

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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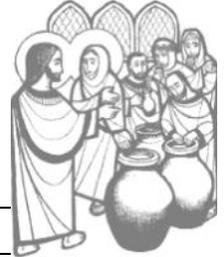
20th January 2019

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mass p7, readings p127 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 21st <i>St Agnes</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Kit Roberts (RIP)
Tuesday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	John Hubert (RIP)
Wednesday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Deirde Halpin (Sick)
Thursday 24th <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 25th <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Paul Watson (RIP)
Saturday 26th <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Bob Angliss (RIP)
SUNDAY 27TH THIRD SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Betty King (Anniv) Mary Buckley (RIP)



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January, Month of the Infant Jesus

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!



This Weekend

- **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** in Ordinary Time, the international **DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**
- **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** began last Friday and ends on 21 January.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **MINISTRY OF WELCOME TO MASS** Thank you to Mary and everyone who has shown an interest in this—there's been very encouraging numbers. There is a meeting after 9am Mass today in the JP2 room, or more likely because of numbers, the side chapel.

This Week

- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Quiz. All welcome.
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** 7.30pm in the MRR
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 1.30pm in the chapel for an hour, followed by tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise group returns under the fully qualified guidance of Mary Hulme
- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**, ordinary time, year C.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Maureen Porter
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & John Burns

Coming Soon

SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES TOGETHER
Prayer Service for Christian Unity **Wed 30rd Jan 7.30pm at Christ Church Cheylesmore**

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: SIGN UP TODAY

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 12—**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.

EXTEND Gentle Exercise

will recommence on Thursday mornings from 10.00 am in the MRR. Mary Hulme has taken over. The first session will be **this Thursday**

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.

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Saturday 2nd March 7pm a showing of **'Lawrence of Arabia'**, starring Peter O'Toole and directed by David Lean. Big story, big scenery, big score, big action! After that, we hope to show something in late Lent on the Passion and Resurrection. Details soon. Meanwhile, sign up for a night with TE Lawrence, an enigmatic leader who found himself in the desert and struggled without it. 2nd March. The list is in the porch: the only cost of **£4.00** is the for the fish (or pie) and chips.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PIGRIMAGE

We are in touch with the diocese and Tangney Tours (who make all the practical arrangements on behalf of the diocese) about arranging a group booking so that all our pilgrims are in one hotel. We do not yet know which hotel that might be.

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

Last week - Main Collection: £958.15 Standing Orders for Dec '18: £672.33

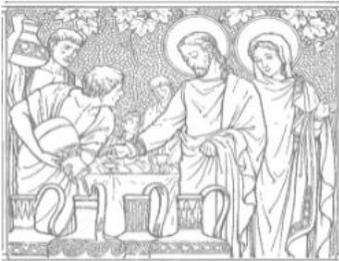
In 2017 it cost £1,503 a week to run the parish. (2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510 2014 £1,966)



The Sunday Readings

God has great gifts for us that He is quite prepared to be generous with, for they are given to build up His Church in service of Him and our neighbour. But we cannot choose the gift He gives—after all, God knows more about our own needs and wants than we do ourselves—nor can we expect them at all if we decide not to work with Him. At the wedding feast, Jesus is hugely generous with the amount and quality of wine He provides. Yet the stewards have to do as He tells them and fill the stone jars with water first. But once that is done, Jesus transforms and provides. This miracle not only reveals who Jesus is, but shows how He has the power to transform and provide even us, if we will co-operate with Him then He has great gifts for us. ‘Do whatever he tells you’, says Our Lady. That’s

exactly what she did. May her prayers help us to do that too.



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

HEAD TEACHER REQUIRED

We are looking for a head for the parish school. St Thomas More Catholic School seeks a new head in succession to the current Head Teacher who has been appointed to a new post by Teach First.

Details are on the school website

MARRIAGE: POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS

Matrimony is a silent homily for everyone else, a daily homily. It's sad when this is not news: the newspapers, the TV news shows, don't consider this news. But this couple, together for so many years... it's not news. Scandal, divorce, separation – these are considered newsworthy. (Although at times its necessary to separate, as I said, to avoid a greater evil). The image of God isn't news. But this is the beauty of marriage. The couple are the image and likeness of God. And this is our news, the Christian news.

Rome, May 25 2018

And how do we help couples? We help them by offering welcome, closeness, accompaniment, discernment, and integration into the body of the Church. To welcome, to accompany, to discern, to integrate. In the Catholic community we should offer help to save marriages. There are three words: they are words of gold in married life. I would ask a couple: 'Do you love each other?' 'Yes', they might say. 'And when one of you does something for the other, do you know how to say thank you? And if one of you does something truly devilish, do you know how to ask for forgiveness? And if you want to plan something, having a day in the countryside, or something else, do you know how to ask the other's opinion?' Three words: 'What do you think, can I?' 'Thank you'; 'Sorry'. If couples use these words, 'sorry, I made a mistake', 'can I do this?', or 'thank you for this lovely meal you've made' – 'can I?', 'thank you', 'sorry' – if couples use these words, a marriage will progress nicely. It is a help.

...a great enemy to marriage today: the theory of gender. Today there is a world war to destroy marriage. Today there are ideological colonisations which destroy, not with weapons, but with ideas. Therefore, there is a need to defend ourselves from ideological colonisations. If there are problems, make peace as soon as possible, before the day ends, and don't forget the three words: 'can I', 'thank you', 'forgive me'.

Visit to Georgia, 1 October 2016

And at Cana, wedding guest,
In Thy Godhead manifest,
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine.



**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, , Kathleen McMenemy, Eileen Connolly, Vicky Hobbs, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, 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: Agnes Keith, Ivor Sanders, Fr Eugene Nee, Karen Walton

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Hulme, Samuel Maxwell, Linda Proctor, Pamela Chew, Annie Quinn, Margaret Rutter, Noel Carberry, Frank Williams, Jean Rock, Samuel Donnelly, Norman Kelley, Maureen McGuire, Adrian Mullen, Diana Cook, Margaret Gavin, Winnie Adams, Mary Jenkins, Denis Parker, Lilian Corrigan, Ellen Hodson, Michael Donnelly, Anthony Ledwidge
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- Our nation and its politicians, that at this difficult time of disagreement over leaving the EU, the Holy Spirit may pour out His gift of wisdom and no one forget the words 'Love your neighbour...'
- The unity of Christians, for our local Christian brothers and sisters
- Peace in the world and the support and valuing of peace makers and *Pax Christi*

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

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

DEANERY NEWS

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

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk/

Twitter: @RCBirmingham

Sign up for an email newsletter from the diocese website and the diocesan magazine **The Sower** is available in print and online

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