

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 18th August 2019 20th Sunday



Mass p7, readings p124 in the Parish Mass Book

*The church has a hearing loop system*

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 18th</b> <b>20th SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Joseph Cooney (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Teresa Niro (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 20th <i>St Bernard</i>	Mass	7.00 p.m.	Sylvester Budkiewicz (RIP)
Wednesday 21st <i>St Pius X</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patricia West
Thursday 22nd <i>Queenship of BVM</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 23rd <i>St John Wall</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Michael McCarron (RIP)
Saturday 24th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Mass Holy Hour Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Julie Masterson
<b>SUNDAY 25th</b> <b>21st SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Mark McKenna (Anniv) Joseph Kendall (Anniv)



### PARISH CONTACTS



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**AVE  
MARIA!**

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

## This Sunday

- **20th 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. 10.00 a.m. in the MRR. All welcome Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

## Next Weekend

- **21st Sunday of the Year**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

### **This week...**

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

### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Niamh Walsh  
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Afi Selormey

### Coming Soon

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**

Full service afternoon tea will be available on **Saturday 21 September from 2.30pm**. Tickets are £10 and available from Claire Rutter. Please support this summer social and fundraiser!

#### **MASS FOR THE SICK**

The parish's annual Mass and Anointing for the sick will be on 28 September, followed by lunch organised by the SVP. All sick and housebound parishioners are warmly invited!

#### **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](http://bit.ly/JandO_Assembly2019)

#### **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

Bl John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome—together with two others—on 13 October. This is a great cause for celebration! May he pray for us and for the Catholic Church in England.

## **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](http://www).

### **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.**

#### **MUSICIANS AT SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

Do you play the piano, violin, oboe, flute, recorder, 'cello or tin whistle? Would you like to help accompany the singing at six o'clock mass? Preparation does not take very much time, and if you do not feel ready to make a big commitment, you might like to play only one Sunday a month. If you are interested and would like to enquire further, speak to one of us after mass. **Sharon McBride and Anthony Buckley**

#### **READERS AT MASS**

The new rota is now being worked on. If anyone would like to become a reader at Mass, please contact Kris Pears as this is just the time to be incorporated into the new rota.

#### **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: £905.67**

**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

Jeremiah the prophet speaks what God tells him too. For telling the truth straight from God, Jeremiah receives not thanks and praise, but punishment. He has uttered words his hearers do not like, and so they throw him down a well, from which, fortunately, he is rescued. We all know that telling the truth can be difficult: for ourselves or for those we tell it to. But 'shooting the messenger' cannot alter the truthfulness of the message one bit. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the effect that His message will have on His hearers. He knows how controversial it is. The message of the Gospel will—very soon after His death and resurrection—divide families and friends and lead to persecution and oppression. Throughout the ages Christian truth has both inspired the faithful and aroused the anger of the oppressor. Are we to follow Jesus, or someone or something else? Jesus calls us all: the division comes when some respond and others do not. Even the foot of the cross was hardly a peaceful scene: Our Sorrowful Lady and a handful of friends and a crowd of curious, insulting and even bloodthirsty passers-by. But as we know, even killing Christ Himself did nothing to kill the truth of His message.

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## 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.***

## MASS INTENTIONS

Demand for Mass intentions on Sundays is, from time to time, so great that it is simply impossible to accommodate all requests on the dates asked for. Please indicate if you are willing to share your intention, a great help. Demand in the week is far less.

## RECENT DEATHS

Please keep in your prayers the souls and families of those recently departed.

### Joan Imojah

Whose funeral took place last Friday.

### Suzanne Martin

Who taught at the parish school until retiring back to Ireland about 15 years ago. Her funeral took place in Ireland last week.

### Nora Addison

A faithful member of the parish, who with her late husband Charlie, played a full part in the parish's life. Her funeral is on Wednesday 28 August at 9.30am, and she will be received into church at 6pm the night before.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

**"Our God is moving forward on the road with us, He is among us, He walks with us. He saves us. He makes history with us. Be mindful of all that, and life becomes more fruitful, with the grace of memory."**

Pope Francis, May 13, 2013

## SUMMER SOCIAL AFTERNOON TEA

2.30PM SAT 21 SEPT  
IN THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM  
TICKETS £10 SEE CLAIRE RUTTER  
OR FR STEPHEN



## MARGARET ROPER ROOM KITCHEN YET MORE GOOD NEWS!

As well the £10,750 in grants we have already received, we have also been awarded **a further £1,500**. In total we have secured £12,250 of grant funding so far. It might be that we shall receive a little more, but this is almost half of the projected cost. We have been generously helped! These grants are made to us because the MRR is used by so many in the local community. 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!

### 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, 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:** Nora Addison, Suzanne Martin, Joan Imojah, Mgr Louis McRae, Dennis Doherty, John Sherry, Bernadette Haydon, Stuart Coley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Mullally, William Fellows, Winifred McDonald, Teresa Rainbow, Isa Boyle, Peter Murray, Jim Keegan, Teresa Niro, Margaret Magennis, Mary O'Callaghan, Brendan Kenny, Rosalind Stretton, Wowka Budkiewicz, Lena George, Frederick Lee, Henry Cavanagh, Ida Meler, Elizabeth Commins, John Conboy, Jack Gaught, Cynthia Phillips, Trevor Gregory, Vincent Swords, Janet McGawley, Thomas Ward, Mildred Needham, Joseph Kendall, Gerald Doyle **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Students and pupils receiving exam results last week and this
- Vocations to the priesthood



**Blessed be Jesus Christ  
in the Most Holy  
Sacrament of the Altar!**

## 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

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## 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**