

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 30th June 2019 Ss Peter & Paul

Mass p7, readings p180 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 30th</b> Ss Peter & Paul	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Departed of Fahy family Jim Molloy (Anniv)
Monday 1st July <i>St Oliver Plunket, B&amp;M</i> <i>(13th Week of the Year)</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Frank Baynes (RIP)
Tuesday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	<b>12 noon</b>	Robert Lee (Anniv)
Wednesday 3rd <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Jean Davenport (RIP)
Thursday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anne Hobbs (RIP)
Saturday 6th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Ellen Deehan (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 7th</b> <b>14th SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Micky Kennedy & family (RIP) Fr Sunday

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**July: Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus**  
**Precious Blood, Ocean of Divine Mercy: flow upon us!**



## This Sunday

- **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 that he selects.
- **Second Collection:** Peter's Pence
- **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 and a less crowded space round the book cases.
- **REFRESHMENTS are offered to all after both Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can—through the side door on the Knoll Drive side of the church.

## 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.  
**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP 7.15PM** in the MRR (note new time).

- **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

- **14th Sunday of the Year** This will be the first 'green' Sunday since February, before Lent.

## Sunday Readers' Rota

### This week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

### Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Judy Freeman

6.00 p.m. John Burns & Andrew Colby

## Coming Soon

### **ST PATRICK'S ANNUAL HEALING MASS**

Healing Mass next Saturday 5pm. All welcome.

### **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](http://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**

Carriers of Hope celebrate their first ten years today. At this time of year they are seeking to support needy families with school uniforms for the next school year. If any one can help with a donation towards a uniform, they would be grateful. A box for Carriers of Hope is always in the church porch—please try to put an item in it from time to time. Thank you for your support. Office address: Unit 2C Swallowgate Business Park, Holbrook Lane, CV6 4BL. Warehouse address: Unit 4B Lythalls Lane Industrial Estate, CV6 6FP Phone: 024 7665 9393 [www.carriersofhope.org.uk](http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk)

## **THANK YOU No 1**

It was a great parish social last Saturday for St Thomas More and for Deacon Pat. Thank you to the volunteers who made it all possible and of course to all parishioners who came to the Mass and joined in the celebration.

## **THANK YOU No 2**

Thanks are due to all who supported the presentation evening about the Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust last Sunday. Many of Andrew's friends and family came, along with Trustees and supporters. Thank you.

## **THANK YOU FROM DEACON PAT**

Deacon Pat would like to pass on his thanks for attending his retirement Mass, for the cards, gifts and good wishes from you all.

## **ST PETER & ST PAUL**

What fairer light is this than time  
itself doth own,

The golden day with beams more  
radiant brightening?

The princes of God's Church this  
feast day doth enthrone,

To sinners heavenward bound their burden  
lightning.

Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did  
sign

With princely blood who now their glory share with  
thee.

What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as  
thine?

What beauty else has earth that may compare with  
thee?

*Ancient hymn to Sts Peter & Paul*



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

**Last week- Main Collection:** £1160.61

**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

This Sunday we celebrate St Peter and St Paul, the two greatest of the great Apostles. At both the Vigil Mass and on the

day itself, we hear first the very words of St Paul himself and then stories of the ultimately unshakeable faith of St Peter. Paul speaks of his calling and his work, God had marked him out for the work of evangelisation, and yet he had begun adult life as a fervent Jew who detested Christians and their message and who sought to destroy them. But he was called away from this by a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, and from then on his considerable energies, intellect and writing skills were at the service of the very cause he had wished to destroy. St Peter, in both the gospel readings, displays faith in Christ. After His resurrection, Peter declares three times his love for Jesus, thus making up for his three denials. In the gospel for the day, we hear Peter answer most fervently that question of Jesus "Who do you say I am?".

"You are the Christ". Peter's faith began well, faltered at the Passion and became solid as the rock Jesus called him after the resurrection. Paul began by hating the infant Church and ended by doing so much to help it prosper. Rejoice in these two saints, ask their prayers and remember: if Christ can use a faltering fisherman and a hate filled fanatic to build His Church, then surely He can use us too!



## IICSA UPDATE

Last 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](mailto:safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org) Our own parish safeguarding representatives are Claire and Alison, contact details on the front of this sheet.

## POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS: Sts Peter & Paul, Mass 2017 in Rome



Today Jesus puts this crucial question to us, to each of us, and particularly to those of us who are pastors. It is the decisive question. It does not allow for a non-committal answer, because it brings into play our entire life. The question of life demands a response of life. For it counts little to know the articles of faith if we do not confess Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Today He looks straight at us and asks, "Who am I for you?" As if to say: "Am I still the Lord of your life, the longing of your heart, the reason for your hope, the source of your unflinching trust?" Along with Saint Peter, we too renew today our life choice to be Jesus' disciples and apostles. May we too pass from Jesus' first question to his second, so as to be "his own" not merely in words, but in our actions and our very lives.

Let us ask ourselves if we are parlour Christians, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or apostles on the go, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly but to "be on fire" with love. They know that they cannot just "tread water" or take the easy way out, but have to risk putting out into the deep, daily renewing their self-offering. Those who confess their faith in Jesus do as Peter and Paul did: they follow him to the end – not just part of the way, but to the very end. They also follow the Lord along his way, not our own ways. His way is that of new life, of joy and resurrection; it is also the way that passes through the cross and persecution.

## MARGARET ROPER ROOM KITCHEN

Applications for grants have been submitted: we await the results, which, so the diocesan advisor tells us, should be positive. Grants are made *before* any work begins. We hope to be able to have a new kitchen by the end of the year, but it is at present impossible to be more precise than that.

## 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 UNLIKELY that any priest will know about your needs unless you, family or friends make your wishes known.**

## 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:** John Sherry, Bernadette Haydon, Stuart Coley, Sheila Kelly, Vera Chantrill, Andrew Holden, Eileen Berry

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ursula Hammond, Palmira Bellezza, Percy Bellezza, Edward Wallman-Durrant, Sheila Bateman, Lillian Stokes, Terry Sharpe, Stephen Aspbury, Josiah Fox, James Pinches, Joshua & Charles Hourihan, John Higgins, John Harris, Jeffrey Hopkins, Cristina O'Brien, Robert Tomlins, Delia Kelly, Molly Riley, John Leaver, Margaret Carberry, Elizabeth Bates, Sarah Chamberlain, Stephen Connolly, Ann Hickey, Victor Brown, Elizabeth McCarthy, Winifred Adams, Lillian Stubbs, Joan Hope, Mary Nerney, William Porter, Nina Cox

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

- Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter
- Those, who like St Paul, preach the Gospel
- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Those preparing for 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](http://stmcov.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

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 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***