

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 24th February 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass p7, readings p141 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

Be merciful  
like the  
Father...



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Nellie McCann (RIP)
Tuesday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	John Hussey (Anniv)
Wednesday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd of the Gallagher family
Thursday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 1st March <i>St David</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mr Hall (RIP)
Saturday 2nd <i>St Chad</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Eileen Connolly (Sick)
SUNDAY 3rd EIGHTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Pat O'Donoghue (RIP) 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 SEVENTH 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. And a warm welcome to all here today, especially any visitors and those of you who read this notice sheet online and see Mass via the webcam.

## This Week

- **MONDAY:**  
**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.
  - **TUESDAY:**  
**THE TUESDAY SOCIETY:** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. Millionaire Quiz. All welcome.
  - **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP:** Chapel 1.30pm for an hour, then tea and discussion in the MRR
  - **THURSDAY:**  
**EXTEND Gentle Exercise** 10.00 a.m. in MRR.  
**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...
  - **FRIDAY:**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 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**
  - **SATURDAY:**  
**PARISH FILM NIGHT 2nd March 6pm** a showing of the epic ‘**Lawrence of Arabia**’: see opposite for details. Today is the last chance to put your name down—film free, fish and chips (or pie) £4.00. We need to know numbers for catering and seating purposes!
- Next Week
- **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
  - **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** there will be a brief presentation about **FAIRTRADE** at Mass.

Our Sunday tea and coffee is already Fairtrade—in addition Fairtrade hot chocolate will also be on offer and there will be a chance to sign a postcard asking our MP to support Fairtrade

- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund  
**Sunday Readers’ Rota**

## **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Millie MacDonald  
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Janet Ward

## **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Judy Freeman  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

## **Coming Soon**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH**

Masses at **9am** with the school, at **12 noon** and at **7pm.** *What will you give up for Lent and what will you take on..?*

### **BEAUTY IN BROKENNESS.**

THE VOICES OF WOMEN ACROSS THE CHURCHES  
**Sat 9 March 12.30-4.00pm** An opportunity for women from 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. Lavery.jane@gmail.com

### **JAM ‘N’ CAKE**

**12th March 7.30p.m.** Venue TBC  
**ANNUAL COVENTRY ST PATRICK’S MASS**

The Mass in honour of St Patrick will be on Thursday, 14 March in St Mary & St Benedict’s Church, at 8pm.

### **CAFOD FAST DAY: FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

Soup lunch in the MRR in aid of CAFOD. Please come along—soup makers will be needed! Details soon.

### **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**

### **SVP REQUEST: CHILDREN’S CLOTHES**

The SVP are asking for donations of second hand clothes 2-3 year old girl clothes and boys/young man clothes aged 14-18. This is for a refugee family from Syria with 5 children that the SVP have supported in the past. Please put all donations in the box in the foyer marked SVP. *Thank you.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

### **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.

### **PRESBYTERY TELEPHONE LINE**

Apologies for the Presbytery phone line not working well last week. Things are now repaired and back to normal.

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

**Last week - Main:** £1023.65

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



## The Sunday Readings

**D**AVID has King Saul in his power. The man who has caused him so much hardship and become his enemy

is lying asleep at his feet, his spear beside him. David takes the spear, and goes away. He will not exact vengeance, but instead respects the man anointed by God and leaves him unhurt. Jesus in the gospel today urges us to show mercy and to love others. This goes beyond pure justice. Pure justice, cold and exact, leaves no room for repentance, conversion and new life, only for punishment, revenge and hatred. In justice God condemns us *all* for our sins, but in mercy he redeems us. If he can look at humanity in all its sinfulness and offer love and mercy, who are we to offer revenge and hatred?

## STEPPING STONES RELAUNCH

If you want to help with a relaunched stay and play group, please fill in a slip from the church porch giving your details and when you're free to help. Then return it to one of the clergy or to Annemarie Vincent Poole

## LENT 2019

'WALK WITH ME' booklets and calendars will be available next Sunday.

**There will also be details** of our own Lenten activities which will include Stations of the Cross, *Lectio Divina* (a meditative way of reflecting on Holy Scripture), as well as the regular opportunities provided by prayer groups, confession, Mass and adoration. We can't make it as jam-packed as last Lent with the Mission but there is still a lot happening. What will you do to join in the parish's keeping of this Lent? Make it a true

### *Springtime for the Soul*

Prayer Fasting Penitence Alms

**TO KEEP WHAT HEAT WE HAVE IN, AND TO KEEP THE COLD OUT...**

**PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS BEHIND YOU**

## 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.



**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK TODAY**

## SHROVE TUESDAY 5 MARCH

The parish Guides invite us to share in pancakes and fun from 7.30pm (after the usual Tuesday Mass) in the school hall

## TUESDAY NIGHT MASS

From the first Tuesday in Lent, 12 March, Mass will be earlier at **6.30pm**. Tuesdays are a popular day for evening events: obviously, nothing else should happen during the celebration of Mass.

## DIOCESAN

## LOURDES PIGRIMAGE

**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

***Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us!***



## MERCY...

*Pope Francis led the Church in a special Holy Year of Mercy 2015-2016. Today's readings were part of his theme.*

'Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the

profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father. Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by this imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness'.

*Pope Francis, 21 November 2016*



## **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:** James Mulligan, Guilo Jannucelli, Richard O'Connor, Charles Cullinane, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Halloran, Driver James McFadden, Mabel Perkins, Kathleen Day, Daniel Quinn, Bridie Rogers, Irene Hammond, Garrett Fagan, Tony Royal, Ethel Jones, James Durnien, Alice McConway, Jack Errington, Thomas Lambe, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Daniel Lee, Margaret McCormack, David Lee, Edward Cawley, Philip Cairns, John Flanagan, Thomas Rogers, Daphne Carvell ***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, staff and pupils
- 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:** [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.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***