

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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7th October 2018

27th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p140 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Denzil Griffiths, Mary & Frank Finnegan (Anniv)
Tuesday 9th <i>Bl John Henry Newman</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	George Wyche
Wednesday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary & Peter Cunningham (Anniv)
Thursday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Paula Kennedy (RIP)
Saturday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Anne Margaret Sumner (9th Anniv)
SUNDAY 14th <i>28th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Malcolm Shanley (Anniv) Anthony Armstrong (Bday & 3rd Anniv)

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October, month of THE HOLY ROSARY

This Weekend

- **The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.** Please place your Cafod giving envelope in the in this and—***if you pay income tax, please complete the Gift Aid declaration.*** Your gift to Cafod becomes worth 25% more **at no cost to you:** the tax man adds the tax you will have paid him on your gift.
- **THE SVP** will be serving **Bacon Butties** after 9am Mass - all donations towards their work. After **Harvest Fast Day**, mark the feast that is Sunday, the day of the Lord's resurrection!
- **WALK TO CHURCH 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.



- **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.
Free & Easy conversation—all welcome. MRR
 - **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
 - **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10a.m. MRR.
- Next Weekend**
- **The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
 - **DIOCESAN CELEBRATION DAY**
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.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. N Thornhill & Judy Freeman
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & B Cunningham

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Clive Robinson
6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & John Burns

Coming Soon

CHARLES BERRY RIP

Funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 18 October at 11am**, no reception the night before. Please pray for him, for Eileen his wife, and their family.

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 MRR.

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: we need to sell a good number.

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. This year, there will be a -

PARISH CRAFT STALL

Please make and donate—there will be craft sessions happening in the MRR. Details on posters in the porch and MRR.

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 SHELTER COOKING

We have been cooking meals for the Coventry Peace House and the Winter Shelter at St Osburg's 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.

MACMILLAN FUND RAISER

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported this, over £800 has been collected. **Claire & Mary**

ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL: CONSULTATION ON ACADEMY CONVERSION

The Archbishop has requested that all Catholic schools in Coventry, not already part of an Academy, join together to become Holy Cross Multi Academy Company. Of the 13 schools, 7 are considering moving towards conversion. The consultation documents are displayed in the porch and by the MRR. If you have any questions or comments please send to admin@hcmac by 5.00 p.m. on 19th October 2018.

STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH

We are trying to revive the parish stay-and-play parent and toddler group, after Christmas. Are there volunteers who would be prepared to help? Parents stay with their children so this help is not being responsible for unattended toddlers. Are there parents keen to bring their children? Please see Annemarie Vincent Poole or one of the clergy.

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

Last week - Main Collection: £1031.12

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 love of God for humanity is quite plainly shown by God Himself. Out of His own

choice He creates us. But He goes on to love us further by providing others for us to love to be loved by. The animals are not enough: He creates humans as one race in two sexes, so that there may be a unique and special relationship of love, commitment and self-giving between a man and a woman. This relationship is marriage. It is willed by God that a man and woman might live in love, exclusively delighting in each other, pledged to each other for life and out of their love to share in God's loving work of creation—they have children. They become 'one flesh' in both their romantic and physical love. Sex is a sign of this love, and is therefore its place is within marriage. Sex is one of the greatest givings that one person can ever give of him or herself: love of husband and wife is a relationship blessed and grace-filled by the sacrament of marriage. There can be no better setting for the raising of children. Of course, not everyone is called to married life: Christian tradition amply reflects this in the call to chastity for all (and to be plain, to live as husband and wife without being married is thus sinful). Not everyone enjoys a happy marriage. But this is not to detract from the uniqueness of marriage, which Jesus seeks to celebrate. It is a divine institution, reflected in the very nature of creation. St Paul will go on to use marriage as a picture of Christ's love for His Church: deep, unending and life giving. What higher status can marriage have? What better gift than grace could God bestow on a man and a woman in love with each other?

❖ NEW SERVERS WELCOME! ❖

Anyone who has made their first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is welcome to become a server. Young or old, male or female. See Malcolm Pollard or the clergy

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22 October. Booking now closed with 28 pilgrims
- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER:** Fri 9 November at the Village Hotel. *Tickets now available at £25 each, for three courses.*
- **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** **PARISH FILM NIGHT.** Fri 14 December in the school hall. Film free, fish & chip supper at cost. Tickets available soon.

Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!

St Thomas More, pray for us!

POPE FRANCIS HAS ASKED...

That we all recite the rosary and end the with the prayer to St Michael, as a way of praying for the Church and for the problems It currently faces.

HOLY MICHAEL, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 this diocesan course for young people 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: Maud Maher, 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, 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: Paula Kennedy, Charles Berry, Caroline "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Peggy Wilson, Vincent Swords, Rosalind Stretton

ANNIVERSARIES: Edwin Chandley, Martin Nee, George Bowman, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Lily Allen, Dora Malone, Jeanne Achard, Stephen Allen, Seamus Malone, Bridget Keegan, Charles Cullinane, Joan Sharry, James O'Connor, John Donaldson, Susan McCabe, Peter Cunningham, Elizabeth Loughran, Mary Leonard, Francis O'Brien, Martin Owens, Leonard McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Keith McGawley, Ann Downey, Harriet Giblin, Mary West, Catherine Waters, Thomas Boyd, Mary McCormack, Mark Wheeler, Margaret Shomley, Betty Leigh, Margaret Chambers, Henrietta Shadforth, Pat Mallett, Tom Deegan, Winifred Sadler, David Walsh, Teresa Brown, Ivor Rouzel, Karen James ***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 our young people and for the Youth Synod taking place in Rome

DEACON PAT is currently enjoying a time of rest and being looked after at the diocesan home for retired clergy, Aston Hall in Staffordshire and so we won't be seeing him about for another two or three weeks. Do remember him in your prayers, as he will us.

THE DIGITAL AGE

This parish news sheet is on the parish website, usually from Saturday evening

*** PARISH WEBSITE ***
stmcov.org

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