

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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12th August 2018: 19th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p117 in Parish Mass Book

This sheet is available on the parish website

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 12th <i>19TH SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.40 6.00 p.m.	Mike Hammond (2nd Anniv) The People of the Parish
Monday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Rose & Walter Roach (Anniv)
Tuesday 14th <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Josephine Cottrell (RIP) / Golden Wed.: Peter & Dorothy Atkinson
Weds 15th <i>Assumption of BVM</i>	Mass Mass	12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Ida Pinto (RIP) The People of the Parish
Thursday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Nuptial Mass	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	Mercy & Wens (Anniv) Maryanne & Luke
Saturday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30	Joseph Cooney (Anniv)
SUNDAY 19th <i>20TH SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.40 6.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Tony Leigh / Jim & Catherine Etheridge 60th Wedd Anniv David Murray (10th 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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. *Please stay if you can.*
- **Multicultural Mass: 2.30pm today at St Elizabeth's**

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY No meetings over the summer, Next meeting: 11th September.
- **Wednesday:**
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 12 noon and at 7 p.m.
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR

Next Weekend

- **The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Coming Soon...

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. Marisa Gunn & Debbie Middleton

6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Anthony Buckley

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Noreen Thornhill

6.00 p.m. John Burns & Andrew Colby

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 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).

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.

A Prayer for the Holidays...

Lord, slow me down: allow me to notice you in your creation and in the people that I meet. Help me to remember that rest is part of your plan for all people and that nothing lasting is created without wisdom, patience and time. Keep me from hurrying past what matters and do not let me be so busy that I use your gift of time without remembering you who gave it to me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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:

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



The Sunday Readings

Elijah is dejected and depressed: nothing has gone right and he feels he might as well give up. Give up life,

even. God has other plans for His chosen prophet. God provides food to give Elijah strength and courage, so that the journey might not be too long for him. Jesus, God the Son, does the same for us. He bids us eat and drink the Bread of life, to be refreshed by the living bread which is of course Himself. Our journey to the House of the Father is one marked by human sins, failures, false starts and foolish detours. Yet we are called by the Father to make that journey and lest it become too long for us, Jesus Himself provides us with food for that journey: His Word and His very Self—the Bread of Life, His flesh given in the form of bread. Not only is Jesus our Guide and our Leader, our inspiration and our companion but He is also our food. How much then, does He wish us to reach His Father's house, and it is Our Lady's arrival there that we celebrate on the Assumption. As one who lived in perfect accord with God's will, it is surely right that she should reach heaven without sharing in the consequences of sin.

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. Speak to Fr Stephen.

For the Latest News and Pictures of the Past, *See the parish website*
stmcov.org

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- **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!

LORD 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*

The Assumption of Our Lady Wednesday 15th August

Holy Day of Obligation



God's will it was that made her Mother of the Son.

Mary's will was ever let the Father's will be done.

So it is the Father's will, in glory with her Son,

Mary reigns as heaven's queen, her earthly work now done.

MARIA ASSUMPTA EST!

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Backhouse, James Jackson, Mary Naughton, Mary Campbell, Anne Higgins, Winifred McDonald, Arthur Thornhill, Philip Fitzpatrick, Catherine Hawthorne, Patricia Daines, Helen Wright, Peter Travers, Ronald Oxley, Catherine McQuale, Thomas Bird, Margaret Keegan, John Waters, Valerie Johnson, Mary Murray, Douglas Moore, Josie Zaparanuik, Margaret Rooney, Elizabeth Storey, Agnes Rogan, John Smith, Michael O'Sullivan, Nancy Clifford, John Mullally, William Fellows, Winifred McDonald, Teresa Rainbow, Isa Boyle, Peter Murray

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 all those who travel
- For the persecuted Church, especially in Nicaragua and for the Christians of the Holy Land

THE DIGITAL AGE...

PARISH WEBCAM

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

PARISH WEBSITE

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