

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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2nd September 2018 22nd Sunday

Mass p7, readings p126 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2nd <i>22nd SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Josephine Cottrell (RIP) Candida Amato (RIP) & Alan Stock (Anniv)
Monday 3rd <i>St Gregory</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Pauline & Austin Sage (RIP & Sick)
Wednesday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anthony Dodd (RIP) / Ellen Deehan (Sick)
Thursday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Masse	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
Friday 7th <i>First Friday. Feria</i>	Mass	12 noon	Joan Hitchman (RIP)
Saturday 8th <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30	Anna Naglic (RIP)
SUNDAY 9th <i>23rd SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Emrys Evans (RIP B'day) Ann Lane (RIP)

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September, month of the Triumph of the Holy Cross of Christ

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free!



This Weekend

- **The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Second collection: Parish Development Fund
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room.
This Week
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY Next meets 11th Sept
THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION Coventry Circle meets here beginning with the 7pm Mass
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
MASSSES ON WEDNESDAYS will be at **9.00am**, a time that now suits the school and is consistent with other morning Masses
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Next meets 4th Oct
DEANERY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MEETING
7.30pm at Christ the King
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Maureen Porter
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Weekend

- **The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Coming Soon...
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
Lenton'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 SPIRIT 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 Hednesford

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 Hednesford.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 19 September at 7.15pm MRR

ANNUAL 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

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 15 Sept 2.00pm

 Tickets available from Claire Rutter Come and enjoy yummy sandwiches, fine cakes and quality tea, all on the finest china! Plus conversation..!


PETTY THEFTS IN CHURCH

Sadly, there have recently been attempts to force open the candle money boxes in the main church. This is troubling as the main church (but **NOT** the side chapel) is meant to be kept locked when not in use. The church has not been broken into. Please, if you are a keyholder, make sure doors are locked and the rest of us please be vigilant by never leaving items or bags unattended and by noticing anyone acting at all oddly around places where there may be money.

ARE YOU AN ADULT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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 and what a commitment to Jesus and His Church means. See Fr Stephen.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 7 DECEMBER

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

Last week - Main Collection: £1,076.83

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



The Sunday Readings

When Moses returned from the top of the mountain with the Law for God's people, he offered it to

them so that they may have the Lord near to them. By keeping this law, they would be wise and holy. But, as time went on, the Law grew, as it were, bloated by the additions and commentary of many other people. Some of it wise, of course, but some of it not. So, when Jesus comes from the Father, we find in Him the living embodiment of all that the Father gives us as the way to return to Him. This means that in wanting to draw near to the Father, we follow not a set of rules but a person—Jesus! There is nothing man made about Him! No-one can add to or take away from Jesus: He is the definitive divine revelation. We are called not to be legalistic about following God, obsessed with rules and regulations, but loving. Loving by following Jesus's example and giving ourselves to a relationship and not to a rule book. A happy marriage or a true friendship doesn't need a book of rules: and the same should be true of those who seek a loving relationship with God.

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.

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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING PLUS
Friday 28 Sept at 192 Kenpas Highway
and lasting all day, Claire Rutter is organising a MacMillan fundraiser. **All very welcome!**

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. Booking now closed with 28 pilgrims
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER:** Fri 9th November at the Village Hotel.

Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!

St Thomas More, pray for us!

MARKING THE JUBILEE IN CHURCH

Videos and photos are available on the parish website to see events again.

ABOUT OUR JUBILEE MASS FROM ARCHBISHOP BERNARD...

The Archbishop wrote to Fr Stephen (a letter much delayed in the post) after the Mass in July and said—

Thank you for the very joyful celebration of your parish's 75th anniversary. It was clear that parishioners were uplifted by the occasion... Please pass on my thanks to all the musicians and altar servers... and to the team for the splendid supper at the school. May the summer bring you all many blessings. With my prayers and kindest wishes. Yours devotedly in Christ, +Bernard

CARE FOR CREATION

Yesterday, at Pope Francis's request, was the **World Day of Prayer for Creation** and marks the beginning of the 'Creation Season' when we are encouraged to pray and work for the protection and valuing of the world. What is often termed the environment is of course the gift of God to all His living creatures. It is therefore a Christian duty to care for our common home. **LiveSimply** is part of that as we as a church to consume a little less and give a little back. Our **LiveSimply** team are working hard.

ROME PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Weds 26 September 7.00pm in the MRR

This is to give out a little more information, check that everyone knows what's needed about arrangements and to answer any questions. If you cannot attend, don't worry, just email Fr Stephen at stmcov@gmail.com and you'll be kept informed.

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: Peggy Wilson, Vincent Swords, Rosalind Stretton, Joan Blaney, Jimmy Kelly, Donna Lewis, Norma Edmiston

ANNIVERSARIES: Con Sexton, Bishop Francis Thomas, Lucy Beale, Laura Panico, Frank Smith, Alan Dowson, Sheila Colby, Lizzie Clark, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, Owen Fyffe, Francesco Niro, George Rhodes, Joseph Keane, Madge Pollard, Teresa Beckett, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Catherine Bland, Maria Raftery, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Ronald Bowen, Francis Keogan, Margaret Johnston, Noel Bryan, Samuel Beard, Peter Meehan, Eileen Harold, Richard Skelly, Mary Holroyd, Joseph Meade
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 its people past and present
- For all returning to school this week
- For a respect for Creation as the gift and handiwork of God and a deepening sense of responsibility for its care among all people
- For Pope Francis and the Church, for the victims of abuse and for the Church's response to be right
- For the National Eucharistic Congress
Adoremus to be a time of great blessing

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

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