

# 1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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## 16th September 2018

## 24th Sunday

**Mass p7, readings p132 in Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 16th</b> <i>24th SUNDAY</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	John & Ellen Merrick (Anniv) Tony & Sheila Colby (Anniv)
Monday 17th <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	Mass Reception: Rosalind Stretton Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Tanja Skendrovic (Anniv)
Tuesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Service: Rosalind Stretton Mass	1.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Sean McCarthy (1st Anniv)
Wednesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Margaret Murphy (Mem Mass)
Thursday 20th <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i>	Eucharistic Service Reception: Vincent Swords Reception: Caroline Fitzpatrick	9.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	~
Friday 21st <i>St Matthew</i>	Funeral Mass Funeral Mass Mass	10.00 am 1.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Vincent Swords RIP Caroline Fitzpatrick RIP Golden Wedding: Clive & Stella Robinson
Saturday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass and Anointing of the Sick	11.00 a.m.	The Sick
<b>SUNDAY 23rd</b> <i>25th SUNDAY</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Kim Simmons (RIP) / Ints of Kathleen Budkiewicz Jimmy Kelly (RIP)

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### This Weekend

- **The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Second Collection:** Home Mission Sunday
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

- **Canley Cemetery Grave blessings** at 3.00pm

### This Week

- **Monday:**  
**PARENTS' MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION 6.30 p.m. in MRR** For parents of children in **Year 6 NOT** in Catholic schools
- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Quiz—all welcome. MRR
- **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!**
- **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 the other morning Masses  
**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** 7.15pm MRR
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** Next meets 4th Oct
- **Saturday:**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK 11am** with anointing followed by **lunch** provided by the **SVP**. All welcome.

### Next Weekend

- **The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Second Collection:** Father Hudson's Society
- **9am Mass** will include prayers for the new school year and for our parish school. All the school community are warmly invited to attend.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

#### **This week...**

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

#### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Maureen Porter  
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & John Burns

### Coming Soon...

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND NATIONAL GATHERING**

Will be held on **Sat. 22nd Sept in St Francis Church, Kenilworth CV8 1HL**. All welcome.

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

**Lenton's Lane** on 23rd September at 3.00pm  
**London Road** on 30th September at 3.00pm

Free to attend and includes lunch. <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.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.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If you have a child in Y3 **NOT** in a Catholic school wishing to make their first Holy Communion—

**Please speak to Fr Stephen ASAP.**

### **RECENTLY DEPARTED**

**Please pray for Rosalind Stretton, Vincent Swords and Caroline Fitzpatrick** whose funerals all fall this week. Caroline died suddenly last week, after a lifetime of service to the Church and to this parish. Please pray for the souls of these three departed souls, and for their families

### **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](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) and you'll be kept informed.



**The Parish LiveSimply Group** is working hard to achieve the **CAFOD LiveSimply** award for the parish. This is all about living in a way that does least harm to nature and our fellow human beings. We do much already to express solidarity with and give help to the need (eg Cafod, Coventry night shelter), we have begun to improve the church grounds for animal life by planting fruit trees and we have moved to becoming greener in our use of energy. The LiveSimply award recognises an organised and fruitful attempt at these things. On **30 September** members of the group will present information to the parish and launch the official beginning of our working for the award. The next week **7 October** will be a **Walk to Church Sunday**, an expression of solidarity with refugees forced to be 'on the move' and as way of reducing our use of fossil fuels and our 'carbon footprint'.

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £1002.13 Standing Orders for August: £817.33

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



## The Sunday Readings

**T**he reading from Isaiah today is about the one known as the “suffering servant”, a figure of Christ in the

pages of the Old Testament. It is easy to see this if we read it and think of Our Lord on His way up Calvary, bearing His cross, the suffering and sins of all the world, and the hatred of so many in the crowd. And so in the Gospel today we hear Jesus talk about just that: that He will have to take up His cross and lay down His life. He does so in response to Peter’s answer to His question “Who do you say I am?”. This is the one question everyone will have to answer in this world or the next. Peter, recognising who Jesus is, cannot believe that He will have to suffer. But having renounced His place in Heaven to come to earth, it is inevitable that Jesus should meet suffering. And what dreadful suffering it will be. The Cross. But what awesome life giving consequence it has!

## PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES

It is with regret that Andy and Alison Cullinane have decided that they must give up organising the parish’s annual Lourdes pilgrimage. First of all, we owe them a **huge debt of gratitude** for 11 years of very hard work making things go so smoothly for pilgrims. If anyone would consider taking over this work, that would be good: whatever happens, pilgrimages to Lourdes from this parish do not have to cease—the Diocesan pilgrimage of course continues. **Thank you Andy & Alison**

## 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 at the Mass is a sign of Christian support and care.**

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Booking now closed with 28 pilgrims**
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER: Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## HAIL HOLY CROSS, OUR ONLY HOPE!

## THIS WEDNESDAY AFTER MASS Sisters of St Mary’s Convent, Belorus will visit the church with Icons For Sale

### PARISH JUBILEE TEA

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this event, and of course to those who worked so hard to make it so enjoyable. **Thank you**

### 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.

### HELP FOR SUFFERING KERALA

Parishioner Asha Sajeew is collecting online. Go to [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) and search for Asha Sajeew 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](http://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, 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:** Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Peggy Wilson, Vincent Swords, Rosalind Stretton, Joan Blaney, Jimmy Kelly, Donna Lewis, Norma Edmiston

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James O'Neill, Beryl Armstrong, Henry Swinden, Patricia Morgan, Jenny Lavelle, Joseph Killeen, Anne Kennedy, Anne Kelly, Tanja Skendrovic, Lech Rakowski, Maria Cairns, Mary Donnelly, Joseph Murtagh, Hilda Matthews, Margaret Murphy, Sylvia Harland, John Brennan, William Errington, Thomas Scrimshire, Mary Graham, Catherine Ford, Samuel Devlin, Frances Pearce, Marjorie Kelly, John Harrison, Lauren Cook-Robinson

**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 those who suffer, that they may not feel abandoned by God, and those who care for them, that they may be bearers of God's love and mercy.

**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**