

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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4th August 2019 18th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p117 in the Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4th 18th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	John Reddan (Anniv) Thanksgiving Ehue family
Monday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 6th <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12 noon	Priest's Intention
Thursday 8th <i>St Dominic</i>	~	~	~
Friday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>	Wedding Service	12 noon	Laura Martin & Nicholas Harwood
Saturday 10th <i>St Lawrence</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour <i>Confessions</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	~
SUNDAY 11th 19th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Deacon Pat Jeary People of the Parish



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AUGUST: month of the Assumption of Our Lady
Blessed be her glorious Assumption!

This Sunday

- **18th Sunday of the Year**
- **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 NO MEETING until September.
- **WEDNESDAY:**
ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **THURSDAY:**
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT Gentle Exercise. 10.30 a.m. in the MRR. All welcome Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Weekend

- **19th Sunday of the Year**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Blaise H'O'Sullivan
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Ernest Hackett
6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & John Burns

Coming Soon

GOING AWAY FOR A SUMMER BREAK?

If so, travel safely and enjoy a time of rest and relaxation with family and friends. May God bless you wherever you are—Coventry or Caracas!

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? Details and how to sign up will be announced September.

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.

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

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).

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 kitchen 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.

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

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

You can't take it with you, they say to those contemplating a spending spree late in life. Indeed not: we

enter the world with no possessions and leave it with none. But in between we gain money and wealth, some more than others, and even those of modest means and frugal spending will get through a small fortune over their lifetime. So what's the problem? Today's scriptures point us to the dangers of thinking that our money or possessions will make us better people, or safer, or that they are the most important thing about us. No, as Jesus points out, earthly wealth guarantees nothing and to put our trust in it is folly indeed. Rather, we are to look to eternal wealth, to lay up our treasures not in bank accounts, barns or business. The man in the parable gave no thought to anything but worldly goods. They are not in themselves evil, but have to be seen for what they are. Treasure in heaven is not laid up by profit making, wheeling and dealing or by a good harvest, but by faith and love. And God, who is love, will gladly welcome us to take up and enjoy the riches of heaven, for the one who is more concerned with faith and love than with riches and profit is a friend of God indeed.

A REFLECTION FOR THE SUMMER AND BEYOND...

SLOW ME DOWN, LORD.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace.

Give me, amidst the day's confusion
the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles
with the soothing music of singing streams
that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical, restoring power
of sleep.

Teach me the art

of taking minute breaks...
slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend,
to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me

of the fable of the hare and the tortoise;
that the race is not always to the swift;
that there is more to life than measuring its
speed.

Let me look up at the branches of the towering
oak
and know that it grew slowly and well.

Inspire me

to send my own roots down deep...
into the soil of life's endearing values...

That I may grow toward the stars of my
greater destiny.

Slow me down, Lord...

Wilfred Arlan Peterson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is now on its summer break.

Thank you to all who help lead this and to
parents and children for your support.

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.***

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S CANONISATION

**This takes place in Rome
on Sunday 13 October.**

No announcement has yet
been made of any organ-
ised trip under the auspices
of the diocese. You will be
kept informed of any oppor-
tunities to attend.



ARE YOU, FAMILY OR FRIENDS LOOKING FOR RESPITE CARE OR SUPPORTED LIVING?

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**Our Lady, assumed into heaven, pray for
us that we too may see your Son's Face!**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Norah Addison, 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: William Ryan, James Daly, Jodie Armstrong, John Reddan, Roland Veasey, David Gormal, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, Sarah Pyle, Tom Clinton, George Ostick, Bridget Galvin, Joseph Keane, Teresa Beckett, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Veronica Stevens, Anne Chandley, Evelyn Cassidy, Mary Desmond, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Lily Scott, Joseph Doherty, Winifred Ansell, Kathleen McSweeney, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufoy, Donald Rushworth, Caroline Kennedy, Fr Colin Doyle, Brigid Goollogly, James McCarron, Donald Holyland, Mary Jennings, Mary Slattery, Alice Quinn, Rita Bloxham, Agnes Davies, Maurice O'Donoghue, Roger Murray, Kevin Sweeney, Betty Hughes, David Nicholls ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation in these challenging times
- Those recently married and preparing for marriage

PARISH NEWS

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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