

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 7th April 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass p7, readings p176 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 7th FIFTH of LENT	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Larry Kelly (Anniv) Paul & Maureen Norris (Anniv)
Monday 8th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Requiem Mass Holy Hour	12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Cecil Dowson RIP
Tuesday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Maud & Gay
Wednesday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Mass, School End of Term	9.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	Maria Harrison (RIP) The Parish School
Thursday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse</i>	Mass followed by breakfast Mass Stations of the Cross	7.00 a.m. 12 noon 6.00 p.m.	Phil Flagharty Patrick Crilly
Saturday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30 9.40-10.20	Theresa Brooks (21st Anniv)
SUNDAY 14th PALM SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Anne Collins (Sick)

**PARISH PRIEST:**

**PARISH DEACONS:**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR &**

**ROOM BOOKINGS:**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD:**

**SAFEGUARDING REPS:**

**GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR:**

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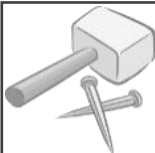
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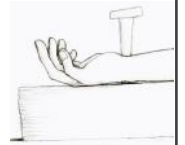
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**DIVINE CARPENTER OF NAZARETH,  
FASHION IN US YOUR SALVATION!**



## This Weekend

- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Lent enters its solemn final phase as we draw closer to the wonderful events of Holy Week. As a reminder of the love of Christ shown by His Passion and Death, nails will be blessed today to take away and carry with us to help us pray in thanksgiving and rejoice in God's love. The Carpenter of Nazareth, so skilled with wood and nails, uses them and Himself to create our salvation.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room
- **GIVING ENVELOPES** are ready for collection from the JP11 Room (opposite the Margaret Roper Room). If you would like a box of envelopes or yours seem no to be there, please see Tony Curristan (contact details on the front of this sheet).

## This Week

- **MONDAY:** **LIVESIMPLY MEETING 7pm MRR** All welcome
- **TUESDAY:** **THE TUESDAY SOCIETY: 2 —4.p.m.** Bring & Share Lunch in MRR. All welcome. **JAM 'N' CAKE:** 7.30 p.m. in 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.
- **FRIDAY:** **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VITCIMS OF ABUSE BREAKFAST follows 7.00 a.m. Mass**
- **PALM SUNDAY 9am Mass** will begin with the Blessing and Procession of Palms, starting by the shrine of Our Lady in the car park (if dry, otherwise in church). **6pm Mass** will begin with the blessing of palms inside church.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development
- **LIFE IN SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Tuesday 16th at 7.30 MRR**

## Sunday Readers' Rota

### **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Niamh Walsh  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Afi Selormey

### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Blaise H-O'Sullivan  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

## Coming Soon

### **FORTHCOMING FUNERALS**

Please pray for the families and souls of -  
**Cecil Dowson** Requiem Mass Mon 8 April 12 noon  
**Maria Harrison** Funeral Service Wed 10 April 10am at Canley Crematorium.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This week on Friday at 6.00pm.

## **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!

### **LENTEN 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**

### **SVP FUNDRAISER**

Please put completed intention forms along with the money for the plant in an envelope. The envelopes will be collected after 9am and 6pm masses until and including the 14th April.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS 28TH APRIL 2019**

At St Mary & St Benedict's RC Church commencing at 2.00 p.m.

### **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**

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Saturday 25th May– Friday 31st. Places now very limited. Contact Claire Rutter if you want to go.

### **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. The night shelter is now closed until next winter. Donations again 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**

Easter Cards, Communion cards and gifts.

### **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.

### **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

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Please see poster in porch for March winners.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVING REHEARSALS-SERVERS AND PARENTS**

There will practices for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the morning of each day at 10.00am Please serve at these important liturgies and please come to the rehearsals if at all possible—things are slightly different in Holy Week

*LOVE TO THE LOVELESS SHOWN THAT  
THEY MIGHT LOVELY BE*

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

**Last week - Main: £1,044.99 CAFOD Idai Cyclone Appeal: £900.62**

**In 2018 it cost £1,669 a week to run the parish. (2017 £1,503 2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510 2014 £1,966)**



## The Sunday Readings

Isaiah gives a consoling prophecy to the people who, having failed to keep God's law have been suffering as a result. The sin is forgiven and the punishment is to end. They have been freed from guilt and can look forward with hope and joy. Jesus brings this hope and joy to the woman who caught in adultery. Dragged before the crowds, this woman is guilty of a grave sin. She is brought to Jesus, the new and famous preacher. What will he do, everyone must have wondered. What he does *not* do is pretend that she is not guilty, or try to excuse her behaviour. No, she *has* sinned, so Jesus asks those who are sinless themselves to throw the first stone. Beginning with the eldest—notice that—they sidle off, all too aware that they too are sinners. Left with the woman, Jesus is not soft or woolly about her sin. He offers her mercy by not condemning her, but sends her on her way with the words "Go, and sin no more". God's mercy is offered to us all in the same way. First, however, we need to face our sinfulness—probably not in such a humiliating way as this woman did—and come as she did to Jesus who will say to us 'Go, and sin no more'. For the woman to be rescued from the death sentence must have been wonderful: but now, Christ's blood has rescued us from death and brought us eternal life.

## THANK YOU CAFOD APPEAL

A magnificent £900.62 was raised last week for the victims of Cyclone Idai in south Africa. There were some very generous individual donations indeed. The victims who have lost homes, possessions and livelihoods are being helped by CAFOD in alliance with many other overseas aid agencies. **Thank you**

## GIVING ENVELOPES

Ready for collection from the JP II Room. If your envelopes aren't there or if you'd like to start having envelopes please see Tony Curristan, contact details on the front of this sheet. **Thank you to all who give to support the parish. We couldn't pay the bills without your contributions.**

# PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE WED 17 APRIL 7PM

# 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 are on the Holy Week purple sheets

## 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.***

## FOOTWASHING: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Volunteers, male or female, are needed to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday night. Please sing up on the list at the back of church.



The workshop left in Nazareth Is given up for greater things,

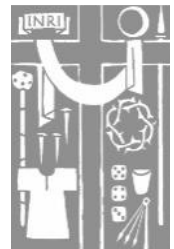
For wood and nails provide the death

That takes away our sins.

The ringing of the hammer's blow

Fell silent when he went.

It sounds again to make Love known, To Calvary's workshop sent.



## For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Maisie Reddan, 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, 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:** Mary Webster, Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin, Hilda Ainsworth, Cecil Dowson, Maria Harrison, Kathleen Gaught, Harry Davenport

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annie Clay, Francis Mullen, Harriet Byatt, Mary Smith, Larry Kelly, Michael Powell, Norman Adams, Hugh Berrill, Sybill Pearson, Andrew Jarram, John McGeachan, Averil Budden, Stella Bourke, Kitty Molyneux, Philip Murphy, Kathleen Bloore, Cuth Myatt, Peggy Pimlott, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger, Patricia Keating, Joseph McSorley, Shelagh Freeborn, James Gilroy, June Deegan, Thomas Kane, Patricia Phillips, Julie Cooper, Lokadia Celtick, Teresa Griffin, Edith Buckley

**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 and for a thankful appreciation of the Passion and Death of Christ
- For the work of CAFOD and for the victims of the African cyclone Idai and all aid efforts
- For our persecuted fellow Christians

## 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:** [stmcof.org](http://stmcof.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

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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**