

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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28th October 2018

30th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p149 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass Holy Hour	10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Eileen Smith RIP
Tuesday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass Mass	1.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Charlie Addison Pauline Sage (Anniv) / Dec'd Pollard/Byatt family
Wednesday 31st <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	11.30 a.m.	Catherine (Kit) Roberts RIP
THURSDAY 1st ALL SAINTS'	Mass with whole school Mass Sung Mass	9.15 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Barbara Munnely (RIP)/Paul Ryan (RIP) Tony Miller RIP
Friday 2nd <i>All Souls</i>	Mass Mass	9.00 a.m. 12 noon	Anthony Dodd (RIP) The Faithful Departed
Saturday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass Exposition & Benediction Confession	9.00 am 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Maisie Taylor (RIP)
SUNDAY 4th <i>31st SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Caroline Fitzpatrick RIP The Pople of the Parish

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This Weekend

- **The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- **Appeal for the Comboni Fathers Missionary Congregation** The Masses will be celebrated by a priest of the **Comboni Fathers** who will be making an appeal on behalf of their missionary work. We welcome Fr Melakuta, who comes from Ethiopia who will talk about his work.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **ROME PILGRIMAGE** Pilgrims return late today, doubtless tired but we hope happy and blessed by prayer and the holy places they have been to.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Quiz. All welcome.
BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING after 7.00 Mass in JPII. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
- **Thursday:**
ALL SAINTS' DAY Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at **9.15 am** with the school, **12 noon** and **7.00pm**.
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10a.m. MRR.

Next Weekend

- **The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Second Collection: Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)**
- **RAFFLE TICKETS available for Christmas Bazaar**
- **SVP will be offering bacon sandwiches after 9.00 a.m. Mass** to raise funds.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Laura Martin
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Coming Soon

PLANNING MEETING for Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 30th October after 7.00 p.m. Mass in JPI

PARISH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Friday 9 November at the Village Hotel.

CONFIRMATION

Saturday 10 Nov at 11am with Bishop Kenney.

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

Wednesday Nov 21 at 7.00pm. Please come to pray for all those parishioners gone before us. This is 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 NEW idea, a...

PARISH CRAFT STALL FOR 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 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**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2019

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.** The **first meeting** will take place after half term on **Sunday 4 Nov at 2.00pm** in the MRR.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS

available from 4th November

100 CLUB WINNERS

for October 2018

Please see list of winners in the porch

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

Last week - Main Collection: £ Not known at time of printing

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



The Sunday Readings

Blind Bartimaeus would have been a pitiful sight. A beggar, unable to fend for himself and utterly dependent on others' chari-

ty, he needed to arouse the pity of others in order to survive. Yes, he had a real need for help and for the healing of his blindness: but was that all? Had he started to pity himself so that he looked only at himself? After all, even the crowd become annoyed with him and tell him to be quiet. But after Jesus has invited him to come to him and express his wants, Bartimaeus does so in a new and respectful tone. Jesus cures not just his physical blindness but of his self-pity first. All healing from addiction—whether drink or drugs—happens only once the sufferer has admitted his addiction. Jesus will come to us with his healing power only after we admit our need to be healed of so much more than just our physical ailments. And what healing He offers!

RECENTLY DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

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

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Church has traditionally kept this month as a special month in which to remember the departed. We pray of course for our own departed family and friends, but please remember to pray for all the departed, especially those who have no-one to pray for them. In this Jubilee Year, there will be a Mass for all the departed of the parish, which will also be the annual commemoration of those departed in the previous year. This will be on Weds 21 Nov at 7pm. Please come and pray for all the Holy Souls of this parish, laity and clergy.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Returns today.**
- **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.

CHRISTMAS BALZAR

**Friday 7 December
in the school hall**

Please support this parish fundraiser!

Make something for the parish craft stall (posters in porch)- donate a bottle—run a stall—give a nearly new item—come along—buy some raffle tickets....

Planning meeting this Tue 7pm MRR

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Paddy Hope, Les George, Mary Cunningham. William McSorley, Mario Sajeva, Emrys Evans, Bert Twigger, Theresa Lacey, Ellen Duffy, Molly Donagh, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, Eileen Taylor, Fintan Conroy, David Nisbet, Cele Ovamburu, Alan Stock, Patrick Brennan, Sean O'Sullivan, John Leonard, Matthew Madden, Thomas McMillan, Christina Mahon, Edward Hastings, Ona Smith, John Comer, Alice Williams, Mary McKenzie, Michael McLaughlin, Tony Corcoran, Austin O'Reilly

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
- The work of the Comboni missionaries

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