

# 1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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## 14th October 2018

## 28th Sunday

**Mass p7, readings p143 in Parish Mass Book**

*The church has a hearing loop system*

FOR HUMAN  
BEING IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 14th</b> <i>28th 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>	Malcolm Shanley (15th Anniv) Anthony Armstrong (Bday & 3rd Anniv)
Monday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Patrick Kenny (RIP)
Tuesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Theresa Brooks (B'day Anniv)
Wednesday 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Paul & Lorraine Marano (Marriage)
Thursday 18th <i>St Luke</i>	Funeral Mass	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Charles Berry
Friday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	John Paul Cassidy (RIP)
Saturday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 21st</b> <i>29th 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>	Ken Brown (Anniv) / Margaret Crilly (RIP) People of the Parish



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## October, month of THE HOLY ROSARY

### This Weekend

- **The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **REFRESHMENTS** are offered to all after **both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **DIOCESAN CELEBRATION DAY**  
**Cardinal Wiseman School** Archbishop Bernard will lead a celebration of the Youth Synod in Rome, *Adoremus*, World Meeting of Families, and BI Pope Paul VI's and BI Oscar Romero's canonisations. **Posters in the porch**, booking is free but essential

### This Week

- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Fish & Chips—all welcome. MRR
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m.** in the chapel
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10a.m. MRR.  
**YOUTH MEETING FOR YR11 12 13 7pm**  
MRR Details on opposite page

### Next Weekend

- **The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **Second Collection:** APF World Mission Day
- **Coventry Intercultural Mass** 3.00 p.m. at St John Fisher Church—all welcome.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Clive Robinson

6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & John Burns

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

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Kris Pears

6.00 p.m. Lousie Poole & Andrew Colby

### Coming Soon

### **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.

### ROME PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrims depart on **Monday 22** and return the following Sunday evening.

### SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

The Masses will be celebrated by a priest of the **Comboni Fathers** who will be making an appeal on behalf of their missionary work.

### 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 7 DEC

**Friday 7th December**—make a note now. Mary Hulme will be co-ordinating this fund-raiser. This year, there will be as part of it a -

### PARISH CRAFT STALL 7 DEC

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 FRI 14 DEC

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 provide a meal and bed for asylum seekers and the homeless. We have a rota of cooks that prepare and deliver meals: 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, final total £915. *Claire & Mary*

### ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL: CONSULTATION—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 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 Oct 2018.

### STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH

We hope to revive the parish stay-and-play parent and toddler group, after Christmas. Are there volunteers who would like 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.

### LANTERN ART PROJECT

There will be an Epiphany Carol Service this Christmas Season and we are looking to create lanterns large and small, plain or fancy both for this and to use throughout Christmas. Debbie is holding workshops in the MRR for parishioners/ families and are free. Make a simple willow lantern or decorate a 2litre pop bottle lantern. Scope to be more ambitious with larger lanterns to decorate church at Christmas and light the church for Epiphany carol service. (We shall use battery powered LEDs not flames!). **The sessions are 10am-2pm on 26 and 27 Oct, and 23 and 24 Nov in the MRR**

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £894.66 **2nd Collection: CAFOD** £1226.52

**Standing Orders for September:** £717.33



## The Sunday Readings

**I**N THE FIRST READING, the author has asked God for wisdom—not knowledge, or know-how, or shrewdness but

*wisdom*. This can be described as the ability to see things as God sees them, instinctively knowing not only what is right but what is important and why. Given this, the author prizes it above everything else since he can now see as God himself sees, a radical new vision beyond our ordinary human understanding. And so Jesus, continuing His call to love in the extreme, sees that absolutely nothing must come between us and the Gospel. The young man was unable to liberate himself for God's service by abandoning his riches. Yet today, people everywhere are held back from commitment by clinging to their own plans, or free time, or possessions or comforts or energies and will not give them in God's service. May God give us this wisdom to see what is important and what keeps us from following Jesus, and may we not be like the man in the Gospel but offer what we are and what we have in his service.

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Week beginning 22 October.
- **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.

**H**OLY 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.

## PARISH 75 YEARS CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCE

**Friday 9th Nov, Village Hotel  
7pm for 7.30pm**

*Tickets now on sale at £25 each for three courses.*

Get yours today from  
Mary Berry or Claire Rutter.

**We all have the duty to do good.**

*Pope Francis*



### RECENTLY DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for the souls and families of...*

**Charles Berry**

Funeral Mass Thursday 18 October 11.00am

**Kit Roberts**

Funeral Mass to be arranged

**Eileen Smith**

Funeral Mass Monday 29 October 10.30am

**Charles Addison**

Funeral Mass Tuesday 30 October 1.00pm

### MOVEMENT AT COMMUNION 9AM MASS

Of those who expressed an opinion a tiny majority were in favour of leaving things as they are, so that's what we'll do for the time being.

### 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.  
Please pray for it!*

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

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Hayden Gilks, Josie Ferry, Judy Freeman, Maud Maher, Andrew Murphy, Stuart Coley, Mya, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, Jack, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Shirley Langford, Crystal Matovu, Jo McKinnon, Andy Chus-tecki, 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, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown  
***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!***

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Charlie Addison, Kit Roberts, Eileen Smith, Edna Gilks, Helena Pra-ciak, Paula Kennedy, Charles Berry

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Agnes Mallet, Fintan Cow-an, Ellen Gallagher, Margaret McHugh, Patricia Arnett, Patrick Walsh, Henrietta Shadforth, Christina Mason, Peter Dargon, Edmund Ce-rowski, Bill Neale, Lee Donnelly, Tony Arm-strong, Meliad McEntee, Nicholas Lennon, To-ny Conneely, Tommy McFadden, Dorothy Bro-midge, Patrick Fearon, William Browne, Eliza-beth Willday, Austin Quirke, Adolf Walkewicz, William Mahoney, Kenneth Mitts, Bridget Boyd, Isobel Crilly, Mary Burton, John Clements, Ken Brown, Thomas Flavell, Patrick Brogan, Mi-chael Thornhill, Doris Pyle, Francis Smart, Samuel Mayne, Eileen Winter, Zygmunt Bran-ski, Daisy Smith, Rose McMurray, Jack Knight, Mary Murphy, Walter Bell, Ronald Sharpe, Maggie Sumner, Thomas Norris

***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 the victims of natural disasters

## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS WELCOME!**

**Anyone** who has made his or her first com-munion and can make a commitment to Sun-day Mass is **welcome** to become a server.

***Please see Malcolm Pollard or the clergy***

## **THE DIGITAL AGE**

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

**PARISH WEBSITE** [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org)

**PARISH WEBCAM** [www.mcnmedia.tv/](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/)

## **ARRANGING A WEDDING**



***Congratulations on your engage-ment!*** Please speak to one of the clergy in the first place to make ar-rangements 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!*** Con-fession, the sacrament of reconcilia-tion, is available on Saturday morn-ings 9.40 a.m.-10.20 a.m., on Sun-days before 6 p.m. Mass and by ar-rangement with the parish priest.

## **ADORING THE LORD: EXPOSITION**

There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sac-rament exposed on the altar. Satur-days 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***