

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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17th March 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass p7, readings p156 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Monday 18th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass followed by Stations of Cross Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Tony & Cathy Mayne (RIP)
Tuesday 19th <i>St Joseph</i>	Reception into Church Mass	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Harry Davenport (RIP) (Tues Soc)
Wednesday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Requiem Mass	11.00 a.m.	Harry Davenport (RIP)
Thursday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	Requiem Mass	1.00 p.m.	Mary (Molly) McKenzie (RIP)
Friday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass followed by breakfast Requiem Mass	7.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Peter Gibbons (RIP) Kathleen Gaught (RIP)
Saturday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Mrs K Hale (Sick)
SUNDAY 24th THIRD OF LENT	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Patrick Kenny (2nd Anniv) Mary O'Grady



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **Second Collection: CAFOD FAST DAY** Giving envelopes are available: *please* complete the **Gift Aid** declaration on them if you are a tax payer. The taxman then adds 25% to your gift.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

This Week

- **MONDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS** follows 9am Mass
- **TUESDAY: THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2.00 —4.00 p.m.** 'St Joseph' in MRR. All welcome.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Prayer Group 7.30 p.m. in MRR.
- **WEDNESDAY: ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm** for an hour, then tea and discussion in the MRR
LECTIO DIVINA 7.30pm in the MRR. This is a prayerful reflecting on Scripture, using the Lenten Sunday Gospels.
- **THURSDAY: EXTEND Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m.** in MRR.
- **FRIDAY: BREAKFAST** follows 7.00 a.m. Mass
FUNERAL MASS of KATHLEEN GAUGHT at 10.30 am means that there will be **no Mass at 12 noon** this week

Next Week

- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Mary Wilson
6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Pat Jenkins
6.00 p.m. John Burns & Brendon Cunningham

Coming Soon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

These will be offered at a different time each week to try be as helpful as possible to those wishing to attend. See the front of this sheet.

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.

FRIDAY ROSARY: OUR LADY OF COVENTRY
Every Friday in Lent at **1.40 pm** the rosary is offered by the statue of Our Lady of Coventry, in

the Priory Gardens, Broadgate. All welcome!

LENT EVENTS—SEE PURPLE LEAFLET

Details of Lent in the parish: see the purple leaflet.

SCHOOL PTF A QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 29 March 6.00pm in school hall.
Teams of up to six, £5 a head covers fish and chips. Bar available. Includes a children's round.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

for Mothering Sunday at **Coventry Cathedral Sunday 31st March 2019 at 4.00 p.m.** £3 with refreshments. See poster in porch.

PARISH FILM NIGHT

For the Lenten season we present 'Risen' on **Sat 6 April at 7pm** (see opposite). There will also be a short film on LiveSimply' before the main feature.

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**

ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE

We plan a celebratory barn dance after an evening Mass. Make a note now!

SVP REQUEST: CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

The SVP seek 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— Mother's Day cards, Easter Cards, Communion cards and gifts. 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 porch with your details and when you're free to help. Return it to one of the clergy or Annemarie Vincent Poole.

ST PATRICK

Although in England he is overtaken by the Second Sunday of Lent, a happy celebration of St Patrick to everyone. May he pray for us all.

CATHOLICS IN HOSPITAL

Please remember that priests are **NOT** automatically told about parishioners in hospital, due to patient confidentiality and data protection laws. At UHCW the full-time chaplain Fr Paul Burch is available five days a week (other times covered by local priests). He is supported by religious sisters and lay eucharistic ministers. Tell staff you want to see him, and tell your parish priest if you want him to know too. *It is very unlikely that any priest will know about your needs unless you or relatives or friends make contact.*

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

Last week - Main: £1068.38 Standing Orders for February: £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

The sight of Jesus in all his heavenly glory must be truly wonderful.

Most of us will have to hope for heaven to see it, but Peter, James and John did not. Taken by the Lord to the top of Mount Tabor He is Transfigured before them, and talks to Moses and Elijah, who represent the two parts of God's revelation thus far—the Law and the Prophets. Unsurprisingly, the disciples are overcome with what they have seen. Peter wants to stay put and enjoy the experience for longer. But Jesus knows that He has other work to do—to suffer and die before He takes up that glory once more. He leads the disciples back down the mountain to begin the completion of his work. Strengthened by their knowledge of Christ's glory, they are better equipped to go with Him and although the pain of the betrayal, passion and death of Jesus will prove almost too much for His followers, they will remember this day once He has risen, and rejoice that He will die no more. He has shared in our suffering; and now He offers us the way to share in His glory.

PARISH FILM NIGHT 6th April 7pm

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) Fish and chips or pie and chips will be available as usual, with tea and coffee. Bring anything else you fancy to drink along with you. Sign up soon.



**TO KEEP WHAT HEAT WE HAVE IN,
AND TO KEEP THE COLD OUT...
PLEASE SHUT
ALL THE CHURCH DOORS
BEHIND YOU**

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD SOUP LUNCH LAST FRIDAY

We raised £88.75 for CAFOD and enjoyed each other's company over yummy soups. **THANK YOU** to all who cooked, ate, chatted, set up, cleared away and gave donations to support the world's poorest people.

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!***



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...



A highway to holiness through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penitence.

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, 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: Cecil Dowson, Maria Harrison, Kathleen Gaught, Harry Davenport, Mary (Molly) McKenzie

ANNIVERSARIES: John Quirke, Patrick Stapleton, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan, Patrick Hannigan, Gerry Carney, Elma Errington, Donald Meacham, Jerzy Kolacki, Christopher McHale, Frank Hargreaves, Jeffrey Colin Blackwell, Jan Aston, Mary Kelly, John Kelly, John Robinson, Ellen Errington, Brenda Cleaver, Charles Selfe, Leslie Morton-Blake, Percy Briscoe, Bridie Sharkey ***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
- For the people of New Zealand and especially all affected by Friday's act of terrorism

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