

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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31st March 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass p7, readings p168 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| SUNDAY 31ST FOURTH of LENT Mothering Sunday | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m. | John Wooderson (Anniv) / Peter, Sian & Aaron Hughes (Anniv) People of the Parish |
| Monday 1st April <i>Lent Feria</i> | Eucharistic Service Holy Hour | 9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | ~ |
| Tuesday 2nd <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass | 6.30 p.m. | P Doherty (RIP) |
| Wednesday 3rd <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intentions |
| Thursday 4th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass <i>then Stations of the Cross</i> Reception into Church | 9.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. | Annie O'Donoghue (RIP) Kathleen McMenamin RIP |
| Friday 5th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass <i>followed by breakfast</i> Funeral Mass | 7.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m. | Sheila O'Driscoll (Anniv) (Mem Mass) Kathleen McMenamin RIP |
| Saturday 6th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession | 9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20 | Bridgett Cherry (Sick) |
| SUNDAY 7th FIFTH OF LENT | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m. | Larry Kelly (Anniv) The People of the Parish |

PARISH PRIEST:

PARISH DEACONS:

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR &

ROOM BOOKINGS:

PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD:

SAFEGUARDING REPS:

GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR:



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**LENT 2019, A TIME FOR PRAYER AND
FASTING, REPENTANCE AND CHARITY**

This Weekend

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering Sunday—Mother Church, Mother Mary and may God bless *all* mothers.**
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after *both* Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room
- **WE WELCOME LAUREN STUNDON** (Lay Chaplain) and **STUDENTS from Bishop Ullathorne School** who will appeal for support for their pilgrimage to Lourdes with the diocese. There is a cake sale after Mass to raise funds.
- **HYMNS OF PRAISE** for Mothering Sunday at **Coventry Cathedral TODAY at 4.00 p.m.** £3 with refreshments. See poster in porch.
- **RETIRING COLLECTION** for CAFOD's African cyclone Idai appeal for devastated Malawi and neighbouring countries

This Week

- **TUESDAY:**
THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2—4.p.m. Free & Easy Conversation in MRR. All welcome.
LIFE IN SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: 7.30 MRR
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, 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.
- **FRIDAY:**
BREAKFAST follows 7.00 a.m. Mass
SCHOOL PTFa QUIZ NIGHT 6.00pm in school hall. Teams of up to six, £5 a head covers fish and chips. Bar available.
PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm following the 7.00pm Mass, in the Library at Christ the King.
- **SATURDAY:**
PARISH FILM NIGHT: 7.00 p.m. in MRR
For the Lenten season we present 'Risen'. There will also be a short film on LiveSimply' before the main feature. **LAST BOOKINGS TODAY 31/3**
Next Week
- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **JAM 'N' CAKE: Tuesday 9th April 7.30 MRR**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Kris Pears

6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Niamh Walsh

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Afi Selormey

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.

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.

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!

NIGHT SHELTER DONATIONS: NOT TILL OCT
A huge thank you for the many donations of clothing given to the night shelter. They have been very much appreciated. The night shelter is now closed until next winter. Donations aren't needed till then.

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—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.

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.***

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Please pray for the families and souls of -
Kathleen McMenamin Requiem Mass Friday 5 April 2.30pm

Cecil Dowson Requiem Mass Mon 8 April 12 noon

Maria Harrison Funeral Service Wed 10 April 10am at Canley Crem.

EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS REQUIRED AT BISHOP ULLATHORNE

from May to June on a casual basis. Please contact by email: s.green@bishoppullathorne.co.uk or Tel: 024 76414515

HELP AT FOREST SCHOOL

if you have a couple of hours during the school day to do some gardening in the school allotments at the parish school it would be greatly appreciated. Contact: Mrs Mullin Tel: 7684 9910

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

Last week - Main: £877.17

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



The Sunday Readings

A loving father in today's Gospel, lets his son "fly the nest" with a hefty fortune. The son wastes it totally on having a good time. Suddenly,

there's nothing left and he has to take a menial job. No one shows any interest in him. He does not know where the next meal is coming from. His mind turns to the good old days—not the recent wine, women and song, but home with his father, living in comfort, security and love. He decides to go back, admit his failings and offer to work for dad as a servant. The father welcomes him, forgives him, throws a huge party for he is so pleased to have his child return to him. Big brother is jealous, alas, and resents his father's generosity even though he has been enjoying it still while brother is away.

The spendthrift son is all of us, turning our backs on our heavenly Father. The forgiving father is our heavenly Father, aching for our return so that He can forgive. And the jealous big brother teaches us not to resent God's love and mercy when others receive it too. In all our churches this story is relived and celebrated many times every week. How? In confession. Return to the Father, admit sins and rejoice in God's forgiveness. He is happier to give it than we are to ask for it!

LAST BOOKINGS TODAY 31 MARCH PARISH FILM NIGHT 6th April 7pm

RISEN starring Joseph Fiennes. (Rating 12)
Fish & 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 in the porch. If you sign up, don't forget that your fish and chips still have to be paid for even if you can't come on the night—they are pre-ordered.

THANK YOU

To the hard-working volunteers who installed bollards to protect our grass from damage. Much better than cones! It's a shame we need them, but cars are sometimes parked on any available flat space round the church. Churned up grass looks worst of all. **Thank you**

LENTEEN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Thank you to Claire and Annemarie for the creation of a place near St Thomas More's icon where prayer intentions may be left. We may all pray for these as part of our Lenten devotions as together we keep this holy season. **Thank you**

GIVING ENVELOPES

These have unfortunately been delayed but have arrived and should be sorted ready for collection **next Sunday if not this** Collect from the JP2.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

Mass, Blessing of Palms & Procession **9.00am**
Mass & Blessing of Palms **6.00pm**

Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper **7.00pm**

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion **3.00pm**
Stations of the Cross **7.00pm**

Holy Saturday

Vigil and First Mass of Easter **8.30pm**

Easter Day

Mass **9.00am** Mass **11.00am**

No Mass at 6.00pm on Easter Day

More details nearer the time

EMERGENCY
Cyclone Idai Appeal
cafod.org.uk/cycloneidai
CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
**RETIRING COLLECTION
AFTER MASSES TODAY**

BOOK SOON!! 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!

SOMETHING FOR THE LAST HALF OF LENT...

This year, if you start reading John's Gospel tomorrow (April 1st) and read a chapter a day, when you finish on Easter Sunday, you'll know exactly why we're celebrating. If your Lent's not gone as well as you'd hoped or if you fancy trying something different now that the second half is beginning, then give this a go. Meet Jesus in the pages of His gospel...



**How blest the Mother whose
consent could give
A resting place of living flesh
and blood
To that eternal craftsman who
made all,
And in whose hand our world
is held secure**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Judy Freeman, Stuart Coley, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Crystal Matovu, 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: Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin, Hilda Ainsworth, Cecil Dowson, Maria Harrison, Kathleen Gaught, Harry Davenport

ANNIVERSARIES: Seamus O'Malley, James Costello, Bernadette Seale, Margaret Smith, Tom Norris, John Wooderson, Andrew Brogan, Gordon Baker, Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Joseph Lees, Michael Ward, Jan Zapananiuk, Helen Raven, Evan Williams, Bridget Ryan, Kathleen Brindley, Monica Watson, Danny Butler, Elizabeth Parrott, Peggy Doyle, Jack Garry, Elizabeth Wallace, Sheila O'Driscoll, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Commins, John Gallacher, Simone Tiler, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper
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 and parliament
- For a good keeping of Lent
- For the work of CAFOD and for the victims of the African cyclone Idai and all aid efforts
- In thanksgiving for Holy Mother Church, Holy Mary Mother of us all and for our own mothers

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

BILL OF THE MONTH: £3,486.00

(equalling £67 a week)

The cost of insuring the church & contents, presbytery & contents, & 38 Watercall Avenue (building only). This is negotiated by the diocese for a diocesan-wide deal with the insurers, but each parish must pay its own insurance bill.

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