at the Village Hotel.

Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!

St Thomas More, pray for us!

JUBILEE EVENTS IN CHURCH

Watch again on the parish website!

RUGBY ASSOCIATION OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM.

The Association is arranging for a coach to Walsingham on 16 September for the Dowry of Our Lady Pilgrimage. The coach will leave St Marie's Roman Catholic Church, Dunchurch Road, Rugby CV22 5EL at 7am prompt. You can bring a packed lunch (there is a cafe there but it gets busy). We leave Walsingham at 5.30pm. It really is a very spiritual experience to be at Walsingham. We are taking a smaller coach this year so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to go. The charge is only £10, this figure has been substantially subsidised by the Rugby Association. In order to secure a seat please telephone Breda on 01788 331593 or Kathleen on 01788 334787.

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. The course explores what Catholicism teaches. Speak to Fr Stephen.

MRR KITCHEN

Now that the five yearly architect's inspection has happened we can move towards renovations and repairs. Plans for a new fitted kitchen are being drawn up for our consideration and comments. Costings can then follow and grant applications can then be submitted. No timescale yet, but things are happening.

FAITH + HOPE + LOVE

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Stuart Foley, Mya, 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: Rosalind Stretton, Jimmy Kelly, Donna Lewis, Norma Edmiston

ANNIVERSARIES: John Corrigan, Elizabeth Berryman, Alice Simard, Kenneth Davies, Frank Hannigan Monica Smout, Mary Canning, Anthony Dodd, Vivian Edmiston, Olive Prior, James Barratt, Donal McHugh, Howard Kennedy, Michael O'Sullivan, Pauline Twigger, Kevin Gavin, Michael Broderick, Anne Whitters, Mabel Fulham, Peter Hughes, Hughie Twomey, Michael Kelly, Christopher Simmons, Rosemary Kennedy, Edward Spence, Nora Neary, Mr Hopkins, John Moran, Gerald Harland, Tony Gill, Frank Craven, Ethel Carrington, Bill Berwick, Joseph Richards, Edna Burton, Patrick Carroll, Maureen Vaughan, Elia Gregory, Robert Harvey, Eileen Barnett, Mick Muldoon, Emma Bowen, Karl Seitz, Barbara Rees

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

- For peace in the world
- For the suffering people of Kerala
- In thanksgiving for this parish, its church building, its people living and departed
- For all those who have received exam results at this time
- The survivors of abuse, for Pope Francis and the Church that our response is right.

**THE DIGITAL AGE...
PARISH WEBSITE
stmcov.org**

**PARISH WEBCAM
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-
thomas-more-church-coventry/
PARISH TWITTER**

@StThosMore

Links from the website to camera and tweets

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