

1943 **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH** 2018

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

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**9th December 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Mass p7, readings p84 in the Parish Mass Book  
*The church has a hearing loop system*



**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

<b>SUNDAY 9th</b> <i>2nd of Advent</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Tommy Duignan (RIP)
	Confession	5.30—5.50	
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Tom Dickson (RIP)
Monday 10th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	David & Patricia Rodger (Anniv Mem Mass)
Tuesday 11th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Emma Mhic Mlathuna (RIP)
Wednesday 12th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	James Brennan (RIP)
	Reception into Church	5.00 p.m.	Marion O’Kane RIP
Thursday 13th <i>St Lucy</i>	Requiem Mass	11.00 a.m.	Marion O’Kane RIP
Friday 14th <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Requiem Mass	12.00 p.m.	Mary Townsend RIP
Saturday 15th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kathleen Edwards (Anniv)
	Holy Hour & Benediction	9.30-10.30	
	Confession	9.40—10.20	
<b>SUNDAY 16th</b> <i>3rd of ADVENT</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Gwen Molloy (Anniv)
	Confession	5.30—5.50	
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Gordon Aspell (Anniv)

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**DECEMBER MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*Holy Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us sinners who have recourse to thee!*

## This Weekend

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**
- **Second Collection:** for the Poor Parishes of the diocese
- **RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** There will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers **TODAY** after both Masses
- **SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE & TORTURE** Greeting Cards signing with the **Justice & Peace Group**—we invite parishioners to sign cards for victims of torture and unjust imprisonment. Sessions will be after both Masses **TODAY** over coffee in the MRR. Cards will be provided and donations towards postage are welcome. **Action by Christians Against Torture** is a great charity facilitating address lists and the support of victims.  
[www.acatuk.org.uk](http://www.acatuk.org.uk)
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can. There are parish made craft items for sale in the MRR too today.  
This Week
- **Tuesday:**  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2p.m. MRR. Bring & Share lunch . Last one until January 15th.
- **Wednesday:**  
**PRAYER GROUP 1.30 p.m.** in the chapel  
**CARAMBA THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS: THE NATIVITY. This Wednesday 12 Dec 7.30pm** *Caramba Theatre* will present **The Nativity**. All welcome. You may remember that this theatre group presented an excellent Passion play here three years ago.
- **Thursday:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10 a.m. MRR.
- **Saturday: JUBILEE YEAR FILM NIGHT**  
There will be a screening of the film **A Man for all Seasons** in MRR with a fish and chip supper available for the interval. The only charge is the cost of food. **Pay on the night.** Please bring your own drinks (tea and coffee will be provided) and anything else you need to be comfortable. **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP TODAY!** We need to know numbers to arrange the seating  
Next Weekend
- **The Third Sunday of Advent**
- **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS WILL BE PUBLICISED** by the parish Justice & Peace Group. Please consider choosing Christmas gifts that help people in developing countries to help themselves. Catalogues in church, shop online at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or donate to the retiring collection. You have donated more than £10,000 over the last 10 years to buy CAFOD World Gifts for our virtual village—see the no-

ticeboard in church to see what we've bought.  
*Livesimply* in solidarity with people in poverty.

## Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Pat Jenkins

6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby

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

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Afi Selormey

### Coming Soon

#### **JAM N CAKE**

**Tuesday 18th December at 7.15 p.m.** in MRR.  
**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.

#### **PARISH PIETY SHOP**

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

#### **20S-30S CATHOLICS' CHRISTMAS MEAL**

Zizzi's Kenilworth on **Thurs 13 Dec** at 8:15pm.

7:30 pm Mass at St Francis close by beforehand. It is hoped the network will provide an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Please join our "West Midlands Catholic Young Adults" group on Facebook. Or email [WestMidlandsCYA@gmail.com](mailto:WestMidlandsCYA@gmail.com) to be added to a mailing list.

#### **WORK ON THE BUILDING**

The engineer says it will cost a minimum of £50,000 to make our heating work properly again. We are exploring spending about £25,000 to replace the MRR kitchen. As explained in the accounts last month, this is more money than we have. In the new year we shall be considering and consulting with everyone on the way forward.

#### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Thu 20 December 7pm

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

##### *Christmas Eve*

5pm Family Vigil Mass

##### *Christmas Day*

12 Midnight Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass

#### **Christmas & Epiphany Lantern Carol Service**

Sat 5 Jan 4pm

*(You can see some of the lanterns and ideas beginning to go up in church)*

#### **ADVENT MEANS COMING...**

**Come Lord Jesus, do not delay!**

*'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight...'*



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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £952.30

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



## The Sunday Readings

**J**OHN THE BAPTIST would have been a striking and un-

usual figure. Even the circumstances of his mother's pregnancy, and his first recognition of Jesus as the Christ within his mother's womb, were all exceptional. From his beginning, John had been given a special role in God's plan. So in today's gospel, Luke gives us a time and place of the beginning of John's prophetic ministry. He stands as the forerunner, proclaiming that God's promise of salvation is about to be fulfilled. What had been revealed to the prophets long ago, he comes to announce as about to happen. God is about to do wonderful things, so now is the time to be ready. And what are these wonderful things? All mankind is about to see the salvation of God. John calls out across the ages to us, to remind us that we too should rejoice at the sight of salvation and, like his first hearers, we too need to prepare the way for the Lord. May we be ready to welcome him into our hearts and minds, to change us!

### 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.

**CARAMBA THEATRE GROUP**  
presents

## THE NATIVITY

In church, **THIS WEDNESDAY 7.30pm**  
**Admission FREE**

*They performed the Passion play here in 2015*

## 1943 2018 JUBILEE YEAR 2018 THIS COMING SATURDAY

• **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: PARISH FILM NIGHT** in MRR. *Film free, fish & chip supper £4. Today is the last chance to sign up. We need to know numbers for seating up and catering. Bring drinks and cushions if you wish. Tea and coffee provided. Pay on the door.*

*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

BALLAD

## THANK YOU!

A lot of effort, a lot of people and a lot of good will made a great night. The rough total profit *so far is about* £3100. There is more to come in and so we are on target to equal or likely exceed last year. **THANK YOU!**

### PARISH NEWS

**Website:** [stmcof.org](http://stmcof.org) **Twitter:** @StThosMore

### DEANERY NEWS

**Website:** [coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/](http://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/)

### ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

**Website:** [birminghamdiocese.org.uk/](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/)

**Twitter:** @RCBirmingham

You may sign up for an email newsletter from the diocese website and a **new diocesan magazine** *The Sower* is available in print and online

**NOW THAT THE COLD WEATHER HAS COME...  
PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH  
DOORS BEHIND YOU!**

**DEACON PAT** is currently enjoying a time of rest and is temporarily being looked after at the diocesan home for retired clergy, Aston Hall in Staffordshire. Do remember him in your prayers, as he will us. **His address there is** Aston Hall, Aston-by-Stone, Staffs ST15 0BJ

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

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Fr George Bennett, 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!***

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Mary Townsend, Marion O'Kane, Patricia Waltho, Fr Petroc Howell, Patrick O'Donaghue, John McDonnell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernadette Russell, James Ronan, Mme Andrée Bringué, James Burke, Edith Carr, Jack Musgrave, Charles Cowles, John O'Reilly, Michael Grady, James Browne, Margaret Glynn, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Sear, Kathleen Preston, Cyril Matthews, Nancy Martin, Elizabeth Lamb, Nicholas Martin, John James Burnett, Kathleen Craven, Margaret Barlow, George Newbold, John Murray, Eileen Fallon, William Griffiths, Michael Nolan, Joseph Kelly, Teresa Armstrong, Jane Mather-Lees, Anthony Booth, James Goology, Raymond Stanley, Dennis Cox, Patricia Rodger, John Martin, Arthur Taylor, Mary Gray, Patrick Cassidy, Alfred Magee, Kathleen Edwards, Harry Law, John Quinn, William Nerny, Jessie Kelly, Elsie Roberts, Michael Sugrue, Lilian Compton, Michael Ward, Martin Coulter, John O'Malley, Josephine Edwards, James McCormick ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- In thanksgiving for this parish
- For thankful, penitent hearts that are open to the coming of Christ and His call to us

## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS ALWAYS 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 web-site, 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 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***