

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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3rd March 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass p7, readings p144 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| 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 |
| Monday 4th <i>Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour | 9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | Mike Hanaghan (RIP) |
| Tuesday 5th <i>Feria</i> | Mass | 7.00 p.m. | Norah Curristan (RIP) |
| Wednesday 6th ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Lent begins</i> | Mass <i>with school</i> Mass Sung Mass | 9.00 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m. | The Sick People of the Parish Vincent Lane RIP (Anniv) |
| Thursday 7th <i>Of Lent</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Friday 8th <i>Of Lent</i> | Mass Mass | 7.00 a.m. 12 noon | The Family of Madge Vowles Jean Davenport RIP |
| Saturday 9th <i>Of Lent</i> | Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession | 9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20 | Patrick Crilly |
| SUNDAY 10th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m. | Kitty Budkiewicz (Sick) People of the Parish |



PARISH CONTACTS



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MARCH, MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.



This Weekend

- **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.**
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **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 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
- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Prayer Group 7.30 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
GUIDING PANCAKES the Guides of our parish invite us to pancakes in the school hall after 7.00pm Mass
- **WEDNESDAY:**
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..?*
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.
DEANERY PRAYER GROUP 'THE GIFT' 7.30pm at Christ the King. All welcome

Next Week

- **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Judy Freeman

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Debbie Middleton

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Coming Soon

NEW PRIEST AT ST JOHN VIANNEY

Fr Tom Walton will begin his ministry at St John Vianney and Our Lady of the Assumption this coming week. Please pray for him and for the people of the parishes.

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

BISHOP KENNEY VISITS THE AREA DEACONS
On Tuesday 12th March Bishop Kenney will be here for a meeting with all the deacons of the area of Coventry and Warwickshire. He will offer the Tuesday night Mass that evening with deacons present, but it is still the Mass for parishioners too. All welcome.

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.

INDUCTION AT HOLY SOULS, ACOCKS GREEN
Fr Jonathan Veasey, former assistant priest of this parish and former parish priest of St John Vianney, will be inducted as parish priest of Acock's Green on Friday 15 March at 7pm

TUESDAY NIGHT MASS TIME

From 19 March, St Joseph's Day, the regular Tuesday evening Mass will be at 6.30pm. This is due to the popularity of Tuesday evening for all manner of other parish events (and Tuesday morning is when Fr Stephen says Mass at Bishop Ullathorne School). Obviously, while Mass is being said, absolutely nothing else connected with the parish should be going on in church or MRR.

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.*

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.

PIETY SHOP

Now in stock—St Patrick's Day cards, Mother's Day cards, Easter Cards, Communion cards and gifts. Please come to have a look.

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

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

Last week - Main: £1042.01

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



The Sunday Readings

What we say can have so many possible consequences that the author of Ecclesiasticus is surely right to tell us that we are not to 'praise a man before he has spoken'. If the just man's voice utters wisdom then, as St James tells us, the tongue is indeed a powerful part of us revealing our own wisdom or folly, our virtues and our vices. Jesus draws on the same idea in the gospel when He tells us that 'a man's words flow out of what fills his heart'. Uniquely, Jesus is of course the living Word and from the great depths of love stored in His Sacred Heart, what he speaks to us He does out of love. The Word speaks to us the Word: how wonderful that we as Christians have not just Holy Scriptures but furthermore and uniquely the Word made Flesh in Jesus. That love that is Christ is testified to by His actions and by His words, it flows from His Heart. As we approach Lent we do well to remember that it is our words and actions that can reveal what is in our own hearts. If we can keep Christ's commandments to love God and our neighbour, than all our words and deeds will reflect that.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2018: Pope Francis invited everyone to live the 40 days of Lent as a time to pause from things which keep us from virtue and to return home to the loving and merciful embrace of God the Father. 'Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy, who awaits you. Return without fear, for this is the favourable time to come home, [Lent] is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched... persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand.'

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. We try to say all Masses as requested but cannot guarantee it.

LENT 2019

BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH
'WALK WITH ME' booklets and calendars are available today.

Details of our own Lenten activities are also available. These 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

What will you do for Lent.? *Give up a favourite food or drink and give the money saved to charity... Come to a weekday Mass... No meat on Fridays... Always be in time for Mass... Support CAFOD... Go to confession... Pray before the Lord at a Holy Hour... Make contact with a long lost friend or relative... Give an overdue apology... Pick a gospel and read it over Lent... Accept an apology and stop bearing a grudge... Put an extra amount in the collection... Stop watching a point-less TV programme and read a spiritual classic... Look for peoples' virtues not their vices... Give up saying bad about anyone... Remember to thank God... Speak to a Mass goer you've not spoken to before... Give the gift of a smile to all—friends, strangers and pains in the neck... Pray for five minutes extra everyday in church, home, alone or with others... Cook for the night shelter...*

Whatever you do, let this gift of Lent make a difference to yourself and to others that God's love, grace and mercy may grow in us all!

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



**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: Harry Davenport, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Marie Harrison, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, 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: Mary (Molly)

McKenzie, Chris Burke, Frank Meadowcroft

ANNIVERSARIES: Christopher O'Brien, Daniel Butler, James McElvenney, Sadie O'Neill, Gulio Jannucelli, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Tomaon, Lillian (Drucie) Brennan, Margaret McElvenney, John Avery, John Kelleher, Mary Parkinson, Ray Murray, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Margaret McBeth, Lawrence Kelly, Sequoia Collier, Jean Craft, Mary Winston, Jack Tarlington, Angela Domican, Joseph Power, Sean Gallagher, Catherine McNab, Lucy Brennan, George Montgomery, Pauline Woodcock, Henry Pickersgill, Catherine Smart, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Teresa Wardle, Linda Walker, Frank Pituello, Leonard Roberts, Cyprian Teixeira, May O'Connor, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- Our nation at this difficult time that the Holy Spirit may guide our leaders

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

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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