

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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9th September 2018
23rd Sunday

Be opened!



Mass p7, readings p129 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Monday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m 7.00 p.m.	Clive Robinson 75th Birthday
Tuesday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.45 p.m.	Pat Kenny (RIP)
Wednesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Diamond Jubilee— Sr Carmel Comeford
Thursday 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 14th <i>Holy Cross</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Gillian Horrell (RIP)
Saturday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 — 10.30	Clergy of the Parish
SUNDAY 16th <i>24th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m	John & Ellen Merrick (Anniv) Tony & Sheila Colby (Anniv)

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH DEACONS:

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR &

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

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



This Weekend

- **The 23rd 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

- **Monday:**
Live Simply Meeting at 7 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Welcome Back.—all welcome. MRR
JAM 'N' CAKE 7.30 p.m. in MRR
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel.
MASSES ON WEDNESDAYS will be at **9.00am**, a time that now suits the school and is consistent with the other morning Masses
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Next meets 4th Oct
- **Friday:**
The **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, the celebration of the power of the Cross as it reveals Christ's all-conquering love for us. He embraces the Cross for us, and it becomes the workbench for the Divine Carpenter to make the salvation of the world through His blood, wood and nails. There is Mass for the parish at 9am and school children in Yrs 6 and 7 celebrate the new school year here with a Mass at 1.30pm.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Blaise H-O'Sullivan
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Judith Doherty
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

Next Weekend

- **The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Second Collection:** Home Mission Sunday

Coming Soon...

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

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...!

PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK

to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of

Lourdes at Hednesford 3pm Sun 16 Sept

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.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION
Monday 17th September at 6.30 p.m. in MRR
For parents of children in **Year 6** **NOT** in Catholic schools.

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!**

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND **NATIONAL GATHERING**

Will be held on **Sat. 22nd Sept in St Francis Church, Kenilworth CV8 1HL**. All welcome. Free to attend and includes lunch. <https://www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/nat—gathering-PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME>

Week Beginning 22 October 2018 Booking closed. **Meeting** Wed 26 Sept 7.00pm in MRR
PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER
Friday 9 Nov at the Village Hotel Coventry.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 7th December—make a note now.
ARE YOU AN ADULT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Preparation adults wishing to become a Catholic will begin in the autumn. Explore what Catholicism teaches and what a commitment to Jesus and His Church means. **See Fr Stephen ASAP.**



LIVERPOOL 2018
ADOREMUS
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

THIS WEEKEND the **National Eucharistic Congress** takes place. *Adoremus* means 'let us adore' and is a call to renewed worship of Jesus in the Eucharist. Live web coverage at www.shalomworldtv.org/adoremus. **Archbishop Bernard** will lead a time of adoration on Monday from 1.50pm in his own chapel broadcast on www.youtube.com/watch?v=S42imxVT2t8

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.

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

Last week - Main Collection: £936.83 Standing Orders for July: £682.33

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



The Sunday Readings

Isaiah speaks clearly of a coming time of God's arrival when creation will be transformed. The blind shall see,

the deaf hear, the lame leap, the dumb sing for joy. Rivers will burst into the deserts, scorched earth be lakes and parched lands, springs. Life will be changed. In Jesus, we see all that fulfilled. His healing miracles (in today's gospel it is the deaf and dumb man who hears and speaks) are a sign of God's kingdom come among us., the transforming power of God come to release healing, wholeness, plenty and new life. Jesus is not just the sign of all that, but the way to it. The defeat of sickness and disability is but a foretaste of the defeat of the last great sickness of all—death. Death, the consequence of our disobedience of God, comes to be abolished by God in Jesus, and replaced by new life, the life of the risen Christ offered to all who follow Him.

FRIDAY IS HOLY CROSS DAY

HAIL CROSS, our hope; on thee we call

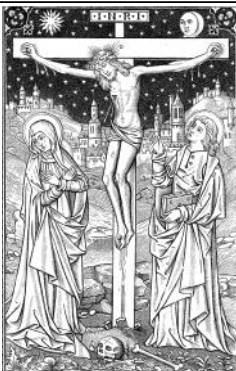
Who keep this solemn festival.

Grant to the just increase of grace

And every sinner's crimes efface.

'May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ'

St Paul, Galatians 6:14



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. **It is important that people are present at the Mass to pray for all the sick!** Please come with a sick friend or relative, please come to pray for a sick person you know who may live a great distance away. Please come to pray for carers and health workers. **Please come to pray! Your presence is a sign of Christian support and care.**

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.

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

Until 4 October, St Francis's Day, we are in what Pope Francis has called 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 a church to consume a little less and give a little back. Our **LiveSimply** team are working hard. Come to the meeting on Monday at 7pm in the MRR.

HELP FOR SUFFERING KERALA

Parishioner Asha Sajeev is collecting online. Go to JustGiving.com and search for Asha Sajeev Coventry UK. She hopes to raise £500 to help relief operations in this devastated part of southern India. Pray for those suffering and those helping.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL VACANCIES

The Romero MAC is looking to appoint principals for Good Shepherd and for Corpus Christi Primary Schools. Details at www.romeromac.com

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

From this year, the Bishops have decided that the annual count will now take place on the last two Sundays of Sept and the first two in October

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Stuart Coley, 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: Harold Vineall, Michael Brennan, Donald O'Sullivan, James O'Neill, Cicely Fawcett, Martin Langdon, George Webb, Joseph McGuckin, Mary Burr, Bridget Gannon, John Gallagher, Maurice Catlin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Mieczyslaw Kolodynski, Joseph Murray, Albert Bordeleau, Mabel Barnacle, Dorothy Redmond, Winifred Craddock, Francis McInulty, Elizabeth Sharkey, Isabella Quinn, Mary Bannon, Janet McGawley, Nora Smethurst, Ruth Waters

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 a respect for Creation as the gift and handiwork of God and a deepening sense of responsibility for its care among all people
- For the National Eucharistic Congress *Adoremus* to be a time of great blessing

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING PLUS
Fri 28 Sept, 192 Kenpas Highway**
Lasts all day, Claire Rutter is organising a MacMillan fundraiser. ***All welcome!***

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