

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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14th July 2019 15th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p108 in the Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 14th 15th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Tim & Nora O'Keeffe (Anniv) / John Patrick O'Brien (10th Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 15th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Kathleen McMenamin (RIP)
Tuesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12 noon	Mrs Mary Hynes (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Thursday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass <i>with St Thomas More School</i>	9.00 a.m.	Helen Wilkins (RIP)
Friday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anne Hobbs (RIP)
Saturday 20th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour No Confessions today	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	Michael Brooks (58th Anniv)
SUNDAY 21st 16th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving 40th Wedding Anniv. Shirley & Adrian Langford Jim Pulton (5th Anniv)

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



This Sunday

- **15th Sunday: Sea Sunday.** Today, a Second Collection for the **Apostleship of the Sea**
- **SVP YUMMY CAKES AFTER 9AM MASS**
- **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.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: at **7.15 p.m.** There will be no meetings in August. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 3rd September.**
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT Gentle Exercise. **No classes on 18 or 25 July.** Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Weekend

- **16th Sunday of the Year**
- **Second Collection: Church Flowers.** The flower arrangers do a great job. We need to buy the flowers of course, so please support this opportunity to help make the church look beautiful. **Thank you and thank you to the arrangers**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Jude Doherty
6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & Brendon Cunningham
Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Kris Pears
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Janet Ward

Coming Soon

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE

Day of Reconciliation at St Chad's Cathedral.

Theme: Beloved Child of God—Discipleship
Saturday 27th July 10.30 a.m.—4.00 p.m. Mass
4.30 p.m. with celebrant Mgr Tim Menezes

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

BAPTISED & SENT

Our call is to be missionary disciples and Pope

Francis has designated October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month. The **Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese** invite you to reflect and share in that on Sat 12 October at St Peter's Catholic School, Solihull, 10-5. Email events@columbans.co.uk or see http://bit.ly/JandO_Assembly2019

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.

CARRIERS OF HOPE

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

SUPPORTING THE PARISH AT NO COST...

...is possible if you are a tax payer. If you sign a **GiftAid** form the tax man adds 25% to your donation, which is the tax you've paid to earn it. Please see clergy or Tony Curristan.

DIRECT DEBIT

We can supply direct debit forms so that you may give without the need for giving envelopes, finding cash or writing cheques.

Thank you all for the support you give: St Thomas More Parish can't exist without it.

MASS INTENTIONS

A reminder that we have a great many intentions and the demand for Sundays (especially 9.00 a.m.) is very high. **Please consider being willing to share your intention** (indicate this on the intentions envelope): this is all that can be done to create more opportunities.

LIGHTS IN CHURCH

Please ensure that all lights are turned off when the MRR and church are empty. Turning them off is good for the planet helping us **LiveSimply** and good for our funds. **Thank you**

RECYCLING

There is a bin the MRR for paper, plastic and glass and a recycling blue lidded dustbin outside. The same rules apply to recycling at church as at home in the Coventry City Council district. Thank you for making the effort to recycle. **LiveSimply.**

CHURCH NEWSPAPERS

Last week's newspapers unhelpfully arrived on Monday and are available with this week's, which turned up as usual in good time. Have a browse in the porch. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £994.59 Standing Orders for June: £547.33

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

Moses presents God's Law, a law of love, to the people. Jesus's teaching is of course the same—the necessity of love. A lawyer, an expert in the Jewish Law, questions Jesus about this. But despite his knowledge and his training, he has still not let the Law seep into him. It is still simply a set of rules to him, a matter of doing this and not doing that. Important and God-given rules doubtless, but there to be read, studied, and explained, not *lived*. Jesus presents a fresh approach. The person who has understood the Law, who has grasped what God wants in giving it to his people, is the one who instinctively loves God and other people. The response to "Love your neighbour as yourself" is not "Who is my neighbour?" but an awareness of the needs of other people and a desire to serve them. The priest and the Levite could find all sorts of reasons for not helping the beaten-up traveller. The Samaritan, concerned with love, has no difficulty with the one reason why he simply *must* help—love.

ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL LATEST SATS RESULTS

The excellent year six SATS results this year reflect a lot of very successful hard work by pupils and staff. Details on the school news sheet ***Congratulations to the pupils on their wonderful achievements! Well done!*** ***SOME SPACES STILL AVAILABLE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER***

Our Primary School still has spaces available for Reception year entry for September this year. Please come for a look round. Do contact the school—call in or phone 024 7684 9910

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 ministers. **Tell nursing 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.**

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

This Catholic organisation ministers to seafarers of all nationality, often far from home and family. Full details at <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/>

CARDINAL NEWMAN TO BE CANONISED ON 13 OCTOBER IN ROME



Pope Francis has formally approved Blessed John Henry Newman's canonisation along with that of Sister Mariam Theresia, of Giuseppina Vanini, of Dulce Lopes Pontes and of Margarita Bays.

In February, the Pope signed a decree recognising a second miracle attributed to Blessed John Henry Newman, the inexplicable healing of a woman with a 'life-threatening pregnancy'.

Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most prominent converts to Catholicism from Anglicanism of the 19th century. He was already an esteemed Anglican theologian when he founded the Oxford Movement to return the Church of England to its Catholic roots, before himself converting to the Catholic faith. He was renowned as a brilliant thinker and was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in Birmingham in 1890, aged 89, after founding the Birmingham Oratory. No Englishman has been canonised since 1970, with the canonisation of the Forty Martyrs of penal times. This is an especially joyous event for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, within which Newman spent the majority of his life, both as an Anglican in Oxford and a Catholic in Birmingham. He also spent time in Dublin, as part of an attempt to found a Catholic University, at St Stephen's Green. The University Church there is part of his legacy.



Blessed John Henry Newman, pray for us!

MARGARET ROPER ROOM KITCHEN MORE GOOD NEWS!

As well as news of the £10,000 grant we received last week, we have also received ***another*** £750. There is a chance that a few other applications for that smaller sort of amount may still bear fruit. The kitchen will be completely gutted and everything renewed. Once dates are known, that will be announced immediately to minimise disruption to users. The room and kitchen may be out of action for up to two weeks.

Everyone will be kept posted, and in due course some fundraising towards new cutlery, crockery and glasses, and other items will be needed. Watch this space!

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Next Saturday 20 July the Revs John Waters, Marco Egawhary and Ryan Service, currently deacons in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome, will be ordained to the priesthood at St Chad's Cathedral. Please pray for them as they begin their ministry, and for more vocations to the priesthood. John Waters will celebrate his first Mass in his home parish of All Souls, Earlsdon, the following day.

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: Mgr Louis McRae, Dennis Doherty, John Sherry, Bernadette Haydon, Stuart Coley

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Embleton, Celia Murray, Elizabeth Beaufoy, Ellen Duffy, Grace McCabe, Jeremiah Joy, Sarah Hynd, Brendon Corrigan, Elizabeth Lacey, Sean McCallion, Martin Doran, John O'Brien, Nora O'Keefe, Brian O'Connor, Lilian Bialek, Rev Philip Cleary, Robert Davis, Fr Liam O'Connor, Albert Bateman, Mary Wheatley, Nora Nolan ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Seafarers and those who minister to them
- 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. **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 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