

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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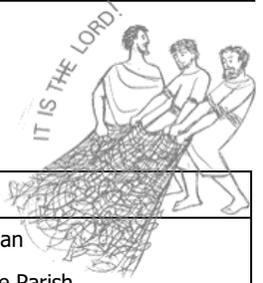
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## 5th May 2019: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass p7, readings p265 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 6th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass <i>No Holy Hour this week</i>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Nora, John & Family
Tuesday 7th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Sean Kenny (Sick)
Wednesday 8th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Miss H O'Brien
Thursday 9th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 10th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anna Naglek (RIP)
Saturday 11th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 9.40-10.20	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv)
SUNDAY 12th 4th of EASTER	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Martin Ward (Anniv)

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## May: Month of Mary

*Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

## This Weekend

- **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- **Our New Headteacher Mrs Sarah Collins** joins us at 9.00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for her and staff, pupils, parents, governors at school.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room **This Week**
- **TUESDAY:**  
**MOVE IT OR LOSE IT (EXTEND)** 10.00 a.m. in MRR. *Please note change of day for this week*  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in the MRR. All welcome.  
**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT** Prayer Group **No** meeting this week, next meeting Tue 21 May 7.30pm
- **WEDNESDAY:**  
**ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel** 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR **Next Week**
- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Clergy Training Fund
- **CARRIERS OF HOPE:** see below for items suggested for donation
- **TUESDAY 14th: Jam 'n' Cake** 7.30 p.m. MRR **Sunday Readers' Rota**

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

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Niamh Walsh  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Geraldine Clarkson

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

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Marisa Gunn  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Janet Ward

### **Coming Soon**

### **CARRIERS OF HOPE**

We are **Donor of the month** for Carriers Of Hope on Tues 14th May when we make an special effort to donate items to help those in need in the Coventry area. Please use boxes in the church porch on next **Sunday 12th May** if you can help provide the items below. More details in the porch.

**Needed:** *Nappies; baby milk; baby/child and adult clothes (new or used); Toys (in good condition); potatoes; pasta; basmati rice; tinned tomatoes; toiletries; household cleaning products; household linen (towels, bedding etc); kitchen equipment (cutlery, pans); recyclable carrier bags; supermarket gift cards. Thank you.*

**CARRIERS OF HOPE** celebrate their tenth birthday today, 5th May.

### **CAFOD CAMPAIGN LAUNCH: OUR COMMON HOME**

CAFOD's latest project to care for our common home and address the issues of climate change will be launched for Coventry and surrounding area at **Christ the King Church Wed 15th May with a Creation Mass at 18:30** and input from the campaigns team in the library afterwards, whilst we share a light supper and talk about what part

we each can play. CAFOD reps from nearby parishes and other interested parties will stimulate varied discussion and ideas. There will be an opportunity to sign the petition to government to achieve Net Zero emissions. We plan to finish by 20:30. **Copies of Pope Francis's encyclical about this subject *Laudato Si* are available in the piety shop.**

### **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.

### **ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE**

**Evening Mass of our patron saint followed by a barn dance.** At this Mass we shall celebrate and thank God for **25 years of Deacon Pat's ministry** as he officially retires. This does not end his ministry of course but rather begins a well-deserved stepping down from its responsibilities.

### **PIETY SHOP**

Please come and have a look - Communion cards and gifts and much else besides, plus friendly staff always happy to help!

### **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.

### **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.**

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Please see poster porch for winners for April 2019.

### **THANK YOU**

For all the effort that went into Holy Week and Easter and for the generous Easter Offering.

### **'EXTEND' EXERCISE has now become**

### **'MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!'**

This week this class will be on Tuesday mornings, 7th May (*not* the usual Thursday). **All welcome!** Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).



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

**Last week - Main Collection:** £866.14 **Holy Places:** £626.84

**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

The Apostles had been forbidden by the authorities to preach about the resurrection of Jesus, and yet they carry on doing so. How

could they not? The resurrection is a life-changing *fact*, and God wants the whole world to know that through faith in the crucified and risen Christ, everyone may be saved. At first, even Jesus's closest friends failed to recognise Him when He had risen. Their minds were still clouded by doubt and misunderstanding. But once they recognise the risen Lord, their deepened faith and greater understanding means that Jesus can use them once more to advance his kingdom. Peter is commissioned as the shepherd, his denial of Christ gently forgiven. Just as he denied Christ three times so he is three times asked if he loves Him.

God leads us all into deeper faith so that He may use us for His greater glory—and not just to help us feel good about ourselves!



**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**

## THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**'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

An interim report, produced by the Anglican bishop of Truro for the government agrees with Pope Francis's assessment. Christians are now targeted in **144** countries, particularly in north Africa, the Middle East and in Asia and the bishop describes the numbers of murdered Christians as near to genocide. This is a real yet under-reported tragedy. The right to religious freedom is part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, yet it is a right denied in totalitarian states and by extremist Islamic governments. The report may be seen here <https://christianpersecutionreview.org.uk/> Please pray for our suffering Christian brothers and sisters—Catholics, Orthodox and Protestant—and please be aware and informed. **Aid to the Church in Need** is a Catholic charity supporting Christian minority groups across the world. See <https://acnuk.org/>

## GREETERS AT SUNDAY MASSES

**9.00am** Thank you to all our greeters. There will be a meeting in the chapel next week 12 May after 9am Mass : there is information to share and some new ideas to discuss.

**6.00pm** We hope to extend the welcome ministry to 6pm Mass as well. We shall this evening today. There will be a meeting after 6pm Mass next week for those who would like to help.

## DIOCESAN UBI CARITAS AWARD

We are pleased to announce that, in recognition of all their years of organising pilgrimages to Lourdes, **Andy** and **Alison Cullinane** are to receive the diocesan *Ubi Caritas* award. This is a great honour. The actual presentation is yet to be arranged since it is usually given by one of our bishops or the Vicar General. **We congratulate Andy and Alison!**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST IS RISEN!**

## JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NEWS

We are now officially a **FairTrade church**: please use tea, coffee, sugar and so on that is fairly traded. It carries the **FairTrade** mark on the packet. The **LiveSimply** assessment takes place on Mon 20 May when we shall be 'inspected' to see how we are meeting the **LiveSimply** goals. See Kevin Duffy to become involved.

## 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:** Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry, Mary Webster, Jo McKinnon, Kathleen McMenamin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick Coyle, John Magennis, Patrick McAree, Thomas Hope, Harry Mee, Mary Janew, Richard Horner, Eileen O'Brien, Matthew Reilly, John Vertigan, Gladys Donaldson, Fr Patrick Keegan, Ann Le Conte, Andrew Le Conte, Rose Dodd, George Dutton, Marie Finn, Wilfred Day, Sarah Morton, Mollie O'Connor, John Anderson, Stephen Foster, James Phillips, Margaret Pyle, Edwin Chandley, Thomas & Susan Cassidy, Rose Harvey, Eugene O'Malley **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- The Catholic Church in Sri Lanka, victims of the bombings and all persecuted Christians
- The parish school and its new head, Mrs Sarah Collins
- Newly elected local councillors

# 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

**This news sheet!** On paper and on the website  
**Website:** [stmconv.org](http://stmconv.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**