

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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19th May 2019: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass p7, readings p271 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 19th 5th of EASTER	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	50th Wedding Anniv of Madeleine & Tony Pallet: Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Monday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Harry Davenport RIP)
Tuesday 21st <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	John Regan
Wednesday 22nd <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Monica, Sean & AnneMarie
Thursday 23rd <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 24th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Clerkin (RIP)
Saturday 25th <i>St Bede</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour & Benediction <i>No Confession this week</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	~
SUNDAY 29th 6th of EASTER	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Gretta Kane (RIP) People of the Parish

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May: Month of Mary



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

This Sunday

- **THE FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER:**
- **WELCOME MINISTRY WILL TIDY UP!**
Please leave your hymn/Mass books on the ends of the pews at the end of 9.00 a.m. Mass. Our greeters will gather them up for you. *Thank you* to all our greeters.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in Margaret Roper Room **This Week**
- **TUESDAY:**
FUNERAL OF VERA CHANTRILL is at 10.45 at Canley Crematorium. A Mass will be offered in church for her soul in due course. Please pray for her and for her family
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in the MRR. All welcome—the group will *not* be having a half term break. New members always welcome, just come along to a meeting and you'll be warmly welcomed.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP in the MRR at 7.30pm
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT (EXTEND) NO CLASS THIS WEEK OR NEXT. See you on 6th June. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).
- **SATURDAY:** We depart to Lourdes with the intention requests you have made. Mass will be offered for the people of the parish and for the sick and housebound as well while we are in Lourdes. Please pray for the pilgrims and remember that they will be praying for the parish. There is a box for your intentions by Our Lady's statue—please **do not** include any money with your prayer request.

Next Week

- **SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **ASCENSION DAY: THURSDAY 30 MAY Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 12 noon and a 7pm.**

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Jude Doherty & Noreen Thornhill
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Laura Martin
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Afi Selormey

Coming Soon

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. See details on the next page. Please support this summer social.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Kenney will be coming to confirm here on Friday 15 November.

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. We look forward to having neighbours again and the property being put to proper use.

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.***

CARRIERS OF HOPE

A huge **THANK YOU** for the tremendously generous donations last week. What an incredible effort by all! A box for Carriers of Hope is always in the porch: do please consider dropping items in it from time to time.

MRR KITCHEN UPDATE

We are meeting a representative of the diocese this Wednesday to begin the formal process of applying for grant aid. We qualify for this as the hall is a resource used by the wider community beyond the church. We will not receive any grant aid unless we apply for that before any work is done. This has lengthened the process, but we are far from well off enough to ignore a little help with this project that might cost up to £28,000. The whole kitchen is to be gutted, redesigned and fitted with new everything. It has served us for 25 years: we need the next one to serve us well too.

NEW DEAN OF ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL & NEW VICAR GENERAL

Mgr Timothy Menezes has been appointed as the new Dean of our Cathedral. We wish him every happiness in his new ministry which he takes up in September, although he has been 'acting dean' for several months in addition to being Vicar General.

Fr Stephen Wright, at present the parish priest of Burton-on-Trent and episcopal vicar for religious in the Archdiocese, has been appointed Vicar General from September.

Please pray for both priests as they take up their new and challenging responsibilities.

PARISH FETE—LOOKING TO 2020

It would be good to form a small group to plan the summer fete for 2020. This year, an unavoidable clashing of dates and the summer St Thomas More Day social have made working out a joint date that suited parish, PTFA and school and avoids other events, impossible. We'll do better in 2020: sorry.

FINANCE...

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

Last week- Main Collection: £968.38 Clergy Training Fund: £546.10 April S/O: £582.33

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

In the early Church, we can sense the care and commitment that each believer had for the others.

This grew from the

knowledge of God's love shown by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and was not just a polite niceness but an expansive love that knew hardship and sacrifice as well as fellowship and joy. Individual weakness, failure or disappointment is not used as an excuse to complain or drift away, but is an opportunity to know again God's mercy and grow in faith. The best encouragement for this has to be the knowledge that Jesus has been glorified by the Father and in Him we can see how love transforms and fulfils humanity. But we do not need to gaze at Jesus longingly from afar and struggle on unaided and alone. No, the very love which He shows everyone makes Him reach out personally to help us.

THANKS: FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Thank you to all who helped with the celebration yesterday. Much work has been done by staff and parishioners over the time of preparation and on the day itself. *Thank you all.* Pray for the children.

ST THOMAS MORE DAY SATURDAY 22 JUNE EVENING MASS AT 7PM



We celebrate our patron saint and give thanks for 25 years of Deacon Pat's ministry.

Preacher: The Rt Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes, Vicar General and former parish priest.

BARN DANCE FOLLOWS

Tickets £10 each or £25 for families (mum, dad and their children)

Hot buffet included, bar available.



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.

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**

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!**

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM DOWRY TOUR 2018-20

Before the Reformation, England was widely known as the 'Dowry of Mary', such were the many shrines and great devotion to the Mother of God. The shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk was the greatest of these attracting huge numbers of pilgrims until its destruction by Henry VIII. The image from the restored shrine is 'on tour' and will be at St Chad's Cathedral 20-22 June. **See the website <http://dowrytour.org.uk/>**



ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

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: Sheila Kelly, Vera Chantrill, Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry

ANNIVERSARIES: Luke Jackson, Michael Meany, Michael Morley, Joan Pears, Marie Bowen, Mary Lamb, John Chambers, Christina Hannon, Paul Carr, Mary Neal, Ann Sonroy, Grace Murphy, James Phee, Ann Lovelock, Phyllis Ward, Dave King, Esther Flanagan, Edward Browne **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- The children of the parish who received their Holy Communion for the first time yesterday, and for their families
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Christians persecuted for their faith
- The Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes next week

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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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