

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 20th October 2019

## 29th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p152 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 21st <i>Feria</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 22nd <i>St John Paul II</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
Thursday 24th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 25th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour & Benediction <i>No confessions today</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	~
SUNDAY 27th 30th SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Maud Maher (1st Anniv) & Edward Maher People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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

**AVE  
MARIA!**

## This Sunday

- **29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION** has begun.
- **SECOND COLLECTION: APF WORLD MISSION.** A practical way to support the extraordinary month of Mission. APF World Mission, also known as *Missio*, is a Pontifical Missionary Charity that runs the red box giving scheme as part of its support for work in the missions, serving the some of the world's poorest communities.
- **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. **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.
- **ECUMENICAL VESPERS at ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL 4PM**, to celebrate the canonisation of St John Henry

### **TUESDAY**

- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle exercise class 10 a.m. MRR—followed by a cuppa!  
All welcome. Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).
- **WORKING PARTY TO TIDY UP BEHIND OUR LADY'S SHRINE** from 10a.m. Now that the trees have been removed, a bit of tidying up is needed before replanting. Please help if you can, if only for half an hour, and bring a rake and/or a shovel. Refreshments provided.
- **TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** All welcome.
- **ADORATION PRAYER GROUP: Chapel 1.30pm**, then tea and discussion in the MRR.
- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle exercise class 10.00 a.m. MRR—followed by a cuppa!

### **Next Weekend**

- **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

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

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

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

9.00 a.m. Judy Freeman & Niamh Walsh  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Louise Poole

### **Coming Soon**

#### **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 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Sunday 10 November is Remembrance Sunday.** 9am Mass will, as is customary, be a Requiem for the victims of war.

#### **DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** **Tuesday 12 November 7.00pm at St Anne's** **CONFIRMATION MASS**

**Friday 15 November 7.00pm** with Bishop Kenney

#### **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/>

#### **PRAYING FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

The names of those who have died here over the past year will read out as we pray for them on **Sunday 17 November at 9am.** The Mass will be offered for them.

#### **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.**

#### **PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Copies of the financial report given last Sunday are available on white sheets at the back of church. Please take one away and see how much we raise and spend, and how the money you give is used.

#### **SUPPORTING THE PARISH AT NO COST!**

If you pay income tax there is no good reason not to join Gift Aid and a *very good reason to join*—the tax man adds 25% to your giving! See Tony Curristan (contact on front page of sheet) or Fr Stephen

#### **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

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £906.41 Parish Development Fund: £653.06**

**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

Moses outstretched his arms—the symbol of his praying—appear at first sight to be what causes the Israelites' victory. They are

not. The true cause is the prayer he said. Today, Jesus teaches us much about the value of constancy in prayer. The unsympathetic judge can't really be bothered with the widow, but her persistence in asking him ensures that justice is done. If this judge finally listens, how much quicker will our loving Father! Of course God will hear our prayers, but the answers come in His time and in His way. Prayer is not simply a wish list: we cannot pray against God's will and only He knows for sure whether granting our prayer as we want will actually do us any good. Prayer is an expression of our relationship with God, a spending of time in His company, a drawing us out of ourselves and pointing us to Him. He may not grant us exactly what we ask for, but no prayer is wasted. He may give us what we and others around us need in order to grow in our love of Him and one another. But how could He possibly ignore prayers offered by those for whom Jesus held out His arms on the cross?

### WORK ON THE PRESBYTERY GUTTERING

Unfortunately the presbytery guttering is in a poor state, as are the fascias, soffits and bargeboards. Replacement work is ongoing.

**THE ROSARY** is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.

*Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

### OUR LIVESIMPLY ORCHARD

Two pear trees were planted last week by members of the Tuesday Society in memory of **Harry and Jean Davenport**, and **Margaret and Ron Rutter**. We thank the Tuesday Society and pray for Harry and Jean, Margaret and Ron.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...*

## 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](mailto:mandj hulme1@gmail.com)

**Thank You & Please Support!**

### TREE REMOVAL

Work has finished on removing the overgrown and aging trees behind Our Lady's shrine. They had dying trunks and had become far too big for that space. The retaining wall behind them was being pushed out and cracking. There was an enormous amount of litter revealed that has been cleared. **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.* (The **Live Simply** orchard behind the church contains eight trees that we have planted). Many of the logs went to the school for use in the prayer garden and for craft work. **Any logs still there may be taken away for your fire.**

### 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**

### 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.

### MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

**The builder hopes to confirm a starting date with us this week** and so we can let everyone know the date soon after. 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 .**

### **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:** Nora Donovan, Mary Kelly, Katie Aubrey, Helen Vera Purdie, Violet Foulks, Hildegard Atherton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Murphy, Walter Bell, Ronald Sharpe, Maggie Sumner, Thomas Norris, Hugh McIlhone, Brian Roberts, Bridget Doran, Vincent Merrick, William Moulding, Frances McCluskey, Joan Bell, Silbert Smith, Thomas & Ruth Higgins, Paschal Keegan, Jan Zajac, Catherine David, Cath Gallacher, Kathleen Murray, Ada Jackson, Margaret McMahon, William McCann, Paul Kenny **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- Those who serve as missionaries, and for all of us that we may reveal something attractive about the faith to others by our own way of living
- Peace in the Middle East, especially between Turkey and the Kurds
- Vocations to the priesthood and diaconate

### **ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**

'Animals have done us no harm and they have no power of resistance. There is something so very dreadful in tormenting those who have never harmed us, who cannot defend themselves, who are utterly in our power'.

*St John Henry was canonised in Rome on 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.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The parish bereavement group exists to support anyone who is grieving and would like someone to talk to. Please take a leaflet with contact details from the praying for the departed notice board near the door through to the Margaret Roper Room (Knoll Drive side of church), or contact one of the clergy.

***If you need to ask anything that can wait until Sunday (or having anything to be signed or collected) we absolutely guarantee you can catch the clergy in church after Sunday Mass! Otherwise, contact details are on the front of this sheet***