

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 10th February 2019

### FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass p7, readings p135 in the Parish Mass Book

*The church has a hearing loop system*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 10th FIFTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Jayatunga & Esther Ilangesekera (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Iris Jackson (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Miss O'Brien (B'day)
Wednesday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	St Thomas More School
Thursday 14th <b>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</b>	Mass	<b>8.00 a.m.</b>	Private Intention
Friday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Doreen Robinson (1st Anniv)
Saturday 16th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Ellen & Joe Bell (Anniv)
SUNDAY 17th SIXTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Martin Dillon (Anniv) People of the Parish



### PARISH CONTACTS



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## FEBRUARY, MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*Holy Family of Nazareth,*

*make our families and homes more and more like yours.*

## This Weekend

- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.**
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.
- **THANK YOU** to all our greeters welcoming people as they come to Mass.
- **STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH** Would all those who have expressed an interest in helping with this relaunch please attend a **meeting after 9.00 a.m. this Sunday in MRR**  
**This Week**

- **TUESDAY:**  
**THE TUESDAY SOCIETY:** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Quiz in MRR. All welcome.  
**JAM 'N' CAKE** Tuesday 12th February 7.30 p.m. in MRR
- **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:** Chapel 1.30pm for an hour, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**  
**NO EXTEND Gentle Exercise** this week.
- **FRIDAY:**  
**Tyrone Association Present: ALLY HARRON AND MARIAN CURRY CHARITY DANCE**  
Please see details on poster in the MRR porch. Friday 15th February at Christ the King Club.

## Next Week

- **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, year C.**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

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

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Marisa Gunn  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Louise Poole

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

9.00 a.m. Niamh Walsh & Judith Doherty  
6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & John Burns

## Coming Soon

### **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.

### **FUNNY MONEY**

#### **Spinning Head Theatre**

Sam Colby, an altar server here before going to study drama at Buckingham University, is directing the play **FUNNY MONEY** as part of his studies, at the **Town Hall High Wycombe, Thursday 28 February** (Tickets £6/£3) and at the **Albany Theatre, Coventry, Wednesday 6 March 7pm.** Tickets: £8/£4 concessions. The play explores the consequences of a sudden financial windfall...

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019** Service at Warwick

Road United Reformed Church at 11.00 a.m. All welcome. This is the annual ecumenical event formerly known as the **Women's World Day of Prayer**

### **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..! Masses at 9am with the school 12 noon and 7pm.

### **BEAUTY IN BROKENNESS. THE VOICES OF WOMEN ACROSS THE CHURCHES**

**SATURDAY 9th MARCH** 12.30-4.00pm An afternoon opportunity for women from many different Christian denominations to share their experiences. At **BROMSGROVE METHODIST CENTRE**, 19 Stratford Road, B60 1AS. Light lunch at 1.00pm. Contact Jane Lavery 0121 445 5018/ 07792986056. email: Lavery.jane@gmail.com / or Ann Smith ; email Nooey98@gmail.com

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

This year we shall travel as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage travelling as a St Thomas More Parish Group. Staying at the **Hotel Beau Site**. Coach to Birmingham Airport, Flight into Lourdes Airport and coach to the hotel. **Cost £780. Booking forms available** from Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen  
**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 this charity that supports 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:** £905.70 **Second: Parish Development:** £680.17 **Standing Orders :** £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

When the prophet is granted a glimpse of the glory of God, he is overcome by both the splendour

of what he sees and the realisation of how poorly humanity responds to God. Through God's mercy in forgiving him his failings, Isaiah is willing to fulfil God's plan for him. He responds with faith and commitment.

Peter, in today's Gospel, has been impressed enough by what he has heard Jesus say to try something very unlikely: to go out fishing again immediately after returning with nothing. 'Put out into the deep' is the Lord's command. The enormity of the catch he makes when he does as Jesus says, almost overwhelms the boat. More importantly, Peter is overwhelmed by the power of Jesus and he feels that his own sinfulness is glaringly revealed in contrast to the perfection and power of Christ. But God in Jesus accepts Peter, regardless of his faults, for in His mercy God can forgive those sins. It is this acceptance, mercy and love that compels Peter to give up his job and follow Jesus. That same acceptance, mercy, love and call is offered to us today. If we believe that, how can we not respond too?



### LIVE SIMPLY NOTICEBOARD

The noticeboard in church (on the confessionals side) has been updated with lots of information. Do have a look. Thank you to Mary for this.

### ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Please pray for the school this week as governors and candidates go through the appointment process for a new head teacher. May the Holy Spirit be at work guiding all who are taking part so that the right person may be appointed.

**PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP...**

## POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Peter experiences his smallness, the immensity of the word and the power of Jesus; Peter knows his weakness, his ups and downs... as we all know our own, as is known in the history of violence and division... a history which has not always found us sharing the boat, the storm, the misfortunes. But in the same way as Simon, Jesus invites us to put out into the deep, he prompts us to take shared risks, to leave behind our selfishness and to follow him; to give up our fears which do not come from God, which paralyse us and prevent us becoming artisans of peace, promoters of life.  
*Bogota, Colombia, 8 September 2017*



### BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE, Cong Orat

Bishop Robert, an auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese with particular responsibility for Birmingham and Worcestershire parishes, has been appointed by Pope Francis to be the next Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Please pray for him as he takes up his new ministry.

## PARISH FILM NIGHT LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

6pm SAT 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. Tea and coffee provided, please bring anything else you might like to drink.



### BILL OF THE MONTH...

At the end of last month the first of our four quarterly payments to support the work of the diocese and its schools was paid: £4,420.36, or £17,681.44 a year. Three quarters of that goes to diocesan schools. About 17 of our 50 Sunday collections go to make that amount. It is largely calculated according to congregation size. There is nothing we can do to reduce that levy, unlike saving gas and electricity.

**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:** Chris Burke, Frank Meadowcroft, Agnes Keith, Ivor Sanders, Fr Eugene Nee, Karen Walton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth Cridland, Isabelle Lowe, Charles Murphy, Sheila Coogan, Kathleen Simpson, Iris Jackson, Lily Carpenter, Peter Widdison, Myra Thomas, Renny Nkhoma, Betty Wainwright, Amadeo Malpiedi, Sarah Hill, Marie-Therese Magee, Julia Malone, Elizabeth Myers, Arthur White, Eric Hynes, Joe Durkin, Ellen Bradley, Monica Sargent, Alice Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan, Susan Kelly, Eugene Teixeira, Bill Breen, Samuel Darby, Jack Errington, Mary Turner

***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
- The parish school
- Peace in the Yemen and all places of war

## **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:** [stmco.v.org](http://stmco.v.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

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***