

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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26th May 2019: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass p7, readings p273 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 26th 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
Monday 27th <i>St Augustine</i>	~ <i>No Holy Hour this week</i>	~	~
Tuesday 28th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 29th <i>Solemnity of Dedication</i>	~	~	~
THURSDAY 30th Ascension of the Lord	Mass Mass	12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Lynda Leigh (B'day) Ces Dowson (RIP)
Friday 31st <i>Visitation of the BVM</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour & Benediction <i>No Confession this week</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30	~
SUNDAY 2nd 7th of EASTER	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Mary Webster (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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **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
- **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** The pilgrims will be praying for the parish and its people. A Mass will be offered for you all and also specifically for the sick of the parish. Please ask Our Lady of Lourdes to intercede for these intentions too, so that whether in Lourdes or Coventry we may be united in our prayers. You will be able to see some of what what's happening via the parish Twitter feed, viewable on the parish website as well as news updates on the diocesan website.
- **TUESDAY:**
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.
NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: Dr. Dee Dunne Thomas will talk about Aid to the Church in Need, a very apposite topic at the present time. The talk is open to all and starts at 8pm. in MRR.
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
ASCENSION DAY: holy day of obligation. Mass at 12 noon and at 7pm. MOVE IT OR LOSE IT (EXTEND) NO CLASS THIS WEEK. See you on 6th June. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Week

- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Second Collection: Catholic Communications
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Laura Martin

9.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Maureen Porter

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

Coming Soon

OSCOTT COLLEGE LECTURES ON NEWMAN

Oscott are holding a series of public lectures on Bl. John Henry Newman on 19th, 20th, 21st June. Tickets available from the College. Details follow.

ST THOMAS MORE DAY SAT 22 JUNE
6pm Mass (not 7pm as last week said!) 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. See details on the next page. Please support this summer social.

SCHOOL PTFA FUNDRAISER

The PTFA is planning a family fun day on 23 June in the school grounds. Details to follow.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Kenney will be coming to confirm here on Friday 15 November. Preparation details in the autumn.

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.

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. A box for Carriers of Hope is always in the porch: please consider giving items from time to time. Thank you for your generosity

MRR KITCHEN: LATEST NEWS

We had a meeting with a representative of the diocese 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. We might be in with a chance of receiving 20% of the cost in grant aid and it is possible that work will begin in the early autumn. No guarantees just yet!

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NEWS

We have been given CAFOD's LiveSimply award! Thanks to chair Kevin Duffy and a large group of volunteers CAFOD has recognised our efforts to live sustainably, in solidarity and support of those in need. The assessors were impressed by the number of people involved! This is good news and now we need to carry on living simply! Well done to the group, who were presented with the plaque on Monday. It will be put up in due course.

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

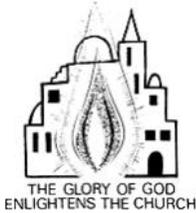
Last week- Main Collection: £1044.35

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

We have been promised something even better than future glory. Jesus has given us His word that when we turn our lives to Him, He and the Father will come and live with us; not at the end of time but now! When we are troubled or afraid, we can turn to One who is not only all powerful but all loving too. He will help us to get our priorities right; He will encourage and strengthen us; He will replace the panic with tranquillity and the terror with serenity. He does *not* promise us an easy, undisturbed and prosperous life. He *does* promise us his peace, and even more than that, the Holy Spirit too. In the second reading, John sees that peace of Christ fully realised in the new and glorious Jerusalem, lit by the radiance of God Himself.



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!**

ST THOMAS MORE DAY SATURDAY 22 JUNE EVENING MASS AT 6PM



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.



IT IS ASCENSION DAY THIS THURSDAY

This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, restored to its scriptural timing of 40 days after Easter only a few years ago. We celebrate Christ's return to the Father, before which He instructed His apostles to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Scripture tells us that the Apostles spent nine days in prayer until the Spirit came. This is the first novena, of course. We should follow their example and pray for the Spirit's help.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maria Vaz, 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: Georgine Bruell, Daniel Yorath, Michael Kitson, Mary Harris, Cliff Jones, Andrew Rothwell, Maureen McCormack, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan, Tom Bailey, Johanna Quirke, Mary Butler, Grace Murphy, Jack Swales, Doris Swales, Patrick McElvenney, Miriam McGuinness, Eugene Gaughan, May Delargy, Mary Maguire, Daisy Lycott, Rodney Callwood, Roseann Audahl, Teresa Renella, Arthur Pears, Michael McDermott, Michael Brittain, Ellen Cullinane **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Those newly elected to the European parliament.
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Christians persecuted for their faith
- The Pilgrims at Lourdes

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: stmcov.org **Twitter:** @StThosMore

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