

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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28th July 2019 17th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p114 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Monday 29th <i>St Martha</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 1st Aug <i>St Alphonsus</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	12 noon	Priest's Intention
Saturday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour No Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30—10.30	~
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

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

This Sunday

- **17th 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. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).
- Next Weekend**
- **18th Sunday of the Year**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Clive Robinson
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

Next Week...

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

Coming Soon

GOING AWAY FOR A SUMMER BREAK?

Travel safely and enjoy a time of rest and relaxation with family and friends. May God bless you wherever you are—Coventry or Copacabana!

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).

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 Ordinate, 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 Nmmatathil. These moves will happen over the next few months

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: £988 Second: Parish Flower Fund £472

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's persistence in asking God to spare Sodom from destruction if there are just 50, then 45, next 30

and finally just ten good men in the city is rewarded by God's agreement. Alas for Sodom, there were not even ten good men in the entire place. Jesus speaks of persistence as part of His teaching on prayer in today's Gospel. First, however, He gives us that unique prayer, the "Our Father". Familiarity with it can lead us to forget that it is the very words of Jesus Himself, telling us how to pray. A wise old confessor had much to say to a penitent who, having been given an Our Father as a penance, complained "What? Just an Our Father?". How can the words of Jesus be just anything? Next in His teaching, Jesus talks about persistence in prayer and how the Father out of His love longs to give His children good things. These good things may not always be the same "good things" that we think we know we need. But in the "Our Father" we have a series of headings that encapsulate all we should pray for. It tells of the wonderful relationship God wants with us— "Father" - we pray in praise to Him, seeking the advancement of His rule. We pray that His will may be done, that we may receive all we need, that we may be forgiven as deeply as we forgive—a reminder in itself that we must forgive, kept away from sin and safe from evil. Next time you say the Our Father, dwell on each phrase. Roll Christ's words round your mouth, mind and heart enjoying the fullness of them as they sum up how we should pray, what we should pray for and what we should say.

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.***

POPE FRANCIS AND THE 'CHANGE' TO THE OUR FATHER

It has been widely reported that Pope Francis wishes the line we say in English as 'lead us not into temptation' to be changed to something like 'abandon us not when in temptation'. The first thing to remember that changes like this are always changes of *translation* and **not** of the original meaning, just like the Missal revision of several years ago. (The Church has no power to change the meaning of what Christ taught us, of course!). The original Our Father would most likely have been spoken by Jesus in Aramaic (the common language of Palestine in His day) but the original written accounts are in the Greek of the Gospels. The definitive liturgical version is in Latin. Thus translation has been going on since the very beginning of the Church. In the Holy Land, at the spot where Jesus traditionally gave the Our Father, the prayer is written up in countless languages. The Spanish version is already rather similar to Pope Francis's view. Translation is a very great skill in itself: similar looking and sounding words in different languages can have subtly different meanings. At the moment, no instruction for changing the English translation has been given.

**ARE YOU, FAMILY OR FRIENDS
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THE RECENT OPDRINATIONS

Photographs of the recent ordination of Frs Marco, Ryan and John are available here <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/three-priests-ordained-at-st-chads> Photos of Fr John's first Mass at All Souls are also available here <https://t.co/Z0DnLBlzQD?amp=1>

**CARDINAL NEWMAN'S CANONISATION
This takes place in Rome on Sunday 13
October.**

No announcement has yet been made of any organised trip under the auspices of the diocese. You will be kept informed of any opportunities to attend.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Banhoizer, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy, Jean Langeveld, Gerry Harland, Martin Brennan, Daphne Berriell, John Piazzon, Baby Thomas Mellon, Jean Kinsella, Leon Kinsella, Trudi Somers, Jack Gerrard, Ellen Haywood, Gertrude Somers, Mgr Dominic Barry, Sheila Coyle, Hilda Waters, Sheila Devlin, Ludmilla Cerowski, Eileen Barnett, Emma Bower, Mick Muldron, John Parsos, Tony McCabe, Michael McCabe, Con Sexton, Bishop Francis Thomas, Lucy Beale, Christopher Meehan, Sheila McWilliams, Vincent & Laura Panico, Frank Smith, Alan Dawson, Beryl Gill, Maria Watson ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation in these challenging times
- Those recently ordained
- Those travelling and on holiday
- Those unable to go away this summer

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