

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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27th January 2019 THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Holocaust Memorial Sunday

Mass p7, readings p129 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Monday 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mrs E Wallace
Tuesday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Harry Mellon (RIP) (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Faulds (RIP)
Thursday 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 1st Feb <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Austin & Pauline Sage (Golden Wedding)
Saturday 2nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mass, blessing of Candles Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Eileen Hallinan (Sick)
SUNDAY 3rd FOURTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Emrys Evans (RIP) & Mary Evans & family Marion O'Kane (RIP)



PARISH CONTACTS



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January, Month of the Infant Jesus

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!



This Weekend

- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** in Ordinary Time.
- **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** a day to remember the genocidal sins of the past that they may never be the sins of today or tomorrow.
- **REFRESHMENTS** are offered to all after **both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **NEW MINISTRY OF GREETING** will begin on **Sunday 27th January at 9.00 a.m.** Mass.

This Week

- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Grand Raffle. All welcome.
THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: meets after 7.00pm Mass in the MRR. Natalie Orifice, diocesan advisor for parish evangelisation and a speaker for *Catholic Voices* will give a talk entitled *Communicating the Catholic Faith in post-Christian Britain*. All welcome
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: 1.30pm in the chapel for an hour, followed by tea and discussion in the MRR
SOUTH COVENTRY CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayer Service for Christian Unity 7.30pm at Christ Church Cheylesmore
- **THURSDAY:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise group 10.00 a.m. in MRR.
FRANK MEADOWCROFT FUNERAL (former parishioner) at St Joseph the Worker on Thursday 31st January at 10.00.

Next Week

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**, ordinary time, year C.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development Fund

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Clive Robinson
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

Coming Soon

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? De-

tails on the diocesan website

BREWERY TOUR: SIGN UP IN PORCH

A convivial, informal social open to all takes place on **Sat 23rd Feb**. Meet 11.15am at Coventry Station for train to the Ricoh, 15 minute walk to Byatt's Brewery for a tour that starts at 12.30. Cost £15 includes three pints. Maximum participants 12—**sign up on the list in the porch.**

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Saturday 2nd March 6pm a showing of the epic 'Lawrence of Arabia': see opposite for details

ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

Still a few weeks till Lent..!

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 25th May – Friday 31st May 2019

This year we shall travel as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage travelling as a St Thomas More Parish Group, under the leadership of Fr Stephen Day. Staying at the Hotel Beau Site. Coach to Birmingham Airport, Flight into Lourdes Airport and coach to the hotel. Cost £790. Booking forms available from Fr Stephen or Claire Rutter.

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.

SVP NEW MEMBER REQUEST

The SVP are looking for new members to join the team to help them continue the work within the parish due to some members stepping back. If you have a heart to serve others either by enjoying a cup of tea and a chat or fundraising then this might be just for you. If you would like further information please speak with, Debbie Middleton or Caroline Duignan or phone Alison Cullinane on 02476 441 436.

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.***

NIGHT SHELTER DONATIONS

A huge thank you for the many donations of clothing already received and enjoyed by the guests at St Osburg Centre. There is a box in the porch.

CARRIERS OF HOPE

Donations of food are needed by the great charity that seeks to support refugees, migrants, the newly rehoused, struggling parents and others in need in Coventry.

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

Last week - Main Collection: £973.27

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



The Sunday Readings

NEHEMIAH describes a wonderful moment

in the history of God's people. Having chosen his people, God seals his loving relationship with them by giving them the Law. He will be with them if they respect his commands. The people rejoice as the Law is read, for—as a written declaration of God's care for them—it is almost a love letter, the very words of He Who has promised love and protection. But in fulfilment of His promise and to deepen his relationship with His people, God sends His Son and today, in the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares that he is the fulfilment of the very words He has read. "God loved the world so much, that he sent his only Son..." That treasured love-letter that Nehemiah read out loud is now personified in Jesus, for in Him God comes not just to tell us about

His love, but to show it and to live it too. While we rejoice over the love-letter, now we may also rejoice over the lover in person 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

POPE JOHN PAUL II ON LUKE'S GOSPEL, WHICH WE BEGIN TODAY

As a minister of God's Word (cf. Lk 1: 2), Luke leads us to knowledge of the discreet yet penetrating light that radiates from it, while illustrating the reality and events of history. The theme of the Word of God, the golden thread woven through the two works that comprise Luke's writing, also unites the two periods treated by him: the time of Jesus and that of the Church. As if narrating the 'history of the Word of God', Luke's story follows its advance from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth. The journey proposed by the third Gospel is profoundly marked by listening to this Word which, like a seed, must be received with goodness and promptness of heart, overcoming the obstacles that prevent it from taking root and bearing fruit (cf. Lk 8: 4-15).

PARISH FILM NIGHT LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

6pm (not 7pm) 2 MARCH MRR

starring Peter O'Toole and directed by David Lean. Big story, big scenery, big score, big action! 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. The list is in the porch: the cost of **£4.00** is for the food—fish (or pie) and chips.



LiveSimply Monthly Tip

A monthly series of simple but effective ways of living more simply—consuming less, helping others, caring for creation.

Live **more** simply by:

- * **putting only the amount of water into the kettle that you really need.**
- * **turning the tap off when brushing your teeth.**

KEEPING WARM, SAVING MONEY & LIVING SIMPLY IN CHURCH

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

*It costs about **£50 a week** to heat the church—and that's for **only two Sunday Masses, Wednesday Mass with the school and any funeral or baptism...***

Thank you for your help.

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, Hildegarde 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: Frank Meadowcroft, Agnes Keith, Ivor Sanders, Fr Eugene Nee, Karen Walton

ANNIVERSARIES: David Evans, John Durnien, Rosemary Walker, Catherine McKenzie, Simon Rutledge, Diso Gianni, Ellen Bell, Harry Mellon, Edward Cawley, Doreen Robinson, Ann Lane, Walter Leigh, Thomas Brogan, Mary Weir, Peter Keating, Michael Wynne, Jeremy Pilcher, John de Ville, Gladys Biddle, Teresa Shami, Daphne Carvell, James Brennan, Eileen Moore, George Hornibrook, Marjorie Vincent ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Our nation and its politicians, that at this difficult time over leaving the EU, the Holy Spirit pours out His gift of wisdom
- That genocides will cease and that the prejudice that gives rise to them may be no more

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: stmcof.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