

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 15th September 2019

## 24th Sunday

### Home Mission Sunday

Mass p7, readings p136 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 15th</b> 24th SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50	Roy Donnelly (RIP)
		6.00 p.m.	Teresa Mulligan (RIP)
Monday 16th <i>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Jerry Joy (RIP) / Susan Wardell (RIP)
Tuesday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Anne Hobbs
Wednesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Corey & Casper (RIP)
Thursday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Reception into Church	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 20th <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i>	Funeral Mass	10.00 a.m.	Margaret 'Mel' James RIP
Saturday 21st <i>St Matthew</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Deacon Philip Prince (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 22nd</b> 25th SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession <b>Mass</b>	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50	Peter Pithie (RIP)
		6.00 p.m.	Trevor Dixon (RIP)

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**SEPTEMBER: month of Our Lady of Sorrows**  
*O Sorrowful Mother, pray for those in sorrow today!*

## This Sunday

- **24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:** Home Mission Day. **Second Collection:** Catholic Evangelisation—supporting mission here at home.
- **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.
- **Blessing of Graves. Canley Cemetery, 3pm.** The blessing of graves is a longstanding Catholic tradition, a way of praying for the departed. We meet outside the Charter Chapel for prayers and then disperse to individual graves.

## This Week

- **MONDAY: LIVE SIMPLY GROUP** Now that the 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
  - **TUESDAY: MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by cuppa!  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** All welcome.  
**JAM 'N' CAKE** The monthly opportunity to come along and get to know the music for 9am Mass with the music group **7.15pm**.
  - **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
- **AFTERNOON TEA LAST TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY.** Full service afternoon tea will be available next **Saturday 21 September from 2.30pm**. Tickets are £10 and available from Claire Rutter.
  - **ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT) QUIZ NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY 21ST SEPT 7.30 p.m.** in **St Thomas More School Hall**. Form a team and join in this exciting evening. £2 per person entry. 6 people per team. Bar and tuck shop. Children welcome.
  - **ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT)**  
Next Sunday 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.

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Fr Hudson's Society  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

## **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Blaise H-O'Sullivan & Maureen Porter  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Andrew Colby

## **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Marisa Gunn  
6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & Brendon Cunningham

## **Coming Soon**

## **CONFIRMATION MEETING**

For all the parents of children who would like to be confirmed, whether pupils at a Catholic school or not, 5.15pm Monday 23 September.

## **MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER**

## **FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

@ 192 Kenpas Highway. All welcome.  
Thanks Claire and Mary.

## **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 land.

## **PARISH FILM NIGHT**

**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...**Please sign sheets in the porch if you are coming and tick the food you would like!** (mainly Fish & Chips)

## **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Kenney will celebrate **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! There will be a planning meeting in due course.

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

**Last week- Main Collection:** £1165.53 Standing Orders for August: £547.33

**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

**T**HERE IS NO LIMIT to what God will forgive: although all our sin causes God immense sadness he longs to be reconciled with

us. But, for this reconciliation and forgiveness to happen one thing is *essential*: we must repent of our sins. In today's Gospel, those who tried very hard to keep God's law are surprised at the company Jesus keeps. They might be jealous, or they might be worried that Jesus's message and authority will be compromised by mixing with such law breakers. But Jesus tells what must be his most famous parable of all, a story of love, repentance and forgiveness. We all know the story; what we need to be reminded of is the bottomless depth of mercy that it shows us in response to our genuine penitence. The sinful but penitent son throws himself at the feet of his father, and is forgiven. Jesus is saying 'God the Father loves you more than you can know. He longs to forgive you. Say sorry, have a change of heart and ask Him. You will be forgiven, and He will clasp you to Himself'.

### PARISH FILM NIGHT

*Saturday 19 October 7pm*

## SISTER ACT (Cert PG)

*Comedy, with Whoopi Goldberg. Lists in the porch to sign up and book food.*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please speak to Fr Stephen. A group will begin to meet in the autumn to learn about and explore the Catholic faith.

### SEPTEMBER 15

## MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

O sorrowful Mother who stood by your Son in His last agony, stand by all sorrowful mothers today and pray for their consolation and comfort.

## POSSIBLE TREE REMOVAL

We are taking advice about the big trees behind Our Lady's Shrine and Mgr Gavin's grave. They are dying in the middle and so big that the wall is damaged. New trees would be planted of course.

## 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

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 base. More details and booking forms are available from Lynda Leigh.

## AFTERNOON TEA

**2.30pm SAT 21 SEPT**

**IN THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM**

*LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS £10*

*ON SALE AFTER MASS*

**SEE CLAIRE RUTTER OR FR STEPHEN**

## \*\* HELP NEEDED WITH GUIDES \*\*

Help needed with the Guides (girls 10—15yo) on Tuesday evenings 7.30—9.00 p.m.

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

## 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**

## ARE YOU ON TWITTER?

**The Archdiocese** is—@RCBirmingham

**The parish** is—@StThosMore

**The school** is—@STMschCoventry

**Soul Reason** are—@soureasonstm

### **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:** Pauline Darcy (Kirkwood), Margaret James, Mary Morris, Ken Gamble, Trevor Dixon, Nora Addison

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Janet McGawley, Nora Smethurst, Ruth Waters, James O'Neill, Henry Swinden, Patricia Morgan, Janet (Jenny) Lavelle, Anne Kelly, Tainja Skendrovic, Joseph Murtagh, Hilda Matthews, Margaret Murphy, Sylvia Harland, William Errington, Mary Graham, Catherine Ford **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Persecuted Christians
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Victims of natural disasters in the Bahamas
- Mothers with children in trouble, suffering, sick or dying, and for those children

### **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

'I could attend Masses forever, and not be tired. It is not a mere form of words — it is a great action, the greatest action that can be on earth. He becomes present on the altar in flesh and blood, before whom the angels bow and devils tremble.'

*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***