

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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28th April 2019:

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER: Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass p7, readings p262 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28th 2nd of EASTER	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 11.00 a.m.	SVP: Donors Intentions Mrs Marie Moore (Mem Mass)
Monday 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	The Walsh Family
Tuesday 30th <i>St George</i>	Requiem Mass	12 noon	Eileen Berry (RIP)
Wednesday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary, Tony & family
Thursday 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 3rd <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kath Faulkner (RIP)
Saturday 4th <i>The English Martyrs</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Rev Fr Charles Rddan (Sick)
SUNDAY 5th 3rd of Easter	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Richard Hagan People of the Parish

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Weekend

- **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** We hear in the gospel today how the Holy Spirit is given to the Apostles with the authority to forgive sin, the expression of God's mercy
SVP FUNDRAISER
9.00 a.m. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all those who have given towards a 'prayer plant'. We thank the SVP for their hard work and all who have supported this. The list of donors and intentions is on the lectern and will be displayed after today at the back of church.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room
SVP - BACON SANDWICHES will be served after **9.00am Mass next Sunday**. All donations given will be used for continuing work of the SVP. **All welcome.**
- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS**
St Mary & St Benedict's RC Church at 2.00 p.m.
This Week
- **TUESDAY:**
EXTEND Gentle Exercise, now MOVE IT OR LOSE IT 10.00 a.m. in MRR. **Please note change of day for this week and next week**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. Free and easy conversation in the MRR. All welcome.
NEWMAN ASSOCIATION 7.45 for 8pm in the MRR. Bishop William Kenney will speak on **Politics and Faith – commitment to the dignity of my sisters and brothers** All welcome to attend <http://www.newman.org.uk/>
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel
1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY**
POLLING DAY The MRR will be a polling station—don't forget to vote wherever your polling station is.

Next Week

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Judith Freeman & Ernest Hackett

6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Niamh Walsh

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

Coming Soon

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

Please come and have a look - Communion cards and gifts, etc.

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.

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL

Eileen Berry Funeral Mass on Tuesday 30th April at 12.00 noon. Please pray for her and her family. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU

A lot of people worked very hard to make our celebration of Holy Week and Easter go so well. We are grateful to **servers, flower arrangers, musicians, readers, cleaners, wardens, refreshment makers and many others** who have set up or put away or provided so much over Holy Week and Easter, including all who **came to pray**. **Thank you** also of course to everyone who has contributed to the Easter Offering and those who have offered Easter greetings, cards and gifts. **Thank you all!**

38 WATERCALL AVENUE

It now seems that new tenants for the old caretaker's house will be moving in towards the end of May. The time without a tenant and some necessary decorating work to make it attractive (done on the agent's advice) mean that the parish has paid bills and lost rental income totalling about £6,000. An empty property does nothing to help solve the problems of those needing a home and does nothing for the solvency of the parish either.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Ready for collection from church porch. 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. It is your giving that allows the parish to exist.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HEADTEACHER Mrs Sarah Collins who commences her role at our Primary School on Monday 29th April.

We welcome her to our Parish. Mrs Collins will be joining us at 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 5th May. Please pray for her and for staff, pupils, parents and governors of the school

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

Last week - Easter Offering: thank you for your generosity

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

As far as the first disciples were concerned, the joy of the Resurrection takes time to sink in. After all, can

this wonderful news be true? Thomas doubts it: but then, faced with Jesus standing before him he utters those words of worship that testify to Christ's divinity and His rising—'My Lord and my God!'. Today's Gospel speaks not only of the joy of knowing that the Lord is indeed alive, but also witnesses to God's love in other ways. Jesus is concerned to give us peace, He wants us to have it, deeply and wholly. Sin can ruin that peace by the damage it does to the sinner and the victim, as well as to our relationship with God. But in His mercy, Jesus gives His disciples the power to pronounce God's forgiveness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us seek this freely given mercy!



'EXTEND' EXERCISE has now become 'MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!'

For the next two weeks only this class will be on Tuesday mornings, 30 April and 7 May (not the usual Thursday). **All welcome!** Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the



Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it".

Jesus to St Faustina

In Eastertide, after Sunday Mass we sing the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

[*Translation:* Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia
Has arisen as he said, alleluia.
Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia. Let us pray... **Amen**

'It might be hard for us to believe but there are more martyrs today than in the first centuries. They are persecuted because they speak the truth and proclaim Jesus Christ to this society.'

POPE FRANCIS in his message for the start of Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA AND FOR THE CHURCH.

As an expression of our solidarity with the victims of the Sri Lanka attacks, to those who are injured and those who died, their families, and the community of Sri Lankans, let us pray: We pray for the victims of the violent attacks in Sri Lanka.

For those who lost their lives, may they find eternal peace in the arms of our heavenly Father.

For those injured, those who lost their loved ones, or lost their sense of security, may they draw strength and peace from their faith in the risen Lord as they work to rebuild their lives. Help them to remain faithful, knowing that nothing can separate them from Your love.

*This prayer is suggested by **Aid to the Church in Need**, a Catholic charity that supports persecuted Christians throughout the world who are made to suffer as minorities, or by extremists of other faiths or by atheistic dictatorships. See*

<https://acnuk.org/about/>

'LIVESIMPLY' TIP OF THE MONTH

Catch those April showers and gather rainwater for watering gardens in a water butt.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maisie Reddan, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, 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: Eileen Berry, Mary Webster, Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin
ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Moore, Moira Nesden, Jack O'Neill, Kathleen Ward, Fr Joe Conboy, Eily O'Connor, Marjorie Thompson, Blanca Avery, Florence O'Grady, Margaret Kane, Stephen Foster, Richard Corkery, Paula Tew, Dr John Rogan, Thomas Murphy, Regina McGeachan, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Catherine Meacham, Mary Furey, Mary Warnock, Catherine O'Neill, Stella Harwood

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
- The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka, victims of the bombings and all persecuted Christians
- The work of the parish SVP and all it helps
- The parish school and its new head, Mrs Sarah Collins
- All standing in the local elections this week
- Reconciliation in Northern Ireland

ALLELUIA!

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