

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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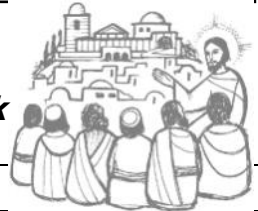


17th November 2019

33rd Sunday

Mass p7, readings p164 in the *Parish Mass Book*

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

| 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) |
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| Monday 18th <i>Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour | 9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | Dec'd Members of Hussey/Merrick family |
| Tuesday 19th <i>Feria</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Wednesday 20th <i>Feria</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Thursday 21st <i>Presentation of the BVM</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Friday 22nd <i>St Cecilia</i> | Eucharistic Service | 9.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Saturday 23rd <i>Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession | 9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 10.40-11.20 | Mrs Margaret Stone (Mem Mass) |
| SUNDAY 24th CHRIST THE KING NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY | Sung Mass Confession Mass | 9.00 a.m. 5.30—5.50 6.00 p.m. | Emrys Evans (Anniv) 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

- **33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
- **PRAYING FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS**
The names of parishioners and others connected to the parish who have died over the past year will read out as we pray for them at **9am**. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*
- **Retiring Collection:** Church Christmas flowers. Please help to make sure that our Christmas flowers will be as good as ever. We **thank** our **flower arrangers** for their work and skills.
- **KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT** works are currently on schedule. **There will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY OR REFRESHMENTS** after the **9.00 a.m. or 6.00 p.m. Masses**. Everything *is* on course to have tea and coffee as usual next weekend.
- **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 **THIS WEEK**
- **The MRR and JP II will re-open on Thursday all being well**, after a professional clean—as always, building work creates a lot of dust. There have been no problems so far that have caused any delays and things are looking good. **Tuesday**
- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP** meets 7.15pm. See Lynda Leigh for details **Wednesday**
- **Adoration Prayer Group 1.30-2.30** in the side chapel **Thursday**
- **Move It or Lose It** Gentle Exercise in the MRR (hopefully) 10.00 a.m. All welcome.
- **Live Simply.** The Parish was awarded the CAFOD Live Simply Parish award this year. **Meeting this Thursday 21st at 7.00 p.m. in JP II to plan how to continue the good work.** All welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

- **National Youth Sunday:** Second Collection for **Catholic Youth Services** and we welcome members of our **Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for their Annual Church Parade.** **Sunday Readers' Rota**

This week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Jude Doherty
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & John Burns

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Members of Guiding
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Janet Ward

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1034.00

Standing Orders for Oct: £622.33

In 2018 it cost £1,669 a week to run the parish. (2017 £1,503 2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510 2014 £1,966)

COMING SOON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Friday 29 November. Please help— see opposite

PART OF POPE FRANCIS'S HOMILY FOR ALL SOULS' DAY 2013



HOPE is a little like leaven that expands our souls. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us. Today is a day of hope. Our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God and we shall also be there, through the pure grace of the Lord, if we walk along the way of Jesus. The Apostle John concludes: every one who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure'. Hope also purifies us, it lightens us; this purification in hope in Jesus Christ makes us go in haste, readily. Today before evening falls each one of us can think of the twilight of life: 'What will my passing away be like?'. All of us will experience sundown, all of us! Do we look at it with hope? Do we look with that joy at being welcomed by the Lord? This is a Christian thought that gives us hope. Today is a day of joy; however it is serene and tranquil joy, a peaceful joy. Let us think about the passing away of so many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us, let us think about the evening of our life, when it will come. And let us think about our hearts and ask ourselves: 'Where is my heart anchored?'. If it is not firmly anchored, let us anchor it beyond, on that shore, knowing that hope does not disappoint because the Lord Jesus does not disappoint.

2 November 2013

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.**

ARE YOU ON TWITTER?

The Archdiocese is—@RCBirmingham

The parish is—@StThosMore

The school is—@STMSchCoventry

Soul Reason are—@soulreasonstm

ARYPT is—@ARYPT_Cov

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**



The Sunday Readings

Jesus talks to His followers about the end times in today's Gospel. He foresees the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem (which happened about 40 years after the crucifixion when the Romans brutally put down the last Jewish uprising), the coming of false Christs, natural disasters, persecutions, war and betrayal. Yet while the Name of Jesus will cause some to hate His followers, it is also the Name by which we are saved. We have recently remembered those who died amid the horrors of war and to those who grieve sometimes the death of a loved must feel like the end of everything.

But our faith is about hope, a hope founded on the love and mercy of God. The end times Jesus describes are the birth pangs of our eternity. Just as the destruction of the Temple is transformed by St John's vision of the new Jerusalem where God dwells with all the saints, so the deaths of all Christ's faithful are transformed by His resurrection. Christ promises a great reward for our endurance, for, as Paul describes, our getting gweith Christian living in the ordinariness of life. May that reward be His gift to all the departed. *May they rest in peace*

MUSIC & MUSICIANS

St Cecilia's day falls this week and as she is the patron saint of musicians it is fitting that we celebrate the skills and efforts of those who sing and play in our churches. We thank our musicians and singers here, at both 9am and 6pm Masses. Music in worship goes solidly back into the Old Testament and has been part of the liturgy ever since. 'Sing to the Lord' is a frequent Scriptural exhortation. The gospels tell us that Jesus and His disciples sang. His disciples have always sung psalms, chants, hymn, songs and the Mass through 2,000 years. May God bless all who make music in worship today!

MORE MUSICIANS & SINGERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please see Debbie or Steve of Soul Reason after 9am Mass or Sharon and Anthony after 6pm.

If you have a musical talent, please use it with us!

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who helped with the parish celebration of confirmation last Friday. Please pray for the young people confirmed and **thank you all!**

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 on the MRR kitchen is currently on schedule. The room will be cleaned and ready for reopening on Thursday 21st November (we hope!).

THE MRR AND JP11 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 9am and 6.00 p.m. Masses TODAY**. Back to normal next week. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it will be worth it!

Thank you .

** 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

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: Evelyn Ward, Baby Simon Leardi, 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: David Boyle, Tony Griffin, Paddy Gray, Kathleen Sturman, John Murray, Zygmunt Stanton, Baby Joseph Piper, Rose McCormack, Phyllis McDonnell, Francine Barlow, Andrew Murphy, Michael Mitchell, Karen Magennis, Francis McConville (Jnr), Elizabeth Keogan, Eric Tough, Bridget Flannagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Patricia Waltho, Margaret Lamb, Margaret Stone **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Our nation at this difficult time
- The newly-confirmed
- 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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Website: 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