

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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30th September 2018
26th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p138 in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 30th <i>26th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Doreen Robinson (RIP) Nora Curristan (RIP)
Monday 1st Oct <i>St Theresa of Lisieux</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 2nd <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Eucharistic Service	7.00 p.m.	~
Wednesday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 4th <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 5th CAFOD HARVEST FAST <i>First Friday: Feria</i>	Mass	12.00 noon	Frances Steele (RIP)
Saturday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Nellie McCann (1st Anniv)
SUNDAY 7th <i>27th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Peter Ogden (RIP) / Ints of the Shami family The People of the Parish

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October, month of THE HOLY ROSARY

This Weekend

- **The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Today, the parish **LIVESIMPLY** project will be launched. We shall hear all about it.
- **WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS!**
- **Blessing of Graves: London Road 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.
Millionaire Quizzes—all welcome. MRR
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP
7.30pm Our second meeting, in the MRR.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
DEANERY PRAYER GROUP 'The Gift'
7.30pm at Christ the King. All welcome.
- **Friday:**
CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY. Please take your CAFOD envelope today, fast on Friday and return with a donation next Sunday. Pray, fast and give: acts of spiritual and practical help.

Next Weekend

- **The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD after Friday's **Harvest Fast Day**
THE SVP will be serving **Bacon Butties** on **7th October** after 9.00 a.m. Mass - all donations towards their work. After **Harvest Fast Day**, a great way to mark the feast that is Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection!
WALK TO CHURCH SUNDAY If you are able, please walk to church next Sunday. This *LiveSimply* idea is not about getting fit (although it will help of course) but about reducing our use of polluting fossil fuels and being in solidarity with those forced to walk in search of work or safety or asylum.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Marisa Gunn
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Judy Freeman
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

PARISH JUBILEE YEAR DINNER

Friday 9 Nov at the Village Hotel Coventry. Tickets and details are available today. Three course meal and music for £25 a head.

CONFIRMATION

Saturday 10 November at 11am with Bishop Kenney. Classes have now begun for children in

Y6 **NOT** in Catholic schools.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 7th December—make a note now. Mary Hulme will be co-ordinating this fund-raiser.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in Y3-6 **NOT** in a Catholic school wishing to make their first Holy Communion—**Please speak to Fr Stephen ASAP.** The **first meeting** will take place after half term on **Sunday 4 Nov at 2.00pm** in the Margaret Roper Room.

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.

NIGHT SHLETER COOKING

We have been cooking meals for the Coventry Peace House and the Winter Shelter at St Osburgs for several years. These shelters provide a meal and bed for asylum seekers and the homeless. We have a rota of cooks that prepare and deliver meals and we'd be happy to have more volunteers. See the poster in the church porch for more information or call Kevin Duffy 07812211828. **Live Simply** in solidarity with people in poverty.

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.**

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION DAY **Sunday 14 October 10.00-4.00**

Cardinal Wiseman School

Archbishop Bernard will lead a celebration of the Youth Synod in Rome, *Adoremus*, World Meeting of Families, and Bl Pope John XXIII's and Bl Oscar Romero's canonisations. Posters in the porch, booking is free but essential.



The Parish LiveSimply Group is working hard to achieve the **CAFOD LiveSimply** award for the parish. **This Sunday** members of the group will present information to the parish and launch the official beginning of our working for the award. **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: £1041.22 **Second:** Father Hudson's: £533.94

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 generosity of God is not to be confined by His followers! The absent elders in the first reading still receive their share of the Holy Spirit

and when some complain Moses points out how wonderful it would be if all God's people were so filled with the Spirit. Likewise, in the Gospel, the disciples are cross when some they do not know are casting out devils in Jesus's name. Jesus, far from condemning, utters the memorable words "He who is not against me is for me". We do well not to seek problems and animosity where there are none. All who seek God with a sincere heart are obviously not against Him. They might not be the same as us, but that is worlds away from being opposed to us. Jesus calls us to see the good in others and to be open to seeing His Spirit at work in them. That is *not* to say that all beliefs are of the same value: simply that those who are not against us are for us and that a sincere heart deserves respect. But Jesus still calls us to high standards—we must get rid of all that hinders others or ourselves from following Him. No attachment to sin comes close to the value of being in the Kingdom of God.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS ARE 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 thanks to Serena of the Bereavement Visiting Group. It now includes a book of names and dates.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL JOB VACANCY FOR A SCHOOL LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

Details on the website www.stmschool.co.uk, or ask at the school office

CHARLES BERRY RIP

Charles died unexpectedly last week at his daughter's. Please pray for this devoted parishioner, and his wife Eileen and their family.

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **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.

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.

Thank you to Andy & Alison

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP

All young people in Years 11,12 & 13 welcome!

Please do all you can to encourage and invite young people to attend our launch night on **Thursday 18 Oct 7pm in the MRR**. Maria (Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator) and Lauren (new lay chaplain at Bishop Ullathorne) will be leading the course and discussions on how we can support young people in the parish. Pizza and drinks provided. Please come along as a young person and be involved.

This is a potential good fruit of the Mission. It is an attempt to offer some thing of real spiritual value to our young people. Please pray for God's blessing on and direction of it.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Andrew Murphy, Maud Maher, Andrew Murphy, Stuart Coley, Mya, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, Jack, Phil Sheridan, Paula Kennedy, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jearry, 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: Charles Berry, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Peggy Wilson, Vincent Swords, Rosalind Stretton, Jimmy Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES: John Galloway, William Long, Mary Daly, Edna Casbolt, John Brian, Helen Ryan, Eileen Norris, Joseph Ijoma, Edward Maher, Ellen Kiely, Beda & Betty McGovern, Sylvia Jenkins, Sidney Hayes, Helen Martin, Rachel Leonard, Thomas O'Brien, Gerry Donegan, Neil Illston, Annie Kennedy, Christopher Simmons, Deacon Tony Colby

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 God's blessing on our effort to *LiveSimply* in solidarity with the poor and in respect for creation

THE DIGITAL AGE

The parish news sheet is on the parish website

- PARISH WEBCAM -

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st

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- PARISH WEBSITE -

stmcov.org

- PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT -

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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