

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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25th August 2019

21st Sunday

Mass p7, readings p127 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 25th 21st SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Mark McKenna (Anniv) Joseph Kendall (Anniv)
Monday 26th <i>Bl Dominic Barberi</i>	Mass <i>No Holy Hour this week</i>	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Owens (RIP)
Tuesday 27th <i>St Monica</i>	Reception in to Church Mass	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Patrick Kenny (RIP)
Wednesday 28th <i>St Augustine</i>	Funeral Mass	9.30 a.m.	Nora Addison RIP
Thursday 29th <i>Beheading of St John the Baptist</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Betty Commins (20th Anniv)
Saturday 31st <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour <i>Confession</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Spec Ints Kevin Twohig
SUNDAY 1st 22nd SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Breda McIlheany (RIP) 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

- **21st 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 Sept.
 - **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

- **22nd Sunday of the Year**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Niamh Walsh

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Noreen Thornhill

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Janet Ward

Coming Soon

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will begin meeting again at **7.15pm Tues 3 Sept** in the MRR. *All welcome!*

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL 50TH ANNIV

The school is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this September and would like to invite you to their Open Day on 7th September 10-4pm. Come and take a trip down memory lane with our archives display and see how the school looks now in 2019! For further information email 50th@cncs.school

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Places still available on a pilgrimage led by Fr Michael Gamble. Fully escorted Pilgrimage, 14 Sept 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms add £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

JAM 'N' CAKE

The monthly opportunity to come along and get to

know the music for 9am Mass with the music group, returns on **Tues 17 Sept at 7.15pm.**

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 at 11am**, followed by lunch organised by the SVP. All sick and house-bound parishioners are warmly invited, but also the whole parish to be present at the Mass to offer support and prayers to those who come.

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

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.

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**

MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember that demand is sometimes so great that not every request can be accommodated—someone else may have booked the date first.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £916.60

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

The kingdom of God begins with a chosen race, but is to spread throughout the world so that everyone

may have the opportunity to be saved. But the dedication, self-discipline and commitment necessary in living life God's way means that many will not take up that opportunity while others unexpectedly claim it. Jesus takes up Isaiah's prophecy and confirms that His salvation is not the exclusive property of a pre-booked minority but extends to everyone everywhere. Everyone who is prepared to do his or her best. 'Doing our best' is one of those sayings that usually doesn't truly mean what it says. To do our best is not to muddle through being all right, make a bit of an effort, or to sit back enjoying the thought that we don't do too badly. No, doing our best actually means a constant striving to live at the very limits of our abilities to love, to believe, to serve, to do all those things that Christ calls us to do. Athletes, as St Paul alludes to elsewhere in his writings, do their best by pushing themselves with everything they have: Christians do their best by doing the same - but not in order to be first across the finishing line, but to give glory to God.

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

If there are any parents with Catholic children NOT in Catholic schools, whose children in Yr6 would like to be Confirmed this coming academic year, on 15 November, please note that classes will begin in the parish next month. **There is a meeting FOR ALL INTERESTED PARENTS,** whether with children in Catholic schools or not,

5.15pm on Mon 23 Sept

'BELOVED WEEKEND'

**A Weekend Retreat for Women
25-27 October**

This is led by members of the Sion Community (who ran last year's parish mission for us) and will be held in Brentwood, at the community's mother house. More details and booking forms are available from Lynda Leigh.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

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

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 this Wednesday—see front of this sheet

Trevor Dixon

Trevor died suddenly at home last Monday evening. Many of you will remember his faithful service to the parish over many years. Trevor's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 6 Sept.

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

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 included in the new rota, or speak to one of the clergy.

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**

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.***

SUMMER SOCIAL AFTERNOON TEA

**2.30 SAT 21 SEPT
IN THE MARGARET
ROPER ROOM
TICKETS £10 SEE
CLAIRE RUTTER
OR FR STEPHEN
ON SALE AFTER
MASS**



For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Hilary Hanson, 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: Trevor Dixon, Nora Addison, Suzanne Martin, Joan Imojah, Mgr Louis McRae, Dennis Doherty, John Sherry, Bernadette Haydon, Stuart Coley

ANNIVERSARIES: Assunta Lague, Olive Prior, Mary (May) Canning, Anthony Dodd, James Barratt, Donal McHugh, Howard Kennedy, Michael O'Sullivan, Pauline Twigger, Michael Broderick, Anne Whitters, Mabel Fulham, Peter Hughes, Hughie Twomey, Michael Kelly, Rosemary Kennedy, Nora Neary, Mr Hopkins, John Moran, Gerald Harland, Tony Gill, Frank Craven, Bill Berwick, Joseph Richards, Edna Burton, Patrick Carroll, Maureen Vaughan, Ella Gregory, Robert Harvey **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Victims of violence
- Students who received their exam results last week

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

'We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.'

Bl John Henry is to be canonised in Rome on Sunday 13 October.



PARISH NEWS

This news sheet! On paper and on the website

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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