



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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St Thomas More, pray for us!

+ THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY +



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SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2016 TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY YEAR C

SUNDAY 9 th Oct 28 th SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Roger Murray (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 10 th Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00- 8.00 p.m.	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Peter & Mary Cunningham (Anniv)
Tuesday 11 th Oct <i>St John XXIII</i>	7.00 p.m.	Mass	Bernadette Armstrong (B'day)
Wednesday 12 th Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	Mass	Margaret Murphy (Mem Mass)
Thursday 13 th Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service	~
Friday 14 th Oct <i>Feria</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Jackie Buckley (RIP)
Saturday 15 th Oct <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20 a.m.	Mass Exposition, followed by Benediction Confession	Rev Gerry McArdle (RIP)
SUNDAY 16 th Oct 29 th SUNDAY	9.00 a.m. 5.30 – 5.50 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mass Confession Mass	Anthony Armstrong (1 st Anniv) Frank Finnegan (Anniv)

Morning and Evening Prayer is said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses

There is a loop system in the church. Set your hearing aid to 'T'. Best reception at side walls of the church.

MASS TODAY begins on pg 7 of THE PARISH MASS BOOK and READINGS on pg 149

Sunday readings Cycle C, Weekday Readings Year 2, Psalter week 2

READERS: This Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Eve Hibberd & Judith Doherty 6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Geraldine Clarkson
Next Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Marisa Gunn 6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

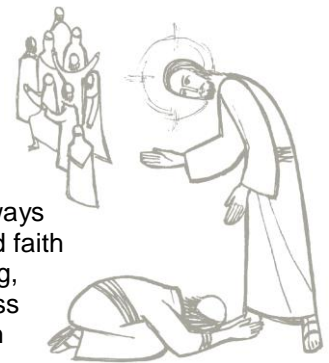
LAST SUNDAY: Main Collection: £1153.79

This Sunday: Second Collection for CAFOD

MANY THANKS for all that you give in time, money & effort.

Sunday's Readings are on page 149 of the Parish Mass Book...

Naaman has to swallow his pride in order to be healed of his leprosy. All he has to do is bathe seven times in the Jordan, rather than a river in his native land. But even that is too much. He needed to lose his pride and open himself to the idea that God might work through people and things he'd never have thought anything of. And when he is healed, he wants to reward Elisha, but Elisha knows who should take the real credit—God Himself. So God can use anyone or anything for great good, but if that happens to be us we must not take the credit but always point to God, just like Elisha did. As for the lepers in the Gospel, every one of them must have had faith in Jesus at the start, since they ask him for their healing. They rejoice at being granted that healing, but only one comes back to say thank you. It is natural to turn to God in times of need, but how less natural it seems to be to say thank you once He grants our prayer! But if we stay with Him through asking **and** receiving, how much deeper our relationship will be.



Today would be **Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's** day if it weren't a Sunday. Please pray for his canonisation and that his prayers may bring many to faith in Jesus Christ and so draw them to His Church. Pray too for his community, the Oratorians, in Birmingham.

October, month of the Holy Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

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RECENTLY DEPARTED: Helen Martin, Rev Francis Andrews, Bridget Ferguson, Lizzie Clark, Barbara Rees, Maria Watson **ANNIVERSARIES:** James O'Connor, John Donaldson, Susan McCabe, Peter Cunningham, Elizabeth Loughran, Mary Leonard, Francis O'Brien, Martin Owens, Leonard McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Harriet Gibling, Mary West, Catherine Waters, Thomas Boyd, Mary McCormack, Mark Wheeler, Margaret Shomley, Betty Leigh, Henrietta Shadforth, Pat Mallett, Tom Deegan, Winifred Sadler, David Walsh, Teresa Brown, Ivor Rouzel, Karen James, Agnes Mallett, Fintan Cowan, Ellen Gallagher, Margaret McHugh, Patricia Arnett, Patrick Walsh, Henrietta Shadworth, Christina Mason, Peter Dargon, Anthony Armstrong and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SICK & SUFFERING: Liam Mee, Rev Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Brookes, Helen McDonnell, Margaret Young, James Young, Teresa Mellon, Cecil & Margaret Dowson, Pat Jenkins, Barry Hill, Madge Vowles, Carl Smith, Peter David, Mary Morris, Harry Davenport, Vera Lee, John Martin, Ron Hamilton, Beatrice Upham, Diane Sharpe, Bill Brennan, Christopher, Ben Green, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Charlie Addison, Joanne Bazen, Kaime Orchard, Deacon Jim Gilligan, Dolores Heffernan, Jerry Casey, Maisie Taylor, William Begley, Imogen Jones, Tommy Carberry, Thomas Ryan, Rebecca Power, Julie Burke, John Nugent, Natalie Molloy, Bill Molloy, Sean Craig, Marie Lynch, Ken Stone, Caroline Cunningham, Sylvester & Kitty Budkiewiez, David Warr, Pam Brown, Bill McGiven, Heidi O'Neil, Mary Walsh, Lily Bailey, Mike Campbell, the victims of the Italian earthquake, persecuted Christians, asylum seekers, prisoners and their dependants. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick: Pray for us**

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY, a day of pray for prisoners and their families. Our Lord Himself was a prisoner in Pilate's gaol.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY We are called both to identify with the needs of the world's poor and hungry and to embrace the idea of Friday Penance by giving up a meal or particular food or pleasure. What we save – and any other gift we wish to **add – is then given to support the needs of the poor and hungry. There will be a second collection for CAFOD TODAY.**



SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 6.00 p.m. Dan Callow & Emily Clarke in Concert @ Christ The King Church

SOWING THE SEEDS – a course in the Coventry Deanery for all who want to know more about the Catholic faith Are you a **parent, teacher, catechist, teaching assistant** or simply someone keen to know a bit more and be confident in asking and answering questions? The course will run in Coventry at All Souls, Earlsdon beginning on **Mon 10th Oct, 7-9pm**. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you'd like to be part of this.

DIOCESAN JUSTICE & GROUP ASSEMBLY Sat 15th Oct St Peter's School, Solihull, B91 3NZ 'Care for Our Common Home' with Helen Teague and Also the CAFOD climate change team. Details in the porch.

"THE BALM OF MERCY" a Musical Presentation for the Year of Mercy at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on **Saturday 15th October** at 7.30 p.m. and at the Albert Hall, Nottingham on Sunday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. See poster in porch for more details.

COVENTRY INTERCULTURAL MASS Sunday 16th October 3.00 p.m. at St John Fisher Church. Poster in the porch.

ANDY CULLINANE – BIRMINGHAM HALF MARATHON 16TH OCTOBER. Andy has been training hard and will be raising funds for Parkinson's UK and Andrew Robinson Young Peoples' Trust. Andy will be outside church after the 9.00am mass asking for donations or sponsorship. To donate on-line you can go onto his just giving page using www.justgiving.com and search Andy Cullinane. Thank you

HELEN MARTIN'S REQUIEM MASS will be held on **Mon 17th October 11.00 a.m.** She will be received into church the night before

FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – Meeting for parents and children on **Mon 17th Oct at 6.30p.m. in the Margaret Roper Room.** Preparation meetings on a Sunday afternoon 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. from 13th Nov until First Communion in May.

HARVEST SOUP LUNCH Saturday 22nd October 12p.m. – 3.p.m. Please join us for a Soup lunch, to be thankful for what we have and to give to those who have not. Cost will be £2 per person plus a donation of either food (tins / jars / packets) or toiletries (soap / toothpaste / toothbrushes / deodorant / razors). All donations will be taken to Coventry Food Bank for distribution to the neediest families in the city. Tickets in advance are not required, call in and stay to chat for the whole time - there will also be tea and cake, or, grab a quick lunch in between chores. If you are unable to attend the lunch but wish to make a donation to the food bank, there will be a box for donations in the Margaret Roper Room on the Sundays either side; 16th & 23rd October. Please speak to Mandy Woollorton or Rachel Hickingbotham for further details.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Date For Diary *** **Friday 2nd December 2016** ***

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING at Claire and Mary's – raised an amazing **£660**. Well done and thanks to all who came.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? A group will be formed in the autumn to explore what the Church believes and help you decide and prepare for entering the Church. **Please see Fr Stephen as soon as possible.**

100 CLUB WINNERS: 1st: £20 Jenny Farmer **2nd: £10** Charlotte Turner **3rd: £8** Morgan Williams **4th : £7** Victoria Jones **5th: £5** Dot Forde **6th: £4** Deacon Pat Jeary *Congratulations to all winners!*

READING IN CHURCH We thank all those who read at Mass. **Are there others who would also like to do this?** A clear voice and a desire to proclaim the Scriptures are all that's needed. Please see Kris Pears or one of the clergy if you are interested.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 As normal, Andy and Alison Cullinane will be organising a pilgrimage to coincide with the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. Andy spoke about this two weeks ago. If you are interested please speak to him or Alison or Fr Stephen. The pilgrimage always takes place in the week containing the late May Bank Holiday. It is possible to subsidise the costs of child pilgrims.

MARKING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH BUILDING in 2018 A **Parish Mission** has now been booked for Lent 2018, to be led by the Sion Community – a Catholic community of priests and lay people, old and young dedicated to evangelisation. See more about them at <http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk/> Some other big ideas are up for discussion: a Parish Mission n Lent 2018, a Mass with the Archbishop in the footsteps of St Thomas More and a Tudor themed event. Clearly, nothing happens without preparation and support, so we shall need a parish **Jubilee Action Group** to co-ordinate and plan. Volunteers will be called for in due course... Meanwhile, the initial first impression of what might be done with the glass screen between font and porch is available to look at in the porch. If this happens, St Thomas More would need to move from the porch, perhaps to where Our Lady is now and Our Lady move to the opposite side of the sanctuary where, with shortened pews, there will be much more space to pray at her shrine. Some of this will need financing: the Parish Finance Committee agreed that from now the Parish Development Fund second collections will be set aside for marking the anniversary year.

SINGERS AT SIX If you are at the 6.00 p.m. Sunday Mass and like to sing, please do join the singers and sit by the piano to help give a lead.

BEING A SERVER... If you have made your first communion and can make a commitment to being at Mass, then **please be a server**. Young or old, male or female the servers' ministry enhances worship. Please see Malcom Pollard or one of the clergy to know more.

Weekly Events

Tuesday	TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. General Knowledge Quiz in the MRR.
Wednesday	ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 6.00 p.m. in Chapel and 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. in the MRR. <i>All welcome.</i>
Thursday	EXTEND gentle exercise group: 10.00 a.m. in MRR
Friday	STEPPING STONES: Parent and Toddlers group - 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. in MRR.

ARRANGING THE BAPTISM of BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN

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 from one of the clergy **after Sunday Mass**. For the baptism of children over 4 and of adults see the parish priest.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place. 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.

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