

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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10th March 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass p7, readings p153 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 10th FIRST 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
Monday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Noel Hamelton (RIP)
Tuesday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass <i>then Stations of the Cross</i>	7.00 p.m.	Bill Merrick (Anniv) / Theresa Chamley (Anniv)
Wednesday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ints of B'day friends Miss O'Brien
Thursday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass <i>followed by breakfast</i> Mass <i>followed by CAFOD soup</i>	7.00 a.m. 12 noon	Fiona Burke (RIP) Tom Fahy (RIP)
Saturday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Bernard & Mollie Swinden (Mem Mass)
SUNDAY 17th SECOND OF LENT	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Carmel Mary DiCioccio (RIP) Theresa Christine Duignan (Anniv)



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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **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.
- **THANK YOU** to all who supported last weeks' FairTrade events and those who ran, cooked and prepared for them.

This Week

- **MONDAY:**
STATIONS OF THE CROSS follow 9am Mass
- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Book Sale in MRR. All welcome.
NO JAM 'N' CAKE this month: the next is on 9th April at 7.30pm in the MRR
- **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.
LECTIO DIVINA 7.30pm in the MRR. This is a prayerful reflecting on Scripture, using the Lenten Sunday Gospels. The focus is on what the Scriptures are telling us here and now.
- **FRIDAY:**
CAFOD FAST DAY: FRIDAY 15 MARCH
Soup lunch in the MRR in aid of CAFOD. Please come along—soup makers will be needed!
- **SATURDAY:**
BEAUTY IN BROKENNESS VOICES of WOMEN ACROSS THE CHURCHES 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

Next Week

- **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **SECOND COLLECTION IN AID OF CAFOD**
Giving envelopes are available: please complete the Gift Aid declaration on them if you are a tax payer.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Debbie Middleton

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby

Coming Soon

LENT EVENTS—SEE PURPLE LEAFLET

Details of lent in the parish are in the purple leaflet.

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.

INDUCTION 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 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

100 CLUB WINNERS

Please see list in the Porch.

HARRY DAVENPORT RIP

Very many of you will know by now that early last Sunday morning Harry Davenport unexpectedly died. He had been a faithful and devoted parishioner, most obviously organising the Lourdes Pilgrimage, leading the Tuesday Society and serving. We thank God for him: may he rest in peace.

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

Last week - Main: £1046.35 Cathedral Maintenance: £511.01

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



The Sunday Readings

DURING their time of hardship and suffering in Egypt, God heard the cry of his people and rescued them.

He brought them safely to the promised land. It is only right, therefore, that they should thank God by the yearly celebration and harvest offering. In the Gospel Jesus is in the wilderness, preparing for His future ministry. In His human flesh, He is tempted by Satan with food, power and popularity. Each of these temptations—like all the most difficult to resist—could be made to seem reasonable enough not to be temptations at all! But they are. Surely, everyone needs food: wouldn't a bit of power help spread the Gospel better? and surely popularity would? But this is not God's way. His kingdom is about love, humility, reconciliation and penitence. There can be no 'quick fixes' to avoid the suffering of the Cross, the way by which God brings us to the true Promised Land. And so its triumph is all the greater.

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL MASSES

Please pray for the souls and families of departed parishioners.

Harry Davenport

Reception into church Tue 19 March 6pm

Funeral Mass Weds 20 March 11am

Mary 'Molly' McKenzie

Funeral Mass Thursday 21 March 1pm

Kathleen Gauche

Funeral Mass Friday 23 March 10am

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.

PARISH FILM NIGHT 6th April 7.00pm

RISEN starring Joseph

Fiennes. (Rating 12) A Roman tribune is sent to investigate the disappearance of the Body of Jesus, and is caught up in mysterious events... (2016)



LENT 2019

Details of our Lenten activities

are 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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY THIS FRIDAY 1pm MRR

SOUP LUNCH

Please bring a soup along if you can (vegetarian preferably) but please come along to eat some, support CAFOD and enjoy one another's company. Soup lunch at **1pm following noon Mass**



Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

St. Gregory Nazianzen

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: 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 and all those who are ill.

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Kathleen Gaughe, Harry Davenport, Mary (Molly) McKenzie, Chris Burke, Frank Meadowcroft

ANNIVERSARIES: James Hannigan, William Malone, Mary Tams, Alfred Waters, Margaret Mulligan, Madge Quigleas, Peter Clark, Thomas Kane, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, Bill Merrick, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien, Philip Kingston, Francis Higgins, Gordon Howell. Madeline Jeary, Mary Edward, Gertrude McGoldrick, John Ryan, Theresa Chamley, Nick Jarram, Fintan McHugh, Thomas Wainwright, Nora McCrea, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Carmel DiCioccio, Thomas McCrea
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
- For a good keeping of Lent
- For the work of CAFOD
- For peace in the world and in our hearts

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

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DEANERY NEWS

Website: coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk/

Twitter: @RCBirmingham

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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