

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 6th January 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass on p7, readings p111 in the Parish Mass  
Book *The church has a hearing loop system*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 6TH EPIPHANY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charles Walter & Phyllis Smith (Anniv) / Patrick Gaughan (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 7th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mrs Evans and family
Tuesday 8th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 9th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 10th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 11th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 12th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40—10.20	Bob Angliss (RIP)
SUNDAY 13TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Dec'd members of Doyle family / Pauline Sage (RIP) Special Ints Margaret & Robert



### PARISH CONTACTS



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## January, Month of the Infant Jesus

*Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!*



## This Weekend

- **EPIPHANY:** the Magi, representing all nations arrive from the east to worship the Christ child. The traditional Epiphany blessing of our homes may of course be done this weekend. There are sheets available at the back of church for this. This simple ritual is suitable for the 'domestic church', the family or individuals, and asks the Lord to take care of us through the coming year.
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our readers. May 2019 be a time of God's grace at work in all our lives.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

## This Week

- **As schools return** please pray for staff and pupils. May they all be blessed in their work. Pray especially for the **parish school**.
- **TUESDAY: Tuesday Society:** starts back 15th January. **The Tuesday Society** is a friendly group of retired people who are keen to welcome anyone who would like to join in their activities and social life, which includes talks, meals, games and fundraising for good causes. Come along and meet some friendly faces most of whom you'll have seen at Mass.
- **SATURDAY:** A national day of prayer & fasting to end abortion. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)
- **BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** the moment that marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry and John the forerunner is able to witness to just who Jesus is.

## Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Blaise Hughes-O'S & Niamh Walsh  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & John Burns

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

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Ernest Hackett  
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Afi Selormey

## Coming Soon

### **CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY**

there is a meeting for anyone interested in working towards this award on **Wednesday 16th January** at 7pm in the JP11 room.

### **UNITY SERVICE: CHAPEL OF UNITY**

Coventry cathedral Chapel of Unity holds it annual service for Christian Unity on **Sat 19 Jan 1.00pm**

### **SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Prayer Service for Christian Unity **Wed 30 Jan**

### **7.30pm at Christ Church Cheylesmore**

### **MINISTRY OF WELCOME TO MASS**

News of a way to improve our greeting of people coming to Mass involving children are coming soon. There will be adults needed too, of course.

### **MARRIAGE CELEBRATION WEEK FEB 2019**

As part of this national event, the Archbishop will

celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass on Sun 3 Feb at 11am in the Cathedral. There will be regional celebrations too, and all celebrating milestone anniversaries are invited. The search is also on for the longest married couple—60 or 70 or more years of marriage...? Details on the diocesan website

## **PARISH PIETY SHOP**

**Now in stock** : Copies of the new **2019 Diocesan Directory** are available at £5 each, along with diaries and art calendars.

## **HOMELESS SHELTER**

Please donate any spare clothes and food items in the box in the porch. *Thank you.*

## **STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH**

We hope to revive the parish stay-and-play parent and toddler group. **Are there volunteers who would like to help? Are there parents keen to bring their children?** Please see Annemarie Vincent Poole or one of the clergy.

## **THANK YOU..**

...to **everyone** who worked so hard to make the parish's celebration of Christmas a worthy one—readers, servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, musicians, Christmas tree putters-up, wardens and everyone who comes to give praise to Almighty God for the birth of His Son, Jesus! Thank you to all who made the **Lantern Light Carol Service** possible—Debbie and her lantern makers, musicians, readers and all who came.

... to **all who organised and supported** the informal New Year's Eve party. Very convivial!

... to **all who came to Mass for Our Lady** on 1 Jan and who enjoyed the great atmosphere in the MRR afterwards. Here's to 2019!

## **THE JUBILEE YEAR**

Thank you to everyone who involved themselves in celebrating the history of the parish last year—some good memories of a fine year! The wonderful icon of St Thomas More has now been moved from the sanctuary and will find a new home on the side opposite Our Lady. Here's to 2043..!

## **KEEPING WARM, SAVING MONEY & LIVING SIMPLY**

**Please keep the church doors shut and please turn off all lights** once you or your group have finished in church or the MRR. *Thank you for your help.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

We are experiencing high demand again at the moment: there are several months' worth of intentions pending. *If you are willing to share your intention with another one, please write 'willing to share' on the envelope*—for obvious reasons this makes it easier to offer your intention sooner. It is simply not possible to guarantee any date absolutely: someone else might have got there first. Demand for Sunday at 9am is especially strong—due to that high demand it is simply impossible to say all the Masses as soon as all donors might wish and we apologise for the wait. *Thank you* for your understanding.

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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £988.85

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



## The Sunday Readings

Jesus's birth is, unsurprisingly since He is God the Son, accompanied by many signs and wonders. Today, we celebrate the arrival of the mysterious Magi who come to offer Him symbolic gifts of gold (for a king), frankincense (for God) and myrrh (for death). They set out to worship Him for they know by the shining of a particular star that a new king is born. But reflect for a moment: these may have been wise and rich men but what are they doing? They set out on a long and therefore hazardous journey because of a *star*. Nothing else: they have faith in its power to lead. They do not know where that journey will end nor quite who they will find. They seek help from the local king, Herod, who—consumed with jealousy—gives them bad advice. They arrive, present the gifts and worship, and then—believing their dreams—have to deceive Herod and go the long way home. The journey of these men is not recorded for us just so we hear a pretty story: we can be like them. Every Christian is a traveller, a follower of Jesus. We follow by faith. Some would discourage us or give us misleading advice. God speaks to us by signs and wonders. And, if we persevere, at the end of the journey is Jesus who will expect not gold, frankincense or myrrh but, as

the carol has it, our hearts. None of us needs to arrive empty handed therefore, and none of us needs worry that our best gift, that is *ourselves*, will ever be refused.



### HOUSE TO LET: 38 WATERCALL AVE

Anyone interested should contact the letting agents, Payne Associates, 20 New Union St, Coventry CV1 2HN. 024 7622 2022

## SEEKING CHRIST...

Be like the Wise Men, they left their daily routine in search of Christ

Turn aside for a while from your daily employment, escape for a moment from the turmoil of your thoughts. Put aside your cares, let your distractions wait, free yourself awhile for God and rest awhile in him. Enter the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything except God and that which can help you in seeking him and when you have shut the door, seek him. Now my whole heart, say to God "I seek your face, Lord, it is your face that I seek."

*St. Anselm of Canterbury 11<sup>th</sup> Cent.*

## THE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN 2019

EVERY SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, which this year include Sundays of Epiphany, Corpus Christi, and St Peter & St Paul

ASCENSION DAY:

Thursday 30 May.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY:

Thursday 15 August.

ALL SAINTS' DAY:

Friday 1 November.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Wednesday 25 December.

*Ash Wednesday is on 6 March*

*Easter Day is on 21 April*

### LOURDES MAY 2019

We shall be travelling as part of the diocesan pilgrimage this year, because we have no organiser for a separate parish pilgrimage package, but we will have a 'group organiser' to make sure we are all the same hotel and facilitate a group booking. Details soon, once the diocese releases them.

TO KEEP WHAT HEAT WE HAVE IN,  
AND TO KEEP THE COLD OUT...

PLEASE SHUT  
ALL THE CHURCH DOORS  
BEHIND YOU

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

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Rose Green, 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:** Karen Walton, Patrick Higgins, Patrick O'Donoghue, Mary Townsend, Marion O'Kane

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Philip Keen, Tim O'Keefe, Rupert Laverty, Mary O'Kane, Catherine Bland, May Meaney, Peter Barwell, James McPhillips, Christopher Sloane, Margaret McCormack, Bridget Ferguson, Anne Bowman, Charles Kenney, Denise Hannigan, Charles Dowson, Gertrude Dowson, Nora Malley, Pauline Wood, Colm Gleeson, Ann Dunphy, Elizabeth Byrne, Ann Smith, Mary Berryman, Ernest Rushton, Elsie Flynn, Benjamin Thomason, Ronald Rutter, Patrick Galvin, Margaret Gallagher, Sylvester Budkiewicz

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

- For thankful, penitent hearts that are open to the coming of Christ and His call to us
- Peace in the world, our homes and hearts
- The victims of abuse and the Church's response
- Those without homes or companionship
- That the Lord of the future may bless this new year

## **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 website, usually from Saturday evening***

**PARISH WEBSITE** [stmcoy.org](http://stmcoy.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***