

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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29th September 2019 26th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p143 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 29th 26th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Sheila & Jack Garry (Anniv) Tony & Sheila Colby (Anniv)
Monday 30th <i>St Jerome</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Patrick Blake (RIP)
Tuesday 1st October <i>St Therese</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Earl Smith (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd <i>Guardian Angels</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Nellie McCann (RIP)
Thursday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maryanne & Luke
Friday 4th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Doye (RIP)
Saturday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Communion Service Holy Hour <i>No confessions today</i>	9.00 a.m.	~
SUNDAY 6th 27th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Dec'd Members of O'Brien & O'Shea families People of the Parish

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OCTOBER: month of the Holy Rosary
Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

**AVE
MARIA!**

This Sunday

● 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

● LIVE SIMPLY WALK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

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 as possible to walk to church today. Let us know how far you have walked or cycled.

● **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.

● **BLESSING OF GRAVES. London Road Cemetery, 3pm.** The blessing of graves is an old Catholic tradition, praying for the departed.

This Week

● **TUESDAY:**

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by a cuppa!

TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m. All welcome. **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:** MRR at 7.15 p.m. 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). **DEANERY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP 7.15pm** at Christ the King

Next Weekend

● **SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD** Harvest

● **BLESSING OF GRAVES** St Paul's 3pm
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Jim Etheridge
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Geraldine Clarkson

Coming Soon

BAPTISED & SENT

Our call is to be missionary disciples and Pope Francis has designated October 2019 as an Extraordinary Month of Mission. 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.**

There is a framed print of Bl John Henry in the sanctuary to remind us of this and to be a focus for prayer. There is a novena that we shall say beginning this Friday 4 October until the day before his canonisation. There will be a quotation from Newman on the back of this sheet for several more weeks. 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.

NIGHT SHELTER COOKING

Saint Thomas More has been cooking meals for the Coventry Peace House night shelter and the Hope Coventry Winter Shelter at St Osburg's for several years. This year there is an additional winter shelter at All Souls church. These shelters provide a meal and bed for asylum seekers and the homeless. We have a rota of cooks that prepare and deliver meals and we'd be happy to have more volunteers. See the poster in the church porch for more information or call Kevin Duffy 07812211828. Live Simply in solidarity with people in poverty.

TREVOR DIXON RIP

Sadie and her family wish to thank all those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy on the sad occasion of Trevor's sudden death.

Thanks also to those good friends who visited regularly during Trevor's illness, and those who came after his death. Many thanks to those who attended his Requiem Mass and committal at Canley. Special thanks to Fr Stephen for his support and understanding. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £845.55 Second: Father Hudson's: £432.01

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

Holy Scripture records the words of many prophets and of Jesus Himself that warn us of the consequences of doing

evil. No-one should not know that such things as lying, murder, adultery, stealing and so on are all condemned. We need to turn away from sin and repent. But what we often forget are that there are other warnings too, not about doing wrong but about **failing to do good**.

The rich man in today's gospel is not condemned because of any great evil act he committed. He is condemned because he did nothing to help the hungry, ill and homeless Lazarus who took shelter on his very doorstep. Doing nothing at all is sometimes just as sinful as doing something wrong. How easy it would have been for the rich man to provide a meal for Lazarus! But he didn't. Too often, it is assumed that getting to heaven is something that will just happen to everyone, as long as we haven't done anything terrible. Today's Gospel shows how dreadfully mistaken that idea is. True holiness isn't only about avoiding sinful actions, it is about working to do good, and **actively** building up God's Kingdom as respond to Christ's call to 'Follow me'.



THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS, MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Today, if not a Sunday, would be Michaelmas, the feast of the Archangels. As the Church faces so many dangers and attacks in this present age, both from within and without, we do well to say the prayer to St Michael. St Michael, the warrior of God, fights against Satan in the Apocalypse and defeats him. May Michael help us defeat all that is evil in the world, all that fights against God's kingdom.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, defend us
Sin battle;
be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

St John Paul II said 'May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of: 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might' (Eph 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St Michael the Archangel (cf. Rev 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the last century, he brought in, throughout the Church, a special prayer to St Michael... Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world'.

24 April 1994



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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If so, please speak to Fr Stephen. A group will begin to meet in the autumn to learn about and explore the Catholic faith.

THANK YOU SVP!

A very happy lunch followed a prayerful Mass for the sick yesterday. Many thanks for catering, serving and music. And of course to those who came to pray for the sick. **Thank you all very much.**

TREE REMOVAL

We have taken 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. It is recommended that we have them taken down. New trees would be planted to replace them of course, of varieties that will not grow so large.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Please pray for -

Violet Foulks, recently departed and for her family. Her funeral service is on Monday 14th October 11.00
Hidegard Atherton, who died last week. Her funeral is to be at St Joseph the Worker on Thursday 3 October at 9.15am
Vera Purdy, who died last week.

ANDREW ROBINSON'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST: ARYPT

Thank you very much to everyone who came to the Trust Quiz Night last Saturday. A good time was had by all! **Thank you** also to everyone who donated to and supported the Trust last Sunday. Over £900 was raised and it's still coming in. **Thank you all!**

MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

There are two boards in the MRR giving details of the way the new kitchen will look. One or two final decisions about the cooker and the fridge are still pending but the pictures give the main idea. It's a huge improvement without a doubt.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerry Donegan, Neil Illston, Annie Kennedy, Tony Colby, Arthur Upham, Thomas Higgins, Maud Grace, Norman Pearson, Anne Nursey, Terence Duffy, Nellie McCann, Aidan Higgins, John Carroll. James Holton, Danny Bedding, Agnes McGroarty, Robert McGhee ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Our nation at this difficult time
- The work of CAFOD
- The conversion of the world through the words and actions of Christ's followers
- Care and respect for creation

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

'I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it'.

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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