

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 3rd November 2019

# 31st Sunday

Mass p7, readings p157 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3rd 31st SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Ints of Frank & Suzanne Martin People of the Parish
Monday 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Stuart George Taylor (12th Anniv)
Tuesday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	John & Mary Murray (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Bernadette Armstrong (Sick)
Thursday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday 9th <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	John McDonnell RIP (1st Anniv)
SUNDAY 10th 32nd SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	The Fallen People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**NOVEMBER: month of the Holy Souls.**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual  
 light shine upon them*

## This Sunday

### • 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Today we welcome children preparing for first Holy Communion who will be presenting their letters to the sick at 9am Mass. This forms part of year 3's preparation in the parish school.

• **SECOND COLLECTION: Johnson Association** which supports retired and infirm clergy in need. In the next ten years, the diocese expects sixty priests will be retiring.

• **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS** available after Masses today

### • 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! Details from Mary (07736770453 / 02476416681).

• **TUESDAY SOCIETY 2.00 p.m.** All welcome.

• **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 7.15 p.m. in MRR**

## WEDNESDAY

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

• **PALESTINE: EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT** At Earlsdon Methodist Church CV5 6NF Ann Farr will give a talk about her recent visit and work in Palestine. Refreshments from 6pm, Worship at 7pm, talk at 7.30pm

## THURSDAY

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

## Next Weekend

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

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

### **HELP NEEDED AFTER COFFEE NEXT SUNDAY**

**N.B.** Anyone able to help **empty the kitchen** after refreshments on **Sunday 10th November** is very **welcome to help.** There will be **NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER** the **9.00 a.m. Mass** on **Sunday 17th Nov.**

**N.B.** There will be **NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER** the **6 p.m. Masses** on **both Sunday 10th and 17th November.**

### Sunday Readers' Rota

**This week...**

9.00 a.m. Millie MacDonald & Laura Martin

6.00 p.m. Janet Ward & Andrew Colby

**Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Clive Robinson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

## Coming Soon

**DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY**  
**Tuesday 12 November 7.00pm at St Anne's**  
**JAM 'N'CAKE**

**Tue 12 November.** More Jam than cake this time perhaps as the MRR will be unavailable. Meet in the side chapel.

## 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.friendsoftheholylnd.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.

## RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Will be held on **Sun 17 Nov** after both Masses. Thank you for your support and for the skilled work of our flower arrangers

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Friday 29 November.** Please help— see opposite **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 for 2018 are available on white sheets at the back of church. Please take one and see how much we raise and spend, how the money you give is used.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

After this week's meeting, the group will meet next on Tuesday 17th Nov—venue to be confirmed. All welcome.

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £968.19**

**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 author of the first reading is considering the sheer greatness of God's being and yet how He is still concerned with ordinary human beings.

Through His mercy He is calling all of us to repent and turn from evil to Him. In the Gospel is an account of just such a turning. A sinful, money-grabbing and swindling tax collector, Zacchaeus is nonetheless keen to see Jesus about whom he has obviously heard so much and whom the crowds flock to see and hear. So when Jesus singles him out and announces He is coming to visit Zacchaeus's house, the sinful tax-collector is overcome. The sheer greatness of God in Jesus coming to visit him causes a complete conversion. Not only is Zacchaeus sorry for his sin but he wants to make up for it, to restore what he has wrongly taken. Salvation indeed came to Zacchaeus's house: Jesus is that salvation and Zacchaeus's response to Him ensures that Jesus and Salvation are his.

### 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 shortly afterwards

### CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PARTY

For **older members of the congregations of local parishes**, Bishop Ullathorne School will be holding a **party on Friday 13 December**. The event will run from **12.00-2.00pm**. The event will include festive food, games and maybe a surprise visitor. ***If you're interested, please tell Fr Stephen by 29 November.***

### 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 ON TWITTER?

The **Archdiocese** is—@RCBirmingham  
The **parish** is—@StThosMore  
The **school** is—@STMschCoventry  
The **Soul Reason** are—@soulreasonstm  
**ARYPT** is—@ARYPT\_Cov

### 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**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY 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 to move tables & items from church to school on the Thursday night? We are having a **Junior Bake Off Competition** on the night—please see posters.  
**Co-ordinated by Mary Hulme who can be emailed on mandjhulme1@gmail.com**  
**Thank You and Please Support!**

### COMING SOON: 2020 YEAR OF THE WORD

The Bishops of this country declare a **Year of the Word** for 2020 to concentrate upon the wonder and message of Holy Scripture, without which we would be lost! Pope Francis has decreed that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will henceforth be the **Sunday of the Word**. We reflect on **the God who Speaks**. So, now is the time to challenge ourselves. At every Mass we hear the Scriptures: do we listen or are we distracted? For example, do we read this sheet instead? **Don't!!** Do we realise that the Scriptures are a fundamental part of Mass? Indeed, if you arrive after the Gospel you have not been to Mass (it might not be your fault of course) and so should not receive the Blessed Sacrament—reflecting on Scripture is a necessary part of preparation and a right disposition otherwise it wouldn't be the first part of every Mass! Do we remember how Christ Himself read, reflected on and preached the Scriptures? So, are we comfortable with the Bible and what's in it? This is a great resource to help us:

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

Let's spend a little time meeting God in Scripture. There will be resources to inspire us as the year unfolds. The Holy Spirit Himself is the inspiration of all Scripture, drink deeply of that divine gift!

### MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

**Work starts on MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER** It will be a huge improvement without a doubt. Thank you to the many of you who have made suggestions and comments. We have considered them all, in consultation with our kitchen designer. We won't be pleasing everyone—some suggestions contradicted each other!

**THE MRR AND JPUI WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL BOOKINGS AND REGULAR EVENTS FROM 12 NOON SUNDAY 10th Nov - WED 20th Nov.**

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 how the new kitchen will look!

While the refurbishment is happening it will not be possible to use the MRR or the John Paul II room due not only to the work but the storage of materials and the kitchen contents that we're keeping. This means **no refreshments after 6pm on 10 November**, nor **after 9am on 17 November**, nor **after 6pm on 17 November**. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it will be worth it! **Thank you .**

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Bill Molloy, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddan, Linda Mckenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, 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:** Fr Jerome Bertram Cong Orat, Nora Donovan, Mary Kelly, Katie Aubrey, Helen Vera Purdie

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael McLaughlin, Tony Corcoran, Austin O'Reilly, Patrick Lawler, Leo Keenan, Tom Connor, Ruth Brown, Elizabeth O'Brien, Desmond Eady, Maud Norman, Ron McQuillan, Gertrude Czudei, Thomas Jurczak, Nora O'Donovan, John Dunne, Eileen Hanlon, Joseph Molloy, Sarah Donoghue, Daron Wiktor, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Galvin, David Kelly, Michael McHale, Edward McGinn, William Turner, Desmond Winter, Mary Durkin, Annie McGinty  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time and as a General Election draws near
- Peace in the Middle East
- Vocations to the priesthood and diaconate

### PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS...

We remember our departed love ones in prayer. So we might place their names before the altar in the memoriam box, offer a rosary, light a candle, have a Mass said, visit their graves to pray. Every Eucharistic Prayer contains prayers for the departed and we may unite ourselves to that and pray for loved ones. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them...**

### PRAYING WITH ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

*Help Lord, the souls that Thou hast made  
The souls to Thee most dear  
In prison for the debt unpaid  
Of sin committed here.*

St John Henry was canonised  
in Rome on 13 October



## PARISH NEWS

**This news sheet!** On paper and on the website  
**Website:** [stmcov.org](http://stmcov.org) **Twitter:** @StThosMore

## DEANERY NEWS

**Website:** [coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/](http://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/)

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

**Website:** [birminghamdiocese.org.uk/](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/)

**Twitter:** @RCBirmingham

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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.

## 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 have 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***