

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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25th November 2018
CHRIST THE KING: Youth Sunday
Mass p7, readings p160 in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 25th <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charlie Cullinane People of the Parish
Monday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Special Intention (HD)
Tuesday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	7.00 p.m.	~
Wednesday 28th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 30th <i>St Andrew</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 1st Dec <i>St Edmund</i> <i>Campion</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 am 9.30-10.30 9.40—10.20	Thomas & Rose Clarke
SUNDAY 2nd <i>1st of ADVENT</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Mgr T J Gavin RIP Charlie Addison (RIP)

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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

- **CHRIST THE KING: National Youth Sunday.** We celebrate the rule of Christ—let us allow Him to rule our minds, our hearts, our wills. We pray for young people and the Church's work with them. Our Rainbows, Browns and Guides will be on parade. A day to pray for young people, the Church's ministry to them.
- **Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service.** There are booklets available today outlining the work of the diocesan youth service—see what it does and where your money goes.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS available.** Please take: buy them yourself, sell to others too.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **CAKE SALE TODAY** Guide fundraiser for their Baden Powell weekend.
- **FRUIT ORCHARD**—we will be planting new trees in our *LiveSimply* fruit orchard behind church after the 9.00 a.m. Mass.
- **COPIES OF THE PARISH ACCOUNTS**, as presented last Sunday, are available on blue sheets at the back of church.
- **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN MCDONNELL** whose funeral Mass will be on Thursday 6 December at 1.00pm. He will be received into church at 6pm the night before.

This Week

- **Tuesday:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2p.m. MRR. St Catherine Labore and the Miraculous Medal. *All welcome.*
NEWMAN ASSOCIATION 8pm in the MRR On being a Catholic in the public arena - Dr Philip McCarthy *All welcome*
- **Wednesday:**
PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m. in the chapel
RED WEDNESDAY A day of prayer for Christians persecuted around the world—in Pakistan, China, North Korea, Afghanistan...
- **Thursday:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10 a.m. MRR.

Next Weekend

- **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** the Church's year begins anew as we look forward to the coming of Christ at the end of time, completing the work begun in His first coming at Christmas

- **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** retiring collection will be held by the parish Justice & Peace group

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...
9.00 a.m. Members of Girlguiding
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Debbie Middleton
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & John Burns

Coming Soon

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please consider choosing Christmas gifts that help people in developing countries to help themselves. Catalogues in church, shop online at world-gifts.cafod.org.uk or donate to the retiring collection on **2nd & 16th Dec.** You have donated more than £10,000 over the last 10 years to buy CAFOD World Gifts for our virtual village—see the noticeboard in church to see what we've bought. *Livesimply* in solidarity with people in poverty.

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.

PARISH CRAFT STALL FOR 7 DEC

Please make and donate—thank you to all who have worked hard on this.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE & TORTURE

Greeting Cards signing with the Justice and Peace Group—we invite parishioners to sign cards for victims of torture and groups that support them. Sessions will be after both Masses on **Sunday 9th December.** Cards will be provided and donations towards postage are welcome. www.acatuk.org.uk

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers on **Sunday 9 Dec** after both Masses

CARUMBA THEATRE: THE NATIVITY

On Wednesday 12 Dec 7pm Carumba Theatre will present **The Nativity.** All welcome. You may remember that this theatre group presented an excellent Passion play here three years ago.

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 is the cost of food.

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.

THANK YOU...

To Debbie for organising the workshops creating wonderful lanterns. We shall be seeing more of them later...

To Mike de Courcey for organising the improved lighting in the porch and outside the church doors

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

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

Last week - Main Collection: £889.28 Parish Development Fund: £646.01

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



The Sunday Readings

PILATE the judge finds himself trying someone who claims to be a king, but who has no earthly army, wealth or power. Jesus Christ, the Son of Man whom Daniel saw coming in glory: Jesus Christ the Eternal Word through whom all things were made: Jesus Christ Son of Mary born in the poverty of a stable—this same man is now on trial for his life. Yet it is by reigning on the Cross, the Tree of Life, that Jesus shows his power over sin and death, proclaiming God's love. Satan, father of lies, would have us deny this, but Jesus comes to bear witness to the *truth* and all who are on the side of truth listen to his voice.

Jesus our King, help us listen. Jesus our King, help us enthrone you in our hearts!

JOB VACANCY

SCHOOL FINANCE & BUSINESS ADVISER

for the Diocesan Education Service at Don Bosco House, Coleshill. See details at <http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

NOW THAT THE COLD WEATHER HAS COME...

PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS BEHIND YOU!

Our boiler barely copes with heating the church and we certainly can't afford the cost of trying to heat Watercall Avenue!

HOUSE TO LET: 38 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

SUPPORTING THE PARISH AT NO COST...

...is possible if you are a tax payer. If you sign a **GiftAid** form the tax man adds 25% to your donation. Please see clergy or Tony Curristan.

DIRECT DEBIT

We can supply direct debit forms so that you may give without the need for giving envelopes, finding cash or writing cheques.

1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 FORTHCOMING EVENT

- **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: PARISH FILM NIGHT.** Sat 15th December in MRR. Film free, fish & chip supper at cost. Tickets available £4
Our Lady of Coventry, pray for us!
St Thomas More, pray for us!
THANK YOU to everyone who has organised and supported the wide range of events that have marked this Jubilee Year. God bless you!

CHRISTMAS
BAZZAR

Friday 7 Dec 6-9pm in the school hall

Please support this parish fundraiser! There are many ways:
Make something for the parish craft stall—donate a bottle, chocolate, pickles and jam, plants, tombola prizes—run a stall—give a nearly new item—cakes on the day—come along—buy some raffle tickets—sell some raffle tickets...
There are boxes in the porch for any items you kindly donate.

PARISH NEWS

Website: stmcov.org **Twitter:** @StThosMore

DEANERY NEWS

Website: coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk/
Twitter: @RCBirmingham

It is possible to sign up for an email newsletter from the diocese and a **new diocesan magazine** is shortly to arrive in parishes.

PARISH PIETY SHOP

Now in stock: Advent candles, calendars, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Miniature nativities, diaries and art calendars. **Many Christmas gifts!**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Mary Townsend, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, , Marie Harrison, 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, 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!***

RECENT DEPARTED: Patricia Waltho, Fr Petroc Howell, Peter O'Donaghue, John McDonnell, Maud Maher, Mgr Paul Watson, Andrew Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward O'Brien, Lawrence Kelly, Ted Lamb, Jean McAteer, Kath Beard, Tom Daly, James Blackwell, Marjorie Woodward, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, James Higgins, Rita Cartwright, baby Joseph Piper, Constance Wakeling, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty, Raymond Kinsella, Ellen Fox, John Ilsley, John Coyne, Thomas Charman, Margaret Laughton, Elizabeth Duggan, Stephen Prior, Mary Furber, Jadwiga Murrinan, John Kitterck, Janet Branski, Maev Gaffney, Emrys Evans, Philip Tams, Dunstan Molyneux, Teresa McKenna, Henry Hanly, William Horton, Mary Taylor, John McHendry, Patrick Keaney, Christopher Hand, Andrew Reilly, Rosemary Perera, Dennis Hand, Philomena Cerone, Alice Twomey, Barbara Stinton, Anthony Panico, Edward Olverson ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- The children and young people in Guiding
- In thanksgiving for this parish

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