

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 27th October 2019

# 30th Sunday

Mass p7, readings p155 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 27th</b> 30th SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Maud Maher (1st Anniv) & Edward Maher People of the Parish
Monday 28th <i>Ss Simon &amp; Jude</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mary McHale (RIP)
Tuesday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patricia O'Brian (RIP)
Thursday 31st <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Hewson (RIP)
	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Maisie Taylor (RIP)
<b>FRIDAY 1st</b> ALL SAINTS'	Mass with STM School Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> <b>12 noon</b>	People of the Parish Peter Gibbons (RIP)
Saturday 2nd <i>All Souls</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Jim Kelly (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 3rd</b> 31st SUNDAY	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Ints of Frank & Suzanne Martin 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

- **30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION** has begun.
- **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.

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY

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

## THURSDAY

- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** Gentle exercise class 10.00 a.m. MRR—followed by a cuppa!

## FRIDAY

- **ALL SAINTS' DAY**, a holy day of obligation. There will be a **Vigil Mass at 7pm** Thursday evening, **Mass with the school at 9am** on the day and **Mass at 12 noon**.

## Next Weekend

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Johnson Association which supports retired & infirm clergy in need  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

## This week...

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

## Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Laura Martin  
6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Andrew Colby

## Coming Soon

### **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 two weeks ago 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.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

The people of the parish and especially the sick were remembered at Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham last Tuesday.

## **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

**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 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: £1,067 APF World Mission: £509**

**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

The fact that God loves us is not always properly understood. Sometimes, people don't believe that they are worthy of it: 'God can't possibly love someone like *me*'. Sometimes, people use it to excuse wrong doing 'Missing Mass and forgetting to help old *What's-her-name*' don't matter: God loves me anyway'. Sometimes people look at others and feel superior 'God can't possibly love someone like *him*'. But properly understood, God's love for us ought to humble us, and bring us out of ourselves. He certainly does not love the sin, but He does love the sinner. Almighty God Himself cares about each of us, no matter who we are, what we've done or what we are like. Out of His great love shown by the sacrifice of His only Son Jesus, He calls us to respond. We cannot impress Him by wealth, brains, brawn or beauty, or by rule keeping or any of our own hard work. But like the sinful taxman in today's Gospel story, we do right in His sight by acknowledging always our failings rather than our successes, and trusting in His freely-given love and mercy rather than in ourselves. The fire of God's love for us is what we should be allowing to warm us into the kind of people He calls us to be.



## ARE YOU ON TWITTER?

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The parish is—@StThosMore

The school is—@STMSchCoventry

Soul Reason are—@soulreasonstm

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# JESUS MARY JOSEPH

## 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!**

## 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.

## 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.

## MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

**Work starts on MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

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 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 .**

## 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**

## — A BIG THANK YOU... —

...to everyone who helped landscape the area where the trees were behind Our Lady's shrine. It all looks so much better as we get ready for new planting. **Thank you all!**

### 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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Cunningham, James Davey, Harold Anderton, Nancy Allen, Desmond Winter, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold, Paddy Hope, Les George, William McSorley, Mario Sajeva, Emrys Evans, Theresa Lacey, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, Eileen Smith, Fintan Conroy, David Nisbet, Alan Stock, Sean O'Sullivan, John Leonard, Marie Darby, Maud Maher, Andrew Murphy, Christina Mahon, Edward Hastings, Ona Smith, John Comer, Alice Williams, Mary McKenzie **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

### ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

*May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last.*

Amen.



## 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**