

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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13th October 2019 28th Sunday

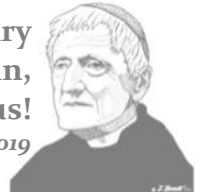
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The church has a hearing loop system

John Henry
Newman,

Pray for us!

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Cardinal Newman

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Funeral Service Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mr M McCarron (RIP) Violet Foulks
Tuesday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Theresa Brooks (B'day Anniv) / Bernard Yeomans (RIP)
Wednesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anthony Armstrong (Anniv)
Thursday 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 18th <i>St Luke</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ken Brown (Anniv) / Anne Lane RIP)
Saturday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Anne Margaret Sumner (10th Anniv)
SUNDAY 20th 29th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Jim Slattery (90th B'day) / Johanna Marley (RIP) 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

- **28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR PRISONERS' SUNDAY THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION** has begun.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development
- There will be a verbal update on the **Parish Accounts** at the end of both Masses today. Accounts are available.
- **BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN IS CANONISED TODAY** A picture of Bl John Henry in the sanctuary reminds us of this. His life, witness and work continues to inspire today. His pursuit of truth, his interest in education at all levels, his writings and poems, his pastoral care, his sacrifices for the gospel guarantees him a special place in English and Irish history and in the history of the Church. Oxford, Birmingham and Dublin were places dear to him and his work. May he pray for the Church, for this nation and for us all!
- **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.

This Week

MONDAY:

- **LIVE SIMPLY GROUP** There will be a meeting on **Monday at 7pm at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road** to plan how we will continue the good work of the LiveSimply award. Everyone is invited.

TUESDAY:

- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by a cuppa! All welcome. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).
- **TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** All welcome.
- **JAM 'N' CAKE** The next opportunity to get to know music for 9am Mass is on **Tuesday at 7.15 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY:

- **ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm**, then tea and discussion in the MRR

THURSDAY:

- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT NO MEETING TODAY**

SATURDAY:

- **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). **TODAY IS THE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!**

Next Weekend

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** APF World Mission. A practical way to support mission in the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Mary Wilson
6.00 p.m. John Burns & Brendon Cunningham

Coming Soon

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR NEWMAN'S CANONISATION

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

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.

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.**

SCHOOL 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPT

Please see list of winners in the porch.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1048.97 CAFOD: £1256.26 Sept Standing Orders: £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

Naaman has to swallow his pride in order to be healed of his leprosy. All he has to do is bathe seven times in the Jordan, but even that is too much. He needed to lose his pride and open himself to the idea that God might work through people and things he'd never have thought anything of. And when he is healed, he wants to reward Elisha, but Elisha knows who should take the real credit—God Himself. So God can use anyone or anything for great good, but if that happens to be us we must not take the credit but always point to God, just like Elisha did. As for the lepers in the Gospel, every one of them must have had faith in Jesus at the start, since they ask him for their healing. They rejoice at being granted that healing, but only one comes back to say thank you. It is natural to turn to God in times of need, but how less natural it seems to be to say thank you once He grants our prayer! But if we stay with Him through asking *and* receiving, how much deeper our relationship will be.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

If you are the parent of a child in year 3 not at a Catholic school but would like him or her to receive Holy Communion, there will be a **meeting on Sunday 3 November at 2pm in the Margaret Roper Room**. Classes will begin the next week

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. Thank you to the many of you who have made suggestions and comments. Some of the different ideas have contradicted each other, so it will be impossible to please everyone, alas. To be clear, we are not having a fridge-freezer, just a fridge. However we might feel about the positioning of a particular item, it is clear that this refurbishment will be a massive improvement. The refurbishment will allow us to look again at standards of tidiness and cleanliness. Ideally, as a room for hire, absolutely nothing should be left out on work surfaces. Just like in the pictures of what the new kitchen will look like! *Thank you*.

WORK ON THE PRESBYTERY GUTTERING

Unfortunately the presbytery guttering is in a poor state, as are the fascias, soffits and barge-boards. Replacement work starts next week.

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: A SAINT

The canonisation takes place today in Rome. There is lots of information on the web at <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/> Including details of how to watch the ceremony live. Also to be made saints are Sister Mariam Thresia, Giuseppina Vannini, Dulce Lopes Pontes and Margarita Bays.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRI 29 NOV 5.30-8.30

We need...

* Bottles * Cakes * Plants * Chocolate *
 * Pickles & Jams * Items for Prizes (unwanted gifts perhaps?) * Help setting up * Help tidying away * Raffle tickets taken away and sold *
 Is there anyone with a van who could drive it so we can move tables and items from church to school on the Thursday night? We hope to have a **Junior Bake Off Completion** on the night. All is being co-ordinated by Mary Hulme who can be emailed on mandj Hulme1@gmail.com

Thank You & Please Support!

TREE REMOVAL

Work on removing the overgrown and aging trees behind Our Lady's shrine will begin this week and take place in stages. The advice and help of the Woodland Trust has been asked and new trees will be ready to be planted in the spring. It is never easy to see trees cut down, but it is sometimes necessary. At least we are replanting more.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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

MUSICIANS AT SUNDAY 6PM MASS

If you are a musician and are interested in playing at 6pm Mass, please speak to one of us after mass.

Sharon McBride and Anthony Buckley

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Please pray for two recently departed former faithful members of this parish, and for their families.

Katie Aubrey who died aged 46

Mary Kelly who died in Ireland last week.

R.I.P.

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: Mary Kelly, Katie Aubrey, Helen Vera Purdie, Violet Foulks, Hildegard Atherton, Pauline Darcy (Kirkwood)

ANNIVERSARIES: Aaron Hughes, Pat Mallett, Tom Deegan, Winifred Sadler, David Walsh, Teresa Brown, Ivor Rouzel, Karen James, Agnes Mallett, Ellen Gallagher, Margaret McHugh, Patricia Arnett, Patrick Walsh, Christina Mason, Peter Dargon, Edmund Cerowski, Bill Neale, Lee Donnelly, Tony Armstrong, Tommy McFadden, Dorothy Bromidge, Patrick Fearon, Bill Browne, Josephine Ferry, William Mahoney, Kenneth Mitts, Bridget Boyd, Isobel Crilly, Mary Burton, John Clements, Ken Brown, Michael Thornhill, Doris Pyle, Francis Smart, Samuel Mayne, Eileen Winter, Zygmunt Branski, Daisy Smith **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- Prisoners and their families
- The conversion of the world through the words and actions of Christ's followers

BL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

'Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need.'

Bl John Henry will be canonised in Rome today.



PARISH NEWS

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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