

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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21st October 2018

29th Sunday

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 21st <i>29th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Ken Brown (Anniv) / Margaret Crilly (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 24th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 26th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Exposition & Benediction <i>No Confession today</i>	9.00 am 9.30—10.30	~
SUNDAY 28th <i>30th SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Sylvester Budkiewicz (RIP) Dec'd members of Aspell family



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OCTOBER, month of THE HOLY ROSARY

This 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.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **PARISH DINNER** last chance for tickets today!

This Week

- **THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** 28 pilgrims will be visiting Rome's holy places and will be praying for the parish. Mass will be offered each day. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers as they will the parish.
- **Half Term:**
Please pray for involved in education, staff, pupils and students
- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY No Meeting—HALF TERM.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10a.m. MRR.

Next Weekend

- **The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Appeal for the Comboni Fathers** The Masses will be celebrated by Fr Melakotu, a priest of the **Comboni Fathers**, who will be making an appeal on behalf of their missionary work.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Kris Pears
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Ernest Hackett
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Janet Ward

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 tomorrow, returning next Sunday **CONFIRMATION**

Saturday 10 November at 11am with Bishop Kenney. Classes have now begun for children in Y6 **NOT** in Catholic schools.

PLANNING MEETING for Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 30th October 7.30 p.m. in JP11

ALL SAINTS' DAY: 1 NOVEMBER

This is a holy day of obligation and there will be

Masses on the day at **9.15am** (school), **12 noon**, and **7.00pm**

MASS FOR ALL THE DEPARTED OF THE PARISH, 1943 TO THE PRESENT

Wednesday November 21 at 7.00pm. Please come to pray for all those parishioners gone before us. This will be a Mass with music in the main church.

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

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 CHANGE OF DATE & VENUE SATURDAY 15th DEC

There will be a screening of the film ***A Man for all Seasons*** on **Saturday 15th December** in MRR with 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.

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**

RAFFLE TICKETS

for the Christmas Bazaar

will be available from **Sunday 4 Nov**

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

Last week - Main Collection: £970.71

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



The Sunday Readings

IN the Gospel passages of recent Sundays, Jesus has been teaching His disciples about loving to the extreme. In today's Gospel he reveals just how extreme His love is for the world. Indeed, in fulfilment of Old Testament teaching, it is through the wounds of Christ that we are healed, it is through His death that we receive eternal life. So He offers Himself out of love, a love made all the deeper when we realise that it is the Sinless One who dies for sinners, God the Son who dies for human beings, the All-Loving who dies for those who do not love enough. 'Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be' as the hymn puts it. Consequently, we who are Christ's followers are called to remember that true greatness comes through service. God's greatness comes not simply from his power, might and majesty, but from his victory over sin and death accomplished by his Son dying on the Cross, serving the ultimate need of us all.

❖ **PARISH 75 YEARS** ❖ **CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCE**

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

****LAST CHANCE TODAY!****
£25 each for three courses.

Get your ticket from
 Mary Berry or Claire Rutter.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Please pray for the souls and families of...

Eileen Smith

Funeral Mass Monday 29 October 10.30am

Charles Addison

Funeral Mass Tuesday 30 October 1.00pm

Kit Roberts

Funeral Mass Wed 31 October 11.30am

Josephine Ferry

Funeral Mass Wed 7 November 10.30am

Marie Darby

Funeral Mass 12 November 11.00am

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- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Leaves tomorrow.**
- **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. Sat 15th December in MRR. 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.

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS

Thanks to Phil Sands and helpers, our annual head count (compulsory in every parish) has been completed. The figures show a rise in numbers this year. The statistics from recent years of total numbers at Sunday Masses are - 2003 774; 2006 702; 2010 600; 2013 563; 2014 468; 2015 435; 2016 373; 2017 367; 2018 409. These figures are the averages of four consecutive Sundays total attendance.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP

Seven people came to the meeting last week. All were adults *but* all had a desire to help the parish provide something for our young people. A very helpful discussion held about all the issues. Ideas and possible ways forward were developed. Further details will follow soon. Please pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to inspire us with knowledge of His will.
Watch this space....

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 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, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz, Pam Brown
Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Marie Darby, Josephine Ferry, Charlie Addison, Kit Roberts, Eileen Smith, Edna Gilks, Charles Berry, Helena Praciak, Paula Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: Winifred Ivimey, Hugh McIlhone, Andrew Breen, Annie O'Brien, Patrick Grumley, Brian Roberts, Bridget Doran, Vincent Merrick, Siobhan Bonner, William Moulding, Jayne Mitchell, Frances McCluskey, Joan Bell, Silbert Smith, Thomas & Ruth Higgins, Thomas Dean, Paschal Keegan, Jan Zajac, Ellen Duffy, Patrick Lacey, Catherine David, Cath Gallacher, Kathleen Murray, Clara Kelly, Ada Jackson, Margaret McMahon, William McCann, Paul Kenny, Mary Cunningham, James Davey, Harold Anderton, Nancy Allen, Desmond Winter, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold

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
- For our young people and how we serve them

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

THE DIGITAL AGE

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

PARISH WEBSITE stmcov.org

PARISH WEBCAM www.mcnmedia.tv/

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