

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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24th November 2019 CHRIST THE KING

Mass p7, readings p167 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 24th CHRIST THE KING <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Emrys Evans (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Batholomew Carey (RIP)
Tuesday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Dec'd of Davenport/Loughton families
Wednesday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv)
Thursday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The DeCoursey family
Saturday 30th <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	William (Billy) O'Keeffe (RIP)
SUNDAY 1st Dec 1st of ADVENT	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charlie Cullinane (Anniv) People of the Parish

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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

- **CHRIST THE KING: National Youth Sunday**
Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service
- **WE WELCOME members of our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides** for their **Annual Church Parade.**
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT** works are complete and, therefore, **refreshments** will be **available after both Masses as normal.**
- **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 MONDAY

- **Coventry Pioneers Annual General Meeting Monday 25th November** commencing with Mass at 7.30 p.m. at Christ the King Church, Westhill Road. Coventry

TUESDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** Gentle Exercise in the MRR (hopefully) 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2p.m. in MRR. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY

- **Prayer Group** meet in the Chapel at 1.30 p.m. and refreshments afterwards in MRR.

THURSDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** Gentle Exercise in the MRR (hopefully) 10.00 a.m. All welcome.

FRIDAY

- **Christmas Bazaar** in the school hall. 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Come and enjoy!

NEXT WEEKEND

- **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** A new Church Year begins and so the **YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** begins too. How might we respond to Holy Scripture more fully?
- **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES** are available this weekend. There will be a collection today and on 15 December to support the parish's 'virtual village' comprised of world gifts bought through this collection. Please consider giving a World Gift or two to friends or family this Christmas on your own behalf. **Thank you.**

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Kris Pears

6.00 p.m. Geraldine Clarkson & Andrew Colby

COMING SOON

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE: 8 DEC

There will be the annual opportunity to support those unjustly imprisoned or under threat of execution for their beliefs by signing cards for them after the Masses on Sunday 8 December. Please support this and the work of **Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT)**. This is a great organisation, see <https://www.acatuk.org.uk/> Now that Amnesty International shockingly promotes abortion as 'a human right' it has forfeited the support of many people. ACAT campaigns only for prisoners of conscience and the victims of torture.

PARISH FILM NIGHT 14 DEC 7pm

Something for Christmas—there won't be a dry eye in the house as we share the delights of **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE** (1946) with James Stewart and Donna Reed. And Clarence the angel!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 21 DEC

Making Spirits Bright with Rock Choir Coventry and Warwickshire 3-5pm. With refreshments in the interval. Free, but donations please for **Warwickshire Search & Rescue**. Come along and let your Christmas sleigh bells ring!

NEW ACCESS CODE FOR KEYS

Please note there is a new access code for the MRR & JP11 keys. If you run a group or require access, please speak to Amanda Kelly or one of the Clergy. For security's sake, the code should not be shared further than necessary: Fr Stephen has had to challenge an unknown man letting himself in at 11pm one Friday night.

NOW IN PARISH SHOP

Advent calendars, advent candles, nativity sets, miniature nativity sets, Christmas cards, diaries and calendars. **Come in and browse!**

FOR CHRIST THE KING...

THAT is the calling of Christians, that is our apostolic task, the desire which should consume our soul: to make this kingdom of Christ a reality, to eliminate hatred and cruelty, to spread throughout the earth the strong and soothing balm of love. Let us ask our king today to make us collaborate, humbly and fervently, in the divine task of mending what is broken, of saving what is lost, of fixing what man has put out of order, of bringing to his destination whoever has gone off the right road, of reconstructing the harmony of all created things.

St Jose Maria Escriva



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: £1322.04 Collection for Christmas Flowers £

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

JESUS is often referred to in the Gospels as 'the Son of David'. Today's first reading gives one of the reasons why. David is appointed to

rule Israel and lead his people—his flock—as a shepherd. He is chosen by God and all the tribes of Israel acclaim him and pledge themselves to him. Jesus comes as a descendant of David, whose mission was to develop that kingdom, rule and shepherding so that all peoples of all times and places can be included. So how paradoxical it is to see our King nailed to a cross, dying a criminal's death, at the mercy of others. But it is on the cross that Jesus's mission comes to a climax. Here, death and sin are defeated by the perfect sacrifice of the Word made flesh, Jesus. But Jesus was not crucified alone: the two thieves hang each side of him. One reacts with scorn and derision in the face of his suffering, demanding that Jesus use His power (if He really has any) to get them out of this dreadful situation. But the other thief reacts differently. He sees that Jesus is God, and if God is prepared to come to earth and hang in suffering beside us, then he can do nothing except ask for God's forgiveness. And Jesus, as King, does just that and promises him a place in His kingdom. May we have such faith, and gain such reward too.



MORE MUSICIANS WELCOME!

Please don't keep your piano lid locked or your violin in its case! If you are a musician and are interested in playing at 9am or 6pm Mass, please speak to one of the current musicians after Mass. **At 9am it's usually Debbie and Steve and at 6pm it's usually Sharon and Anthony.**

MAUREEN PRICE RIP

It is with sadness that we learn of the unexpected death of Maureen last Friday morning. She was almost 99 years old and had served this parish faithfully and with great hard work—for which she would accept no thanks—for many years. Please pray for her and her family.

THE LATE MARIA HARRISON RIP

The parish is fortunate to have been bequeathed £80,000 in Maria's will. The Finance Committee will in due course consider what we might spend this on. It is enough for a fitting improvement to the church building or its facilities or fittings. It will certainly not just be spent on everyday bills! Please pray for Maria who was a faithful and kind parishioner. We should all be grateful for her gift.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THIS FRIDAY 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? **Volunteers to help shift things from church to school from 4pm are needed.**

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

SANTA'S GROTTO

Bookings for children to visit Father Vhrstmas can be made by ringing the school office on 02476 849910

Thank You and Please Support!

MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

Work on the MRR kitchen is complete.

We hope that you will agree that the inconvenience has been worth it. The finer details are still to be worked out about the best place for everything... A wish list has been placed on the counter for any suggestions of things we might need but we can't guarantee to provide everything you might wish for..!

THANK YOU to everyone for putting up with the inconvenience and to **all those who have helped make this possible.** We thank the organisations who made us such generous grants that the net cost to the parish of it all was £10,000—less than half!

NEW ACCESS CODE FOR KEYS

Please note there is a new access code for the MRR & JP II keys. If you run a group or require access, please speak to Amanda Kelly or one of the Clergy. **PLEASE DO NOT SPREAD THE CODE ANY MORE WIDELY THAN IS NECESSARY!** There is a real security issue: Fr Stephen has caught an unknown man letting himself in at 11pm on a Friday night. The code will in future be changed at least every year.

Thank you .

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS TIMES

The parish has kept a 9 and an 11 am Mass on Christmas Day despite the stopping of the 11am on Sundays. This provision of four Masses, double our usual two, is actually impossible for the parish to continue. All the servers have served and all the musicians played by the end of 9am. 11am has lacked these joyful ingredients for several years. Is it not time to be realistic and hold just one morning Mass at 10am? That way, we are not expecting anyone to come out in the dark or very early. The 5pm hugely popular family Vigil Mass and the midnight will of course carry on.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Evelyn Ward, 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: Maureen Price, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Jerome Bertram Cong Orat, Nora Donovan, Mary Kelly, Katie Aubrey
ANNIVERSARIES: Lauren Preece, Michael Duffy, Dolores Deeley, Patricia Pickett, Charles Cullinane, Jean McAteer, Kath Beard, Tom Daly, James Blackwell, Marjorie Woodward, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, Rita Cartwright, Baby Joseph Piper, Constance Wakeling, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty, Raymond Kinsella, Marion O'Kane, Mary O'Kane, Ellen Fox, John Coyne, Margaret Loughton, Elizabeth Duggan, Jadwiga Marrinan, John Kitterck, Janet Branski, Maev Gaffney, Emrys Evans, Dunstan Molyneux, Henry Hanly, William Horton, Mary Taylor, John McHendry, Patrick Keane, Christopher Hand, Andrew Reilly, Rosemary Perera, Denis Hand, Mary Townsend ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Our nation at this difficult time
- Young people and the Church's ministry to them

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...

CONSECRATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

Around the feast of the Annunciation next year England will be rededicated to its ancient title of ***The Dowry of Mary*** at events across the country. This initiative of the Church comes from the national ***Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham***. There will be much preparation. We shall begin by saying, as many parishes do, the Angelus before every Mass beginning next week very suitably with Advent.

DIOCESAN FREE MAGAZINE THE SOWER

Copies are now available at the back of church. It is also available on line from the diocesan web site at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

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