

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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4th November 2018

31st Sunday

Mass p7, readings p152 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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 People of the Parish
Monday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	John & Mary Murray (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Malcolm Shanley (Anniv)
Wednesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	10.30 a.m.	Josephine Ferry RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 9th <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Michael's Ints
Saturday 10th <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Confirmation Mass <i>No Confession this week</i>	11.00 am	The Confirmandi & their families
SUNDAY 11th <i>32nd SUNDAY</i> <i>Remembrance</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	For the Fallen Lavina Lynskey (Anniv)

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November, month of The Holy Souls
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

This Weekend

- **The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Children preparing for their first communion present their letters written to the sick of the parish.
- **Second Collection: Johnson Association,** for the care of Retired and Infirm Clergy
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS available**
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can. The SVP bacon sandwiches have been cancelled.
- **THIS WEEKEND Archbishop Bernard Longley provides a Pastoral Letter** and will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). The letter is available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. The Unknown Soldier. All welcome.
THE GIFT-LIFE IN THE SPIRIT. 6.45pm Prayer & Praise, 7pm Mass followed by a time in the MRR to help us understand more fully the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in response to requests.
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10a.m. MRR.
- **Friday:**
PARISH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
Friday 9 November at the Village Hotel. Neatly, 75 people are booked into our 75th anniversary dinner. 75 for our 75th! Booking now closed
- **Saturday:**
11am Confirmation Mass with Bishop William Kenney CP

Next Weekend

- **The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Judith Doherty & Laura Martin

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Pat Jenkins

6.00 p.m. John Burns & Janet Ward

Coming Soon

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 and clergy gone before us. This is a Mass with music in the main church.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT at Christ the King, Friday 23rd Nov, 8.30 p.m. See poster for details and consider entering a team.

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 SAT 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. The only charge will be the cost of food.

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 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 **TODAY, Sunday 4 Nov 2.00pm** in the MRR.

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS!

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

Last weeks - Main Collection: 21/10 = £927.94 28/10 = £831.95

APF World Mission = £458.93

Comboni Missions = £963.03

Thank you



The Sunday Readings

ONE OF THE MANY ways we try to describe God is to say that He is love. Certainly, God made us out of His love, and saves us out of His love by the sacrifice of His own Son on the cross. It is in His nature to want everyone to be saved and nobody to be condemned, and human beings can make that truly happen if they live as God calls us to. And what does living that call consist of? Love, purely and simply. Everything can be summed up and fulfilled by loving God and loving our neighbour. God calls us to be like Him. It is in being like God, in being loving in other words, that we fulfil our own destiny. In the Old Testament, God promises a long life and prosperity to those who keep His commandments. In Jesus, He promises eternal life to all those who follow Him on the path of love.

RECENTLY DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

Please pray for the souls and families of...

Josephine Ferry

Funeral Mass Wed 7 November 10.30am

Marie Darby

Funeral Mass Mon 12 November 11.00am

Maud Maher

Funeral Mass Fri 16 November 11.00am

Andrew Murphy

Funeral Mass Wed 20 November 11.00am

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

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

HOUSE TO LET ON WATERCALL AVE

The old caretaker's house by the church is available to rent. Anyone interested should contact the letting agents, Payne Associates, 20 New Union St, Coventry CV1 2HN. 024 7622 2022

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **PARISH JUBILEE DINNER: Fri 9 November at the Village Hotel. Booking now closed. 75 people are booked to celebrate 75 years of the parish at this event.**
- **MASS FOR ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS: Wed 21 Nov 7.00pm. Pray for all who have died in the parish these past 75 years**
- **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!



TRADCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

TRADCRAFT has been around since 1979, selling

Fairtrade food, household goods and gifts. Like other retailers they have struggled to survive in the current climate. This Christmas is likely to be their last and they are trying to make it their best ever Christmas season. They have a great range of products available, all fairly traded. Please go to www.traidcraftshop.co.uk for Christmas gifts, cards and crafts

CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR

Friday 7 Dec 6-9pm 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...

WANTED

A CHRISTMAS CAKE

Can you make or donate one?

Thank you!

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Hayden Gilks, Josie Ferry, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Patricia Waltho, Marie Harrison, 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: Maud Maher, Mgr Paul Watson, Andrew Murphy, Marie Darby, Josephine Ferry, Charlie Addison, Kit Roberts, Eileen Smith, Edna Gilks, Charles Berry, Helena Praciak, Paula Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Stapleton, Annie Gallagher, Patrick Lawler, Leo Keenan, William Brownbill, Kathleen Glynn, Tom Connor, Ruth Brown, Elizabeth O'Brien, Desmond Eady, Maud Norman, Ron McQuillan, Gertrude Czudei, Thomas Jurczak, Nora O'Donovan, John Dunne, Eileen Hanlon, Joseph Molloy, Agnes Simmonds, Sarah Donoghue, Daron Wiktor, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Galvin, David Kelly, John North, Mary O'Sullivan, Michael McHale, Mary Smith, Edward McGinn, William Turner, Desmond Winter, Mary Durkin, Annie McGinty, Doris Pinches, Margaret Grady, Danuta Koltum, Mary Walsh, Kenneth Stone
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- For those being confirmed next Saturday
- In thanksgiving for this parish
- For the victims of physical and sexual abuse
- For those preparing for first communion

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