

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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11th August 2019 19th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p121 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Jim Jackson (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Doherty (5th Anniv)
Wednesday 14th <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Frank Byrne (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	Fr Pontius
Thursday 15th Assumption of BVM	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Kelly (RIP)
Friday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Anne Hobbs
SUNDAY 18th 20th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Joseph Cooney (Anniv) People of the Parish

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AVE
MARIA!

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

This Sunday

- **19th 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:**
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
A Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm the night before and Mass on the day at 9am
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT Gentle Exercise. 10.30 a.m. in the MRR. All welcome Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

Next Weekend

- **20th Sunday of the Year**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Judy Freeman
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Louise Poole

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 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://>

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

Last week- Main Collection: Not known at the 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)

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. **There will be a meeting for all parents—whether children are at the parish school or not—5.15pm Mon 23 Sept.**

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.



AVE MARIA!



Mother of God, Our Mother, pray for us!



The Sunday Readings

Jesus is very direct with us this Sunday. In the gospel reading He calls us once again to be fixed on the things of heaven, and to take his words to heart. He has given us awesome privileges and responsibilities for He has revealed to us the Father's plan for our salvation. This is a great privilege. But with it comes those awesome responsibilities: we know God's truth so we must respond in truth too. If we neglect our Christian duties even though they have been lovingly revealed and explained to us by Jesus and His Church, then our position is much more serious than those who have never heard and believed. 'You know better than that!' is the cry of many a parent or teacher to a wayward or lazy child. We know—thank God—who Jesus is and what He came to do. May we never neglect that and find ourselves before the Father being told we knew better!

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

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME,
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A VERSE FOR THE ASSUMPTION

The Angel Death, from the cold tomb
Of life did roll the stone away,
And He thou bearest in the womb
Caught thee at last into the day

Francis Thompson

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**

Blessed

John Henry Cardinal Newman on Our Lady

In her the destinies of the world were to be reversed, and the serpent's head bruised. On her was bestowed the greatest honour ever put upon any individual of our fallen race... But further, she is doubtless to be accounted blessed and favoured in herself, as well as in the benefits she has done us. Who can estimate the holiness and perfection of her, who was chosen to be the Mother of Christ? What must have been her gifts, who was chosen to be the only near earthly



relative of the Son of God, the only one whom he was bound by nature to revere and look up to; the one appointed to train and educate him, to instruct him day by day, as he grew in wisdom and in stature?



*It is the Solemnity of the
Assumption of Our Lady this Thursday
AVE MARIA!*

POPE FRANCIS ON THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY...

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, insists that being Christian means believing that Christ is truly risen from the dead. Our whole faith is based upon this fundamental truth which is not an idea but an event. Even the mystery of Mary's Assumption body and soul is fully inscribed in the resurrection of Christ. The Mother's humanity is 'attracted' by the Son in his own passage from death to life. Once and for all, Jesus entered into eternal life with all the humanity he had drawn from Mary; and she, the Mother, who followed him faithfully throughout her life, followed him with her heart, and entered with him into eternal life which we also call heaven, paradise, the Father's house.

Mary also experienced the martyrdom of the Cross: the martyrdom of her heart, the martyrdom of her soul. She lived her Son's Passion to the depths of her soul. She was fully united to him in his death, and so she was given the gift of resurrection. Christ is the first fruits from the dead and Mary is the first of the redeemed, the first of "those who are in Christ". She is our Mother, but we can also say that she is our representative, our sister, our eldest sister, she is the first of the redeemed, who has arrived in heaven.

Homily, 15 August 2013

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, 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: Suzanna Martin, Fr Seamus Hetherton, Mgr Louis McRae, Dennis Doherty, John Sherry, Bernadette Haydon

ANNIVERSARIES: Seamus Walsh, John O'Kane, Gerry Clark, Georgina Taylor, Mike Hammond, James Jackson, Mary Naughton, Winifred McDonald, Arthur Thornhill, Donna Lewis, Philip Fitzpatrick, Catherine Hawthorne, Patricia Daines, Helen Wright, Peter Travers, Catherine McQuale, Thomas Bird, John Waters, Valerie Johnson, Mary Murray, Douglas Moore, Josie Zaparanuik, Margaret Rooney, Elizabeth Storey, Michael O'Sullivan, Nancy Clifford ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this challenging time
- All who travel

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.***

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