

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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8th September 2019

23rd Sunday

Education Sunday

Mass p7, readings p133 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8th 23rd SUNDAY Education Sunday	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Emrys Evans RIP (Birthday) / Suzanne Martin (RIP/B'day)
Monday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Joseph Kendall (Anniv) Maraid George
Tuesday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Sean Ryan & family (Sick) / Doreen Robinson (RIP)
Wednesday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Heather Cunningham (RIP)
Thursday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Arthur Thornhill (4th Anniv)
Saturday 14th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	John & Ellen Merrick (Anniv) / John-Paul Cassidy (RIP)
SUNDAY 15th 24th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Roy Donnelly (RIP) Teresa Mulligan (RIP)



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SEPTEMBER: month of Our Lady of Sorrows

O Sorrowful Mother, pray for those in sorrow today!

This Sunday

- **23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: 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, asking for God's blessing on the new school year.**
- **WELCOME MINISTRY WILL TIDY UP!** Please leave your hymn and 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.
- **APOLOGY: LAST WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET** There was an error with the time of last week's Wednesday Mass which was not spotted until after the Mass had happened. I apologise to those who were therefore inconvenienced by the mistake. Fr Stephen

This Week

- **TUESDAY:** **Additional MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by cuppa! **TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** Catch up conversation, food and drink. All welcome.
- **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

- **24th Sunday of the Year: Home Mission Day. Second Collection:** Catholic Evangelisation
- **Blessing of Graves. Canley Cemetery, 3pm.** The blessing of graves is a longstanding Catholic tradition, a way of praying for the departed

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. School Readers

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'Sullivan & Maureen Porter

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Andrew Colby

Coming Soon

LIVE SIMPLY GROUP

Now that the he parish has been awarded the CAFOD Live Simply Parish award, there will be a meeting on **Mon 16 Sept at 7pm** in the JP2 room to plan how we will continue the good work.

Everyone is invited

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!

No previous experience needed. For more details contact Claire Rutter Tel: 7641 2535

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

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 land.

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Make a date for **Saturday 19 October** for the 1992 comedy **Sister Act**, (cert PG) starring Whoopi Goldberg and Maggie Smith. A gangster's girlfriend is placed for witness protection in a convent, where her presence has many results....

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.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1015.64 Standing Orders for July: 622.33

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 first reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom and purposes, and the frailty of our own. Our souls, it says, are 'pressed down by mortal bodies'. That immortal and imperishable part of us is led into all sorts of mistakes, sins and failings by our bodies. Our desires for physical comfort, status and possessions are all driven by the physical wants of our own bodies and the attitudes of our physical world. Thus we can never know God's purposes perfectly while our bodies lead us into the imperfection of sin. Consequently, in the Gospel today, Jesus calls us to renounce the wants of our bodies and focus on Him and His purposes, to put Him above all things. At first sight, some might assume that in calling us to put families and possessions in second place after Him, Jesus is calling us to ignore them, or even worse. But we know from much other literature of the time that the 1st century Jewish mind was much given to extremes: one did not *prefer*, one *loved*. One did not *dislike* something, one *hated* it. So Jesus (who in giving His mother into the care of St John as He hung on the cross is hardly ignoring Our Lady) is simply calling His disciples to put things in their proper order, and to count the cost of discipleship before starting out. After all, who would have thought that it would be God's wisdom and purpose to give eternal life to mankind by giving away His bodily mortal life? The man who loses his life, shall find it...

Ken Gamble RIP

Reception at Bulkington 7pm Mon 9 Sept
Funeral Mass at Bulkington 11am Tue 10 Sept.

8 SEPTEMBER: IF TODAY WERE NOT A SUNDAY IT WOULD BE

THE FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us that we may be worthy of the



FAITHFUL CROSS above all other,
One and only noble tree.
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Saturday is Holy Cross Day



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

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

Canley: Sun 15th Sept 3pm

Lentons Lane: Sun 22nd Sept 3pm

London Road: Sun 29th Sept 3pm

St Paul's: Sun 6th Oct 3pm

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*

'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.

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

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 23rd Sept

*****HELP NEEDED WITH GUIDES*****

Help needed with the Guides (girls 10—15yo) on Tuesday evenings 7.30—9.00 p.m. Please speak to Claire Rutter for details

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, 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: Margaret James, Mary Morris, Ken Gamble, Trevor Dixon, Nora Addison, Peter Pithie, Suzanne Martin, Joan Imojah, Mgr Louis McRae

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Meehan, Eileen Harold, Richard Skelly, Mary Holroyd, Joseph Meade, Michael Brennan, Donald O'Sullivan, James O'Neill, Cicely Fawcett, Martin Langdon, George Webb, Mary Burr, Bridget Gannon, Maurice Catlin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Mieczyslaw Kolodynski, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Joseph Murray, Albert Bordeleau, Mabel Barnacle, Dorothy Redmond, Isabella Quinn **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- All involved in education, and especially the children and parents, staff and governors of our parish school

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

'Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action'.

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



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