

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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17th February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass p7, readings p139 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Tony Miller (2nd Anniv)
Tuesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00am	~
Wednesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 21st <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 22nd <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 23rd <i>St Polycarp</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Maisie Taylor (RIP)
SUNDAY 24th SEVENTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Pauline Sage (RIP) People of the Parish



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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.**
- **TODAY is RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.** There are prayer cards and information at the back of the church. The theme this year is 'Dignity for all workers' - recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace. No one should face any disadvantage or suffering inflicted upon them because of their ethnic background.: but many still do.
- **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. *We welcome especially any visitors.*
- **A restful half term** to pupils students and staff

This Week

- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: No meeting this week—half term.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP
7.30pm in the 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.
- **SATURDAY:**
BREWERY TOUR: Meet 11.15am at Coventry Station for a train to the Ricoh station, from there a 15 minute walk to Byatt's Brewery for a tour that starts at 12.30. Cost £15 includes three pints.

Next Week

- **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
- **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...
- **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25 February to 10 March.** Support producers of goods in the developing world by buying Fairtrade marked items—these guarantee a fair price to the producer and reduce payments to 'middlemen'. There will be a presentation in church and we will be making efforts to make sure that all tea, coffee and sugar used here is Fairtrade.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Niamh Walsh & Judith Doherty

6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Millie MacDonald

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Janet Ward

Coming Soon

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, at 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

The children currently being prepared in the school and in the parish receive their first communions on the morning of **Saturday 18 May**
DIOCESAN LOURDES PIGRIMAGE

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. 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

ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY SAT 22 JUNE

Plans are in hand for an **early evening Mass** followed by a **barn dance**. Please make a note in your diary now and polish up your dancing shoes!

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.

PRESBYTERY TELEPHONE LINE

Apologies for the Presbytery phone line not working well this week. Things should be sorted out soon. In the meantime, email still works and face to face conversations too, of course!

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

Last week - Main Collection: £946.72

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



The Sunday Readings

Finding someone who is utterly reliable and dependable is a difficult task. All of us will have

been let down by somebody, and all of us will have let someone else down. So, Jeremiah can contrast the man who trusts in other men, and the man who trusts in God. Only God will never fail us and leave us in a mess. Jesus points out the happiness of doing as God wills, and not trying to find security in earthly things. There are more reliable indications of our worth than what others say about us, and how well we fit the world's standards. There is only one set of eternal standards, and one perfect God. It is by these that we shall be judged, and by these that our real worth will be revealed.

38 WATERCALL AVENUE: TO LET

The old caretaker's house, which became parish property nearly ten years ago, is, despite our letting agent's continued efforts, proving difficult to let. In order to promote it at its best we have had to replace faded carpets and redecorate tired rooms. As the owner, the parish has become liable for the Community Charge. So what should be a source of income for us has, for six months, become an expense. A prospective tenant is looking round next week. If you know anyone seeking to rent please put them in touch with Payne's whose website has full details.

<http://payne-cov.com/property/28200740/>

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

After a robust and thorough interview process, Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sarah Collins as our new Headteacher from Easter 2019. Mrs Collins is an experienced Deputy Head Teacher at Holy Family school where she has also served a term as Acting Head. Mrs Collins is very keen to get to know everyone within the community and work with us to drive the school forward. Thank you for your prayers and support through this process.

Amanda Kelly, Chair, on behalf of the Governing Body

Please continue to pray for our school—staff, pupils, parents, governors—and for our new head teacher, and the school she will be leaving.

A YEAR AGO TODAY... The Sion Community arrived to begin the parish mission. Please pray that its fruits may continue and in gratitude for it.

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.



BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Pope Francis has formally approved the second miracle needed to canonise Bl John Henry Newman, the inexplicable cure of an American woman with a life threatening complication in pregnancy. It has not been announced when or where the canonisation will happen but in due course the Church will be gaining a new saint!

STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH

If you want to help, please fill in a slip form the church porch giving your details and when you're free to help. Then return to the clergy or Annet-Marie Vincent Poole

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. Thank you.

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

LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH



Live in solidarity with those in poverty by buying **Fairtrade** tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar and other items, especially during **Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February to 10th March**.

Fairtrade products give farmers and workers in developing nations decent living conditions and better prices for the everyday goods we take for granted.



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

ANNIVERSARIES: Cornelius O'Callaghan, Martin Dillon, Mary Shildauer, James Hobbins, Catherine Gill, Catherine Scott, Catherine McLelland, Patrick Helme, Tony Miller, Joseph Glynn, Dennis Beirns, Teresa Devlin, Timothy McSweeney, Kathleen Day, Mary Brogan, Bridget Breen, Della Glynn, Andrew Kelly, Fintan McHugh, John Valentine, Elizabeth Nash, Irene O'Brien, Benjamin Walsh, Agnes Stanley, Thomas McNally, Frederick Chantrill, Vincent Lane ***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 and its new head teacher
- Peace in the Yemen and all places of war
- For an end to racial discrimination

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