

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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2nd June 2019: 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass p7, readings p281 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

| 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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| Monday 3rd <i>St Charles Lwanga</i> | Mass Holy Hour | 9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | Sarah Molloy & Gerry McClarnon (RIP) |
| Tuesday 4th <i>Easter Feria</i> | Mass | 6.30 p.m. | Kathleen McMenemy (Sick) |
| Wednesday 5th <i>St Boniface</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Gill Horrell (RIP) |
| Thursday 6th <i>Easter Feria</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Friday 7th <i>Easter Feria</i> | Funeral Mass | 10.00 a.m. | Sheila Kelly RIP |
| Saturday 8th <i>Easter Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confessions | 9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20 | Veronica Coughlan (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 9th PENTECOST | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m. | Gary Crilly RIP (3rd Anniv) Jim Gallagher RIP (6th Anniv) |

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June: Month of the Sacred Heart

***O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make our hearts like unto Thine!***

This Sunday

- **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER**
Second Collection: Catholic Communications
- **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. Please stay if you can.

This Week

- **TUESDAY:**
TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. in the MRR. All welcome—. New members especially so, just come along to a meeting and you'll be warmly welcomed. Many new activities and trips are being planned.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP meets at 7.15 in the MRR—fifteen minutes earlier, a change of time.
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT (EXTEND) 10.00 a.m. in MRR. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Week

- **PENTECOST SUNDAY.** We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, Christ's gift to His Church and the completion of the Paschal mysteries. Thus, Pentecost is the last day of the Easter season. In the meantime, like the apostles, let us pray for the gifts of the Spirit that we might use them to the glory of God and the service or our fellow men and women.
- **NORTHERN CATHOIC CONFERENCE, 7-9 JUNE, LIVERPOOL.** See notice for details or see <http://www.northerncatholic.co.uk/index.html>

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Maureen Porter

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Jim Etheridge

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

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, 6.30-9.00pm. These are to help introduce him to us all more deeply as his canonisation draws closer. Tickets available from the College, by ringing 0121 321 5026 or alternatively email margaret.wilson@oscott.org Tickets £5 including a light buffet. Advance booking only.

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. **See details in the box 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 will be given in in the autumn: watch this space.

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

There are still a few boxes 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. Without your giving, the parish wouldn't be here.**

CARRIERS OF HOPE

A box for Carriers of Hope items is always in the porch: do please consider dropping items in it from time to time. Thank you for your support.

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: LAST WEEK

The prayers of Our Lady were asked for *ALL* the parish and its people, especially for the sick, and all your intentions were taken with us. We thank Our Lady for the graces gained. The pilgrims will doubtless share their experiences with you—photos on Twitter and on the diocesan web site.

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 if 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!***

FINANCE...

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

Last week- Main Collection: *Not known at time of printing*

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

Stephen was so full of the Holy Spirit and convinced of Jesus's eternal presence that death was a gateway to a life much more rich and fulfilling than anything this world can offer. It is easy to confess that same Christian belief in our words, but so often our actions deny it. It is always harder to believe that God will keep his promises when a loved one is close to death or when to stand up for our faith might bring us ridicule or affect our lifestyle. Being children of God does not rule out suffering for us—as we thought about last week—for even Jesus shows his love sometimes in tears. But it does mean that, like St Stephen, when we are face to face with anguish, pain and death (our own or others') Jesus, Himself the Wounded Healer, reaches out with scarred hands to us across all those terrible things to keep His word and be with us for ever in this world and the next.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!



Come Holy Spirit, who moved at Creation on the face of the waters.

Come Holy Spirit, who in Mary formed the Word made Flesh.

Come Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead.

Come Holy Spirit, who filled the Apostles with Your gifts.

Come Holy Spirit, move in me, form Christ in me, raise me to new life, fill me with Your gifts! **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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**

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.



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/>**



For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddan, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, 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: Stuart Coley, Sheila Kelly, Vera Chantrill, Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward McGennis, Lily Gallagher, Agnes Dixon, Arthur Pears, Esther Carlin, Mary Smith, Patrick Higgins, Brian Matthews, Catherine Turvey, Mary Nerney, Sr M Conception Ward, Theresa Delves, Michael Maguire, Jim Donnelly, Agnes Adams, Katherine Waters, Luke Walker **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- Christians persecuted for their faith
- For the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that He may strengthen us in service of God and our fellow men and women.

**Come Holy Spirit!
And enkindle in us
the fire of Your love!**



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