

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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1st September 2019

22nd Sunday

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

Mass p7, readings p130 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 1st</b> 22nd SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Breda McIlheany (RIP) Cynthia de Courcey
Monday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour	9.00 a.m.	~
Tuesday 3rd <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Denis Doherty RIP
Wednesday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen Cassidy RIP / Susan O'Shea RIP
Thursday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Friends' Intentions (H.O'B)
Friday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	10.00 a.m.	Trevor Dixon RIP
Saturday 7th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Thanksgiving (Josie) / Harry Davenport RIP
<b>SUNDAY 8th</b> 23rd SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Emrys Evans RIP (Birthday) People of the Parish



## PARISH CONTACTS



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**SEPTEMBER: month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

*O Sorrowful Mother, pray for those in sorrow today!*

### This Sunday

- **22nd Sunday of the Year: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**
- **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 for their work.
- **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** Next meeting on **10 Sept.** Catch up conversation, food and drink.
- **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).
- **23rd Sunday of the Year**
- **Next Sunday is Education Sunday.** We pray for the work of teachers and God's blessing on them, pupils, students, governors and schools and colleges. **We shall be praying for our own school and all connected with it.**

### Sunday Readers' Rota

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

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Noreen Thornhill  
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Janet Ward

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

9.00 a.m. School Readers  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

### 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 celebrates its 50th Anniversary this September and invites you to the Open Day on 7th Sept 10-4pm.

#### **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

Places still available, led by Fr Michael Gamble. 14 Sept 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Includes flight 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. Entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Single room add £100. Details: Patricia 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557, 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!

#### **ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT)**

On **Sun 22 September** there will be a presentation about the work of the trust given by fund raising volunteers who will be talking about how the Trust may be supported by us. Most of you will know that the Trust works with deprived children in Coventry by providing retreats, breaks and grants. It was set up in memory of Andrew Robinson, of this parish, who, at the time of his death, was a seminarian at Oscott College training for the priesthood. He always had an active interest in the welfare of young people.

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

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

Bl John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome—together with two others—on **13 Oct.** May he pray for the Catholic Church in this country.

#### **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**

It has not proved possible to relaunch Stepping Stones over these last few months. That does not mean that the 'stay & play' group will not appear again at some future date. We owe thanks to An-nemarie Vincent Poole for co-ordinating a possible relaunch.

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £953.65**

**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

**H**owever much the world may be impressed by rank or position, wealth or possessions, style or looks, in God's eyes the greatest people are

those who behave humbly. That is, those who put other people before themselves, who acknowledge that they have much to learn, who recognise their dependence on God. Jesus tells a little parable to illustrate this. True humility is not about considering oneself not worth as much as anyone else, or trying desperately hard not to do ourselves down. No, it's about realising our dependence on God, about our true limitations and about understanding that we are here to love God and other people, which means serving Him and our neighbour.

### 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. Please write 'Willing to share' on your intention envelope if you are happy to share your intention with another. This is a great help. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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 or non-Catholic schools at**

**5.15pm Mon 23 Sept**

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

Canley: Sun 15 Sept 3pm  
Lentons Lane: Sun 22 Sept 3pm  
London Road: Sun 29 Sept 3pm  
St Paul's: Sun 6 Oct 3pm

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

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

#### Trevor Dixon

Trevor died suddenly at home. Many of you will remember his faithful service to the parish over many years. Trevor's funeral Mass will be celebrated this Friday at 10.00am - see front of sheet.

#### Ken Gamble

Ken died last Tuesday after a very long and faithful Christian life. He had moved to residential care in Bedworth, near Bulkington, where his son, Fr Michael Gamble, is parish priest. Reception into church at Bulkington 7pm Mon 9 Sept, Funeral Mass at Bulkington 11am Tue 10 Sept.

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

### READING AT MASS

The new rota is now being worked on. If anyone would like to become a reader at Mass, please contact Kris Pears or 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**  
**2.30pm SAT 21 SEPT**

**IN THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM**

**TICKETS £10**  
**ON SALE AFTER MASS**

**SEE CLAIRE RUTTER OR FR STEPHEN**



### '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.

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mick Muldoon, Emma Bowen, Karl Seitz, Barbara Rees, Bp Francis Thomas, Lucy Beale, Frank Smith, Alan Dowson, Sheila Colby, Lizzie Clark, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Jean Leonard, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, Owen Fyffe, Francesco Niro, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Catherine Bland, Maria Raftery, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Ronald Bowen, Margaret Johnston, Noel Bryan

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

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- That creation may be cared for

### **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living.

*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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**Website:** coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/

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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**