

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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21st July 2019 16th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p111 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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 Fulton (RIP 5th Anniv)
Monday 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Frank Baynes (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd <i>St Bridget</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Kathleen Simpson (RIP) / Michael (Sick)
Wednesday 24th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Smith (RIP)
Thursday 25th <i>St James</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 26th <i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Martin & Lucy Brennan (Anniv)
Saturday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour <i>No Confession</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30	~
SUNDAY 28th 17th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Malcolm & Maureen Pollard— 63rd Wedding Anniversary Ints of Eleanor Ward & Tom Wright (Wedding)

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



This Sunday

- **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*
- **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 is now having its summer break. **JAM 'N' CAKE:** Come along and join in with the music for Mass. MRR at 7.30 pm
- **WEDNESDAY:** **ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm**, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:** **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle Exercise. *No class on 25 July.* Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Weekend

- **17th Sunday of the Year**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Kris Pears

6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Janet Ward

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Clive Robinson

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

Coming Soon

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE

A Women's Day of Recollection at St Chad's Cathedral on the 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.

A group is going from the parish. Please see Lynda Leigh if you'd like to join them—there are posters up giving travel details, meeting Coventry station.

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Thursday 15 August is a holy day of obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm (the night before)

and Mass on the day itself at 9am

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

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Make a date for Saturday 19 October. Film to be confirmed—perhaps something light as the nights draw in?

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 29 November. Please help to make this as good as ever! Once the holidays are over we shall need to be preparing, so any offers of help, good ideas and support will be very welcome.

SVP THANK YOU

A big thank you from us all at the SVP—the cakes raised £191.77 last Sunday and for the continuing parish support and also thanks to Miss O'Brien for her plants sale.

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 Curren.

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.

MASSTENTIONS

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).

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

Last week- Main Collection: £890.60 Apostleship of the Sea: £417.82

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

Abraham and Sarah are the perfect hosts. He busies himself with practical details to make the three visitors welcome. She provides a proper meal. Abraham stands reverently and respectfully nearby, ready to see to his guests' needs. There is more to this visit than meets the eye, for it is an Old Testament disclosure of the three-fold nature of God Himself—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading, God again pays a visit for a meal. Jesus arrives at Martha and Mary's house. Martha immediately gets 'stuck in' bustling about to get things ready for this special guest whom she loves and respects. Unlike Abraham, however, she begins to lose sight of the real point of welcoming a guest: to give him or her loving and receptive attention. Jesus does not need us to dash around doing a thousand and one things we think He needs us to do. No, He wants us to welcome Him with a child's enthusiasm, happy in His presence, wanting to hear what He has to say, and do what He wants us to do. Martha is not doing wrong, she is simply misguided and allowed her concerns to get things just right for her guest to run away with her. She is *distracted* by her chores: it is not the chores themselves. What Jesus wants is her—and our—attention.

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.**

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 AVAILBALE 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

SCHOOL 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

1st £20: Lucy Allison 2nd £10 Eloise Jenkins
3rd £8: Ella Wilkinson 4th £7 Katie Gaughan
5th £5: Mariana Hunton 6th £4: Sarah Mills
Congratulations to all

SOME CHANGES IN THE DEANERY

Fr Michael Brandon is moving from All Souls, Earlsdon and will be working outside the Archdiocese as the parish priest of St Austell in Cornwall. Fr Paul Burch of the Ordinariate, currently UHCW Catholic Chaplain, will become the parish priest of All Souls. Fr Tom Walton is returning to the Diocese of East Anglia and will be succeeded at Tile Hill and St John Vianney by Fr Sebastian Nammatahil. These moves will happen over the next few months

MARGARET ROPER ROOM KITCHEN GOOD NEWS!

We have so far received a total of £10,750 in grants towards the almost £30,000 cost of completely renewing the MRR kitchen. 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!

We have been encouraged to think about refreshing the MRR itself by our grant advisor as he feels we would receive grant aid for that too. We need new lighting (the white spotlights round the edges of the ceiling run on an obsolete low voltage system for which bulbs and spare parts are now unavailable), we could incorporate a data projector for use with computers, and look at having proper curtains. These are longer term thoughts but clearly the MRR will need some attention sooner or later.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Yesterday the Revs John Waters, Marco Egawhary and Ryan Service, currently deacons in formation at the Venerable English College in Rome, were 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, today at 1115.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DEACON LEO

It was five years ago yesterday, on **20 July 2014**, that Deacon Leo was ordained. Congratulations to him, thanks for his ministry, and God bless him and his family. ***Ad multos annos!***

POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget! And we must not forget that in the house of Martha and Mary, Jesus, before being Lord and Master, is a pilgrim and guest. Thus, his response has this significance first and foremost: 'Martha, Martha why do you busy yourself doing so much for this guest even to the point of forgetting about his presence?' Not much is necessary to welcome him; indeed, only one thing is needed: listen to him — this is the word: listen to him — be brotherly to him, let him realise he is among family and not in a temporary shelter.



From a homily of 2013

JESUS MARY JOSEPH

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: Joseph Moran, Teresa Farries, Daisy Jenkins, Bernard Swinden, Elizabeth Lenton, Ann Donoghue, Henryk Cerowski, Margaret Hinch, Maurice Cunningham, Lawrence O'Rourke, Mary Harshaw, Joan Flynn, Daisy O'Flanagan, Mary Baker, Michael Crampsie, Margaret Synnott, Iris Gamble, Margaret O'Brien, Annie Rogers, Rosie Harris, James Fulton ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Those recently ordained
- That all may have a chance for rest and relaxation over the summer

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 will catch the clergy in church then! Otherwise contact details are on the front of this sheet