

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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**23rd September 2018**  
**25th Sunday**

**Mass p7, readings p135 in Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*



**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>23rd</b><br><i>25th SUNDAY</i>            | <b>Sung Mass</b><br>Confession<br><b>Mass</b>  | <b>9.00 a.m.</b><br>5.30—5.50<br><b>6.00 p.m.</b> | Kim Simmons (RIP) / Ints of<br>Kathleen Budkiewicz<br>Jimmy Kelly (RIP) |
| Monday 24th<br><i>Our Lady Walsingham</i>                     | Mass<br>Holy Hour                              | 9.00 a.m.<br>7.00 p.m.                            | Pat & Ann Kenny / Fr Veasey on<br>his Jubilee of priesthood             |
| Tuesday 25th<br><i>Feria</i>                                  | Mass   | <b>12 noon</b>                                    | Maisie Taylor RIP   |
| Wednesday 26th<br><i>Feria</i>                                | Mass   | 9.00 a.m.   | Brian Cottee (RIP)  |
| Thursday 27th<br><i>St Vincent de Paul</i>                    | Eucharistic Service                            | 9.00 a.m.   | ~   |
| Friday 28th<br><i>Feria</i>                                   | Mass   | 9.00 a.m.   | Mr & Mrs Connelly   |
| Saturday 29th<br><i>Ss Michael,<br/>Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i> | Mass<br>Exposition & Benediction<br>Confession | 9.00 a.m.<br>9.30—10.30<br>9.40—10.20             | Michael Costello (RIP)  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>30th</b><br><i>26th SUNDAY</i>            | <b>Sung Mass</b><br>Confession<br><b>Mass</b>  | <b>9.00 a.m.</b><br>5.30—5.50<br><b>6.00 p.m.</b> | Doreen Robinson (RIP)<br>Nora Curristan (RIP)                           |

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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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS!**
- **9am Mass** will include **prayers for the new school year and for our parish school**. All the school community have been warmly invited to attend. Please pray for our school and all involved with it—staff, pupils, parents, governors
- **Second Collection:** Father Hudson's Society
- **Blessing of Graves: Lenton's Lane** 3.00pm
- **Refreshments are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

### This Week

- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Fr Hudson's care for refugees—all welcome. **MRR COVENTRY NEWMAN ASSOCIATION** 8.00pm **MRR**. Canon David Evans on philosophical issues for Catholics in communicating the Gospel today.
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP** 1.30 p.m. in the chapel  
**ROME PILGRIMAGE MEETING** 7pm **MRR**
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** Next meets 4th Oct
- **The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **BLESSING OF GRAVES** London Road 3pm  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

### This week...

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Maureen Porter

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & John Burns

### Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Marisa Gunn

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

### Coming Soon...

#### **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. Details next week.

#### **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.*

### **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.

### **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER FRI 9 NOVEMBER**

Full details and tickets available from next week

### **JUBILEE YEAR FILM NIGHT 14 DECEMBER**

There will be a screening of the film *A Man for all Seasons* on **Friday 14 December**. We shall use the facilities of the school hall and a fish and chip supper will be available for the interval. More details in a few weeks. If this proves popular we could look at having more film nights, including a range of styles and genres.

### **JOB VACANCY FOR A SCHOOL LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR**

The parish school has vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. Details are on the school website [www.stmschool.co.uk](http://www.stmschool.co.uk), or ask at the school office

### **THANK YOU...**

... to the SVP and *all* who helped with the Mass for the sick yesterday. *Thank you all!*



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'.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING PLUS**

**Fri 28 Sept, 192 Kenpas Highway**

Lasts all day, Claire Rutter is organising a MacMillan fundraiser. *All welcome!*

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £882.05 **Second:** Catholic Evangelisation: £417.85

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



## The Sunday Readings

The first reading speaks of the suffering of the good, who are made to suffer by the bad. This should remind us of Jesus and by extension of any good Christian who, in standing up for what is right, is ridiculed or scoffed at or worse. So much of what Christians believe is seen by the world as irrelevant or out of date. But being 'old-fashioned' can hardly be a sin in itself! If chastity, honesty, patience and sacrifice are mocked simply for being 'behind the times' then isn't it the times that are wrong? In defending what is right, we must never rely on ourselves alone, puff up our own egos and lord it over others. In the Gospel, Jesus does not criticise the ambition to be first, but states what being first means. A servant: trusting, childlike, in the power of God. Children, in their innocence, can teach grown-ups many things. They, in their weakness, simplicity and trust show where we must follow if we are to be right in our relationship with God.

### THE PROPOSED ACADEMY

Our own primary school and six other Catholic schools are following the diocese's clear directive that all its schools move towards becoming academies grouped into Multi Academy Companies or MACs. The consultation letter is on display in the porch and by the MRR

### 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*

### REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED

The display board in church that remembers recent funerals has been refreshed by Serena of the Bereavement Visiting Group. It now includes a book of names and dates. We thank Serena for this. Pray for the departed!

### OUR LADY & ST THERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUBBINGTON

is looking for a deputy head Please email [recruit3546@welearn365.com](mailto:recruit3546@welearn365.com) or call 01926 424420 for further information

## 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.

### 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 so many pilgrims. If anyone would consider taking over this work, that would be good: whatever happens, pilgrimages to Lourdes from this parish will not cease—the annual Diocesan pilgrimage of course continues. So ***Thank you to Andy & Alison***

### HELP FOR SUFFERING KERALA

Parishioner Asha Sajeev is collecting online. Go to [JustGiving.com](http://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.

### 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.

### YOU ARE BEING WATCHED...

The annual headcount of Mass attendance begins today and continues for the next three Sundays. This is an annual and compulsory census required by the Bishops of England and Wales.

## **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Andrew Murphy, 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, Hildergard 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, Jimmy Kelly

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wilfrid Cole, Joan Keenan, George Broughton, Mary Burke, John Galloway, William Long, Mary Daly, Edna Casbolt, John Brian, Helen Ryan, Eileen Norris, Joseph Ijoma, Edward Maher, Ellen Kiely, Beda and Betty McGovern, Sylvia Jenkins, Sidney Hayes, Helen Martin, Rachel Leonard, Thomas O'Brien, Gerry Donegan, Neil Illston

***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
- The parish school, staff and pupils, parents and governors.

## ***THE DIGITAL AGE...***

**- PARISH WEBCAM -**

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**- PARISH WEBSITE -  
stmcov.org**

**- PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT -  
@StThosMore**

**○ Faithful Cross above all others,  
One and only noble tree!**

## **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***