

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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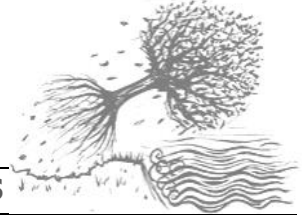
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## 6th October 2019 27th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p146 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Anthony Armstrong (B'day)
Tuesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maraid George
Wednesday 9th <i>Bl John Henry Newman</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter & Mary Cunningham (Anniv)
Thursday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Catherine (Kit) Roberts (1st Anniv)
Saturday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Richard Moore (Sick) / Kathleen Cassidy (RIP)
SUNDAY 13th 28th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Malcolm Shanley (16th Anniv) 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

- **27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION has begun. CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION** take part in Mass today
- **DAY THREE OF THE NEWMAN NOVENA**
- **SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD** Harvest Fast
- **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.** This week at **St Paul's Cemetery, 3pm.**

## 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.
- **BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING: 7.15 p.m.** Preparations for the Bazaar need to commence please—all welcome. JPII room.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

- **ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm**, then tea and discussion in the MRR
- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle Exercise. 10.00 a.m. in the MRR. All welcome. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

## Next Weekend

- **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** Bl John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome—with two others—next Sunday. A picture of Bl John Henry in the sanctuary reminds us of this. There is a novena that we shall say (it began on Friday 4th) until the day before his canonisation. May he pray for the Catholic Church in this land.
- **SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Sunday Readers' Rota**

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

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

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

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Pat Jenkins  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

## Coming Soon **BAPTISED AND 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](mailto:events@columbans.co.uk) or see [http://bit.ly/JandO\\_Assembly2019](http://bit.ly/JandO_Assembly2019)

## **LIVE SIMPLY GROUP**

**Next meeting Monday 14 October**— see details on opposite page.

## **JAM 'N' CAKE**

The next opportunity to get to know music for 9am Mass is on **Tuesday 15 Oct at 715pm**  
**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR NEWMAN'S CANONISATION**

**Fri 18 Oct 7.30pm with Archbishop Bernard at the Oratory, Hagley Rd, Birmingham**  
**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!

## **ALL SAINTS DAY: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

*This is a holy day of obligation.* There will be a **7.00pm Vigil Mass** on the evening before, and on the day at **9.00am** with the school and at **12**

## **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. **Planning meeting this Tuesday 7.15pm in the JPII. NIGHT SHELTER COOKING**

Volunteer cooks are needed to maintain this parish's involvement with feeding the homeless and asylum seekers at the Winter Night Shelter and at Peace House. Poster in the church porch for more information or call Kevin Duffy 07812211828. Live Simply in solidarity with people in poverty.

## **'DIMPLED BOTTOMS'**

The school's 'Busy-Bees' club are making Remembrance Poppies from recycled plastic bottles. If you have any empty plastic squash bottles with 'dimpled bottoms' please leave them in the box in the church porch or drop them into the school reception. *Thank you.*

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £988.32**

**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**HE APOSTLES must have been painfully aware of how small their faith was after Jesus so bluntly compares it unfavourably to the size of a mustard seed! Faith, or trust, goes against our adult human instincts, however. We have to give up our independence, our self-centredness, our control of our own lives, and relinquish it all for Christ. Jesus spells out how necessary it is to witness to Him and the Gospel by which we live a new life in Him. This is not an optional extra, a choice for a few Christians: it is the duty of us all! To do it, we need to trust in God and the more we let go the more we shall find Him leading, guiding and supporting us. After all, Mary let go of almost everything to say yes to God at the Annunciation—her reputation, the certainty of her forthcoming marriage, her future and so even human common sense—and look what's become of her!

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## THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Please pray for -

**Helen Purdie**, funeral at Canley Crematorium at 12 noon on Wednesday 9 October  
**Violet Foulks**, her funeral service is on Monday 14th October 11.00 in church

### EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION *EMM2019: Revitalise, renew, reawaken*

For the four weeks of October 2019, the Holy Father has approved four themes:

- ◆ A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church.
- ◆ The witness of missionary saints and martyrs.
- ◆ Missionary charity as a commitment to support the Church's missionary activity and communities too poor to support themselves, through Missio. (Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission)
- ◆ Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological formation for mission.

Through these dimensions the Holy Father invites us to renew and reawaken our commitment to mission. First, for this week his first point. Missionary activity starts always with the prompting of the Holy Spirit and it starts within ourselves. *Are we truly open to an ever deepening relationship with Jesus ourselves?* Consequently, are we open to the Lord in Holy Scripture? So, do I pay attention to the Bible readings at Mass? Do I read the Bible at any other time? Are we open to the Lord in His sacraments? So, do I try to take part as fully as I can and remember that these are God's greatest gifts for my salvation? Are we open to the Lord in our fellow human beings? So, do I look out for my neighbour, whether next door or suffering on another continent?

*PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH*

### 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.

### A HUGE THANK YOU!

To everyone who supported the Macmillan fund - raising day. A total of **£1120 was raised**. *Claire and Mary*

### 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 idea. It's a huge improvement without a doubt. **Another grant of £3000 has been received towards this!**

### 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.*

### NEWMAN NOVENA 4-12 OCTOBER

The Novena lasts from 4-12 of this month as a thanksgiving and as intercession .Today—

**Newman attribute:** a priest of God's altar

**Intention:** That we are blessed with more vocations to the priesthood

**A few sentences from his writings:**

**A Decade of the Rosary:** the Resurrection

**Final prayer:** O God our heavenly Father, we offer You heartfelt thanks for the life and holiness of John Henry Newman. In him You give us an inspiring example of priest and teacher, heroic and humble in his labour for the salvation of souls and the pursuit of holiness. Through his intercession we ask You to lead us by the kindly light of the Holy Spirit, and so grant us peace and joy, in the one fold of the Redeemer. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://www.newmancanonisation.com/>

### LIVE SIMPLY

The parish was awarded the CAFOD Live Simply Parish award this year - see the notice board in church. The plaque has now been put up in the MRR, thanks to John. There will be a meeting on **Monday 14th October at 7pm at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road** to plan how we will continue the good work. Everyone is invited.

### SCHOOL 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPT

Please see list of winners in the porch.

### 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:** Helen Purdie, Violet Foulks, Hildegard Atherton, Pauline Darcy (Kirkwood)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ronald Brown, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Ian Reilly, Elizabeth Hayes, George Bowman, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Bridget Keegan, Charles Cullinane, Joan Sharry, James O'Connor, John Donaldson, Peter Cunningham, Elizabeth Loughran, Charlie Addison, Kit Roberts, Martin Owens, Leonard McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Keith McGawley, Ann Downey, Catherine Waters, Mary McCormack, Mark Wheeler, Margaret Shomley, Betty Leigh, Margaret Chambers ***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

### BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

'Let us put ourselves into His hands, and not be startled though He leads us by a strange way, a *mirabilis via*, as the Church speaks. Let us be sure He will lead us right, that He will bring us to that which is, not indeed what we think best, nor what is best for another, but what is best for us.'

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



## PARISH NEWS

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## DEANERY NEWS

**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***