

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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10th November 2019 32nd Sunday

Mass p7, readings p160 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 11th <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Lavina Lynskey (RIP Anniv)
Tuesday 12th <i>St Josaphat</i>	Mass	12 noon	Molly and James
Wednesday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Trevor Dickson (RIP)
Thursday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Confirmation Mass	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	John Francis McCarthy (Mem Mass) The Confirmandi
Saturday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour No Benediction or Confessions	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	Matt Molloy (RIP)
SUNDAY 17th 33rd SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m.	Parishioners who have died in the past year / Shaun Cleary RIP (4th Anniv) Peter Aaron & Sian Hughes (Anniv)

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

- **32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9am Mass will be, as is customary, a Requiem for the victims of war.
KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT Anyone able to help **empty the kitchen** after refreshments after **TODAY** is very **welcome to help**. There will be **NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER** the **9.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday**. There will be **NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER** the **6 p.m. Masses both today and next Sunday 17th November**.
- **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 9.00 a.m. Sunday Masses** in the Margaret Roper Room. Please stay if you can.

THIS WEEK

- **NO MEETINGS for any groups in MRR** this week due to kitchen refurbishment.
- **DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** Tuesday 12 November 7pm at St Anne's Church, Binley
- **JAM 'N' CAKE** Tuesday 12th Nov 7.30 p.m. in the **CHAPEL**
- **CONFIRMATION MASS** Friday 15 November 7.00pm with Bishop Kenney
Next Weekend
- **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:** Church flowers
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Clive Robinson

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Jude Doherty

6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & John Burns

Coming Soon

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/>

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Will be held on **Sun 17 Nov** after both Masses. Thank you for your support and we thank the flowers arrangers for their work and talents.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

After this week's meeting, the group will meet next on Tuesday 19th Nov—venue to be confirmed. All welcome.

A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS on *Christian hope, a hope especially meaningful as we pray this month for the departed*



MAY THE LORD, who is the hope of glory, who is the centre, the whole, help us in this path: to give

hope, to have passion for hope. And, as I've said, it's not always optimism but what Mary, Mother of God, sheltered in her heart during the darkest time of her life: since Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. That is hope: she had it. And that hope has renewed everything. May God grant us that grace.

9th Sept 2013

**** HELP NEEDED WITH GUIDES ****

Help needed with the Guides (girls 10—15yo) on Tuesday evenings 7.30—9.00 p.m.

No previous experience needed. For more details contact Claire Rutter

Tel: 0247641 2535

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.**

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

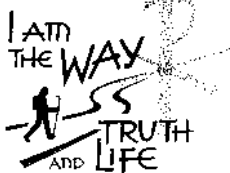
Last week- Main Collection: £1145.01 **Johnson Association:** £592.06

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

The belief in life after death was not a great feature of the Jewish faith at first. The dead lived a shadowy existence of near nothingness, but gradually the Jews' thinking changed. So much so, that by Jesus's time the idea of the dead being raised to new life by God was commonly held by many Jews. Not all believed it, however. A group called the Sadducees did not. They challenge Jesus by making up a very unlikely woman, a widow seven times over. If the dead rise again, whose wife will she be? Jesus confounds their cleverness by referring to what God told Moses at the burning bush— 'I **am** the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob', all long dead by Moses's time. In fact, for God everyone is alive. In creating our souls, God made us immortal. Yes, the body dies but for God's faithful people, life is changed not ended. Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even death. And on the last day we shall step from our graves to rise like Jesus from the dead, with—we pray—our sins forgiven to lead the new life of the resurrection. That life will be very different to the life we have now. Jesus stresses the joys of the resurrection that each of us can have, and marriage too will be transformed as part of all that makes the new life of the resurrection the truly happy and blessed life that it is. Going through all this may not be easy, but as Christians we can pray: *Give eternal rest to the departed, Lord, and to those who mourn give comfort and hope.*



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

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

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 JP II 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 .**

WORK ON THE PRESBYTERY GUTTERING

The work replacing rotten wood and collapsing guttering has all been done. Now we wait for the scaffolders to take the scaffolding away...

FOR THE DEPARTED... Father, source of goodness and salvation for all people, hear our prayer. By the prayers of the ever-virgin Mary, may our friends, relatives and benefactors who have gone from this world, come to share eternal happiness with all your saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Baby Simon, Anne, 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: Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Jerome Bertram Cong Orat, Nora Donovan, Mary Kelly, Katie Aubrey

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Grady, Danuta Koltun, Mary Walsh, Kenneth Stone, Richard Molloy, Mary Billingham, Patrick Brennan, Ann Redmond, Michael Carr, John Tomkins, Carol O'Sullivan, William McCrae, John O'Malley, Maureen Rowan, Alan Beer, Shaun Cleary, Annie Wiseman, Joseph Garry, Eveline Hopkins, Elizabeth McGuckin, John McCarthy, John Comer, Anthony Casey, Michael Haran, Harry Bradley, Madge Jennings, Annie-Marie Duffy, Francis Chambers, Mary Finnegan, Peter O'Brien ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Our nation at this difficult time
- Peace in the world and the victims of war

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

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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