

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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23rd June 2019: CORPUS CHRISTI

Mass p7, readings p83 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	Mass	6.00pm	The Rev Pat Jeary
SUNDAY 23rd CORPUS CHRISTI	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Andrew Robinson (RIP 50th B'day)
Monday 24th <i>St John the Baptist</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Marie & Harry Law (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Breda Gleeson (Anniv)
Wednesday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Geraldine Haverty (Mem Mass)
Thursday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 28th <i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Mary Shepherd (Mem Mass)
Saturday 29th <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Mass Holy Hour Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	50th Wedding Anniversary— Madeleine & Tony Pallett
SUNDAY 30th SS PETER & PAUL	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Departed of Fahy family Jim Molloy (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

• **CORPUS CHRISTI**

We celebrate Christ among us in the **Blessed Sacrament**. The Mass is the one sacrifice of Christ made once for all made present among us, and the Mass is where we come face to face with the broken Body and outpoured Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. We should never, ever become 'familiar' or 'casual' in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether at Mass or in the tabernacle or displayed for adoration) since it is the Body and Blood of God the Son Himself, come to us in the form of bread and wine.

The 9am Mass will conclude with a short time of adoration and Benediction.

The 6.00pm Mass is offered for Andrew Robinson. Many of you will remember Andrew, a seminarian for the Archdiocese from this parish, who died in 2001. The Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust set up in his memory, works with needy children and young people. There will be refreshments and a presentation about the Trust's work afterwards in the MRR.

• **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, whose efforts now mean a tidier church less crowded round the book cases

• **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses**

in Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can—through the side door on the Knoll Drive side of the church.

• **THANK YOU** to all for your support of our patron saint's Mass on Saturday, for help with the barn dance and of course to **Deacon Pat for 25 years of ministry** in this parish as a deacon.

Pat was ordained on 26 June, 1994 by Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville and has ministered faithfully in the parish and beyond ever since. Pat will continue to serve in retirement—ordained ministry never ends—but he may now enjoy a well-earned lessening of its responsibilities and demands. Please keep Pat in your prayers. **Thank you Pat: God bless you.**

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. Many new activities and trips are being planned.

• **WEDNESDAY:**

ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR

• **THURSDAY:**

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT Gentle Exercise 10.00 a.m. in MRR. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Weekend

• **SUNDAY 30th JUNE is Ss Peter & Paul's Day**,

a holy day of obligation transferred from Saturday 29. We celebrate these two chosen men of Jesus Christ, the greatest of the Apostles. There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence, the ancient annual collection for the poor and needy given to the Pope, as Peter's successor, to use for projects he selects.

• **Second Collection: Peter's Pence**

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'Sullivan & Pat Jenkins

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Niamh Walsh & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

Coming Soon

SCHOOL PTF A FUNDRAISER

The **PTFA FAMILY FUN DAY** on Sunday 23rd June from 12.00—3.30 p.m. in the school grounds.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST SUMMER CAMP

Talks, activities, prayer and a day trip to Alton Towers. Summer Camp is for 12-18 year olds. Choose from one of two weeks: 4-8 Aug or 11-15 Aug. For more information, visit www.bcys.co.uk

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 putting items in it from time to time. Thank you for your support.

PARISH FETE—LOOKING TO 2020

Could we 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, PTF A and school and avoids other events, impossible. We'll do better in 2020: sorry.

THANK YOU TO SMITH'S NURSERY

Smiths Nursery at Baginton deserve our thanks for the hanging baskets and plants around church. We thank also those volunteers who have collected them, planted them and are taking care of them.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY 2019

Please see poster in the porch.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £900.26 Day for Life: £379.85

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

TODAY WE REJOICE in God's great gift to us of nothing less than Himself! In the first reading we meet a great yet mysterious

figure: Melchizedek, priest and king. Scripture tells us little about him, but even the great Abraham acknowledges his importance since Abraham hands him a tithe (a tax from the humble to the great). He brought bread and wine. A priest is one who offers sacrifice, and in the second reading Paul tells us about the origin of the Eucharist. The Lord Jesus, priest (for He offers the sacrifice of Himself) and king (for the Father has glorified Him) takes bread and wine and offers them as His Body and Blood. This is the new Covenant between God and man, that the faithful offering of the one sacrifice of Jesus is the way in which our sins are wiped away. In the gospel, Jesus miraculously provided for the physical needs of many from the limited resources of five loaves and two fish. His breaking of the bread and its blessing immediately points to the Last Supper and the Eucharist, and meeting the needs of so many for bread points further to His meeting the greatest need of all: forgiveness and unity with God through Him, the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus priest and king brings forth not bread and wine but truly His Body and Blood. Abraham presents a tithe: we are called to present our lives!



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). ***Please tell staff or your own priest if you'd like a visit.***

IICSA UPDATE

This week the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to. Even so, words are not enough. We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again. The diocesan response to the report can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or via email: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org Our own parish safeguarding representatives are Claire and Alison, contact details on the front of this sheet.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS: *CORPUS CHRISTI* 2014



Today let us confess our faith as we turn our gaze to the Corpus Christi, the Sacrament on the altar. And by this faith, we renounce Satan and all his machinations; we renounce the idols of money, vanity, pride, power and violence. We Christians don't want to worship anything and anyone in this world except for Jesus Christ, who is present in the Holy Eucharist. Perhaps we don't always understand the full meaning of our profession of faith, what consequences it has or should have. This, our faith in the true presence of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, in the consecrated Bread and Wine, is authentic if we commit ourselves to walk behind Him and with Him. To adore and to walk: a people who adore are a people who walk! Walk with Him and behind Him, as we seek to practice His Commandment, the one he gave the disciples precisely at the Last Supper: "Even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13:34). People who adore God in the Eucharist are people who walk in charity. To adore God in the Eucharist, to walk with God in fraternal charity.

Adoremus in aeternam Sanctissimum Sacramentum!



**Let us adore for ever
The Most Holy Sacrament!**

MARGARET ROPER ROOM KITCHEN

Applications for grants have been submitted: we await the results, which, so the diocesan advisor tells us, should be positive.

CAFOD JOB VACANCY

CAFOD is looking for a new staff member to work with volunteers in our parishes and schools around the Archdiocese. The role is based in Walsall but with flexibility. The role is full time, permanent and a great opportunity for someone who cares passionately about poverty and injustice. Please see cafod.org.uk/jobs for details. The closing date is 1 July.



**Blessed be Jesus Christ
in the Most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar!**

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, Eileen Connolly, 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: Bernadette Haydon, Stuart Coley, Sheila Kelly, Vera Chantrill, Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry

ANNIVERSARIES: Alban Avery, Beryl Turner, Shaun McDaid, Terry Sheils, William Grogan, Marie Law, Eddie Price, Anthony Brown, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Cerowski, Sally Donoghue, Breda Gleeson, Edith Palmer, Ida Whittaker, Ben Freeman, John Niro, Kazimierz Galatowicz, Brenda Day, James Walsh, Geraldine Haverty, James Rees, Patrick Fox, Dulcie Glowacki, Eddie Walsh, Harold Davies, Ella Shields, Denis O'Sullivan, Joan Hope, Nora Chandler, Paddy McGoldrick, Catherine Ilsley, Bernard Glynn, Anna Thomson

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- The victims and survivors of abuse
- Success in preventing abuse in future, that the Church may be free of this dreadful sin
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Those preparing for ordination
- Deacon Pat, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination

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

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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 at 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