

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 22nd September 2019 25th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p140 in the Parish Mass Book

*The church has a hearing loop system*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 22nd</b> 25th SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Peter Pithie (RIP) Trevor Dixon (RIP)
Monday 23rd <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mrs Margaret Murphy (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 24th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Private Ints A Kenny
Wednesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Baimbridge (RIP)
Thursday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Fr Kevin Scallon (RIP)
Friday 27th <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Mass with Anointing of the Sick	11.00 a.m.	The Sick
<b>SUNDAY 29th</b> 26th SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30—5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Sheila & Jack Garry (Anniv) Tony & Sheila Colby (Anniv)

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

## This Sunday

- **25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: SECOND COLLECTION:** Fr Hudson's Society
- **ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT)** Today 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.
- **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. Lentons Lane Cemetery, 3pm.** The blessing of graves is an ancient Catholic tradition, a way of praying for the departed. At every burial, the grave is blessed and to ask for it again is a lovely way to pray for our departed loved ones.

## This Week

- **MONDAY: CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING: 5.15 p.m. in the school hall.** This is for parents of *all* children to be confirmed whether at a Catholic school or not.
- **TUESDAY: MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by cuppa!  
**TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** All welcome.  
**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION 7.45 for 8pm** in the MRR. Fr Peter Conley on Newman's letters
- **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).
- **FRIDAY:** Macmillan tea, coffee and cakes Fundraiser at 192 Kenpas Highway. All welcome! Organised by Claire and Mary.

## Next Weekend

### **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.

### **LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH— WALK TO CHURCH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK**

Walking or cycling to church each week, if you are able, cuts carbon emissions and is a great way to keep fit and save money on fuel. We are encouraging as many people as possible to walk to church on Sunday 29th September. Let us know how far you have walked or cycled that day.

## Sunday Readers' Rota

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

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

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Debbie Middleton  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

## Coming Soon

### **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](mailto: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)**

## **COVENTRY INTERCULTURAL MASS**

**SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT 3p.m.** at St John Fisher Church—all welcome!

## **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHARITY**

Friends of the Holy Land was formed in 2009 to offer direct help to Christians most in need in the Holy Land. 10 years later we now help hundreds of named Christians and their families but there are many more who need our help. On **Saturday 16 November at 1030 in Coventry Cathedral** there will be an ecumenical thanksgiving service. We are delighted to be hosting Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa from the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Archbishop Suheil Dawani of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Tickets are **free** and **lunch** is provided **but tickets must be booked**. See <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

## **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: £950.15 Catholic Evangelisation: £455.02**

**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**ODAY, we are being called by the Scriptures to care for those in need. We cannot truly love God but then ignore or exploit the

weak, poor and needy. No amount of 'being religious' can stop God noticing any greediness, fiddling, or selfishness we might have. So, secondly, in the Gospel today Jesus calls us not to be dishonest like the steward in the story, but to be as organised and prepared. If we spent more time planning and getting ready for our eternal future, more time chatting to God, more time getting ourselves ready for Mass, more time loving our neighbours as ourselves and God above all things, then we shall notice God in our lives more too. We can't give our allegiance both to God and to something else too!

### 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**

### 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.

### AFTERNOON TEA

Many thanks for a lovely Parish event and all the hard work of the organising team.

### 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, that won't grow so large. In the meantime, it might look a little bare in that corner of the car park.

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

London Road: Sun 29th Sept 3pm  
St Paul's: Sun 6th Oct 3pm

## ALL 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 by Bishop Kenney**, please note that classes will begin in the parish next month. Children in the parish school will receive instruction in school.

**There is a meeting FOR ALL INTERESTED PARENTS, whether with children in Catholic or non-Catholic schools at 5.15pm this Monday in the school hall**

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Please pray for -

**Violet Foulks**, recently departed and for her family. Her funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed.

**Hidegard Atherton**, who died last week. Her funeral is to be at St Joseph the Worker on Thursday 3 October at 9.15am

### - JESUS MARY JOSEPH -

#### '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.

### 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*

#### \*\* 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

### 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 ON TWITTER?

**The Archdiocese** is—@RCBirmingham

**The parish** is—@StThosMore

**The school** is—@STMschCoventry

**Soul Reason** are—@soulreasonstm

**ARYPT** is—@ARYPT\_Cov

### **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:** Violet Foulks, Hildegard Atherton, Pauline Darcy (Kirkwood), Margaret James, Mary Morris, Ken Gamble

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frances Pearce, Marjorie Kelly, John Harrison, Lauren Cook-Robinson, Joan Keenan, George Broughton, Mary Burke, John Galloway, William Long, Mary Daly, Charles Berry, John Brian, Helen Ryan, Eileen Norris, Joseph Ijoma, Beda & Betty McGovern, Sylvia Jenkins, Sidney Hayes, Helen Martin

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

- The work of Fr Hudson's Care
- Our nation at this difficult time
- Victims of natural disasters in the Bahamas
- The work of the Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust

### **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

'I have my mission, I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place.'

*Bl John Henry will be canonised in Rome on Sun 13 Oct.*



## **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**