

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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13th January 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass on p7, readings p118 in the Parish Mass
Book *The church has a hearing loop system*



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Fr Jonathon Veasey
Tuesday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Dec'd Members of Conboy family (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Funeral Service	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Elsie Finn (Mem Mass) For Karen Walton RIP
Thursday 17th <i>St Anthony</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Nellie McCann RIP
Friday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joan Studholme (RIP)
Saturday 19th <i>St Wulstan</i>	Communion Service Holy Hour & Benediction <i>No Confession this week</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30	~
SUNDAY 20TH SECOND SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Margaret & Ron Rutter (Anniv) / Michael Hassman (RIP) The People of the Parish

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January, Month of the Infant Jesus

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!



This Weekend

- **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. We too are blessed by the Father's words and the Holy Spirit's appearance as They testify to the Person and work of Jesus
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

This Week

- **MONDAY:**
The first week of Ordinary Time. The weekday Mass readings are from Year 1, the Psalter Week is week 1
- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Welcome back conversation. **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.
- **WEDNESDAY:**
CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY There is a meeting for anyone interested in working towards this award on **Wednesday 16th January** at 7pm in the JPII room.
- **SATURDAY:**
UNITY SERVICE: CHAPEL OF UNITY Coventry Cathedral Chapel of Unity holds its annual service for Christian Unity **Sat 19th Jan 1pm**
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL The National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal have organised five regional days across England. The day for the Midlands will take place on **Saturday 19th Jan from 11.00—3.00 at Christ the King Community Centre**. No booking required. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks provided. All welcome!

Next Week

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR in Ordinary Time, Sunday readings cycle year C continues.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Judith Doherty
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Brendon Cunningham

Coming Soon

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 going to be announced today.

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..? A couple with 72 years of married life live in Walsall. Can we top that? Details on the diocesan website

BREWERY TOUR

A convivial, informal social open to all takes place on **Sat 23rd Feb**. Meet 1115am at Coventry Station for train to the Ricoh, 15 minute walk to Byatt's Brewery for a tour that starts at 1230. Cost £15 includes three pints. Maximum number 15—sign up on the list in the porch.

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

Our **EXTEND Gentle Exercise** group ended before Christmas. Our thanks to Roy Gunn for his hard work over the years running the group.

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.*

NEW MRR KITCHEN

Now that the holidays are over, we are beginning to move forward with acquiring the number of quotes so that we can apply for grants as the MRR has so much outside use by the wider community.

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

In this passage from Isaiah the Israelite people (saddened by their sin and the exile and suffering that resulted from it) are comforted by the prophet's message. God will send his servant and will take the people by the hand and lead them from darkness to light. In the person of Jesus, He has done just that. By the waters of the Jordan the ancient promises are publicly fulfilled. Jesus, Mary's Son and the carpenter trained by Joseph is revealed as the Saviour. He begins his public ministry by receiving John's baptism. The Spirit manifests Jesus's true identity: the hidden years are over and it is time to teach by word and miracle, by death and resurrection that God will indeed take his people by the hand and lead them home to him. By undergoing baptism from John, Jesus makes holy the waters of our baptism. At our own baptisms the Spirit was present too and given to us so that we might love and serve God. We do not need to live in darkness and guilt. We do not need to face difficulties and decisions on our own. Jesus leads us to freedom and the Spirit strengthens us in all our trials.



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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 26-27 JANUARY

This event takes place in Panama with Pope Francis. Groups from the Archdiocese will be present but also each deanery is organising an event. Coventry's is based in Hillfields and there is a poster in the porch. Please pray for young people and the Church's ministry to them

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Today we celebrate the beginning of Jesus's public ministry among us. 'Jesus shows His solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept Him in our life He can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason He was moved to compassion, He chose to "suffer with" men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Feast of the Lord's Baptism, 2013

OUR OWN BAPTISM

'Today, at home, go look, ask about the date of your Baptism, and that way you will keep in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day. The danger of not knowing is that we can lose awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past — and not by our own will but by that of our parents — and that it has no impact on the present... We must reawaken the memory of our Baptism. We are called to live out our Baptism every day as the present reality of our lives. If we manage to follow Jesus and to remain in the Church, despite our limitations and with our weaknesses and our sins, it is precisely in the Sacrament whereby we have become new creatures and have been clothed in Christ.'

Pope Francis, April 2017

**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: Fr Eugene Nee, Karen Walton, Patrick Higgins

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Vineall, Phyllis Smith, Christina Kelly, Daniel Crilly, Lynn Allen, Fr Alfred Rogers, Kathleen Molloy, Teresa Walton, Harriet Baimbridge, Ann Casserly, Mary Vowles, William McGivern, Sr Mary McAvoy, Hilda Caffrey, Patrick Cully, Luigi Rigione, Lee McMahan, Mary Mulligan, Veronica Coin, James Murphy, Richard Glover, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills

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

- Thanksgiving for our baptism by which we became children of God, received the Holy Spirit, had our original sin washed away and made our first steps in faith as members of Christ's Church
- Peace in the world, our homes and hearts
- The victims of abuse and the Church's response

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

PARISH NEWS

This news sheet! On paper and on the website

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DEANERY NEWS

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

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk/

Twitter: @RCBirmingham

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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