

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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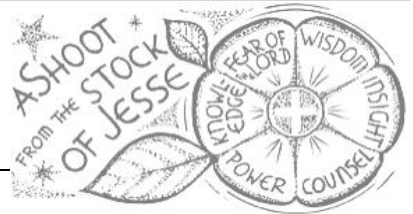
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## 8th December 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent

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### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| <b>SUNDAY 8th Dec</b><br>2nd of ADVENT            | <b>Sung Mass</b><br>Confession<br>Mass        | <b>9.00 a.m.</b><br>5.30-5.50<br><b>6.00 p.m.</b> | Nora Addison (RIP)<br>Gordon Aspell (5th Anniv) |
| Monday 9th<br><i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i> | Mass<br>Holy Hour                             | <b>8.30 a.m.</b><br>7.00 p.m.                     | Mary, Tony & family / Paddy Gilhooly (RIP)      |
| Tuesday 10th<br><i>Advent feria</i>               | Mass  | 6.30 p.m.   | Denzil Griffiths (Anniv)                        |
| Wednesday 11th<br><i>Advent Feria</i>             | Requiem Mass                                  | 1.00 p.m.   | Maureen Price RIP                               |
| Thursday 12th<br><i>Advent feria</i>              | Eucharistic Service                           | 9.00 a.m.   | ~   |
| Friday 13th<br><i>St Lucy</i>                     | Mass  | 9.00 a.m.   | David & Patricia Rodger (Anniv)                 |
| Saturday 14th<br><i>St John of the Cross</i>      | Mass<br>Holy Hour & Benediction<br>Confession | 9.00 a.m.<br>9.30-10.30<br>9.40-10.20             | Mary Kelly (RIP)                                |
| <b>SUNDAY 15th</b><br>3rd of ADVENT               | <b>Sung Mass</b><br>Confession<br>Mass        | <b>9.00 a.m.</b><br>5.30-5.50<br><b>6.00 p.m.</b> | Kathleen Edwards (Anniv)<br>Gwen Molloy (Anniv) |

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**L**ONG AGO, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
Come to make all things new,  
Bear His people's burden, Feely love and pardon.

**ADVENT**  
**2019**



## THIS SUNDAY

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Second Collection for the Poor Parishes Fund
- **YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS A prayer for the year is:** Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen See [www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/)
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **GIFT TEAM** Children from school will receive their certificates
- **PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE:** 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 both the Masses TODAY. **All materials are provided but donations for postage are gratefully received.** Please support this and the work of **Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT)**. See [www.acatuk.org.uk/](http://www.acatuk.org.uk/) Amnesty International shockingly promotes abortion as 'a human right' and so, from a Catholic standpoint, is impossible to support. ACAT works only for prisoners of conscience, victims of torture. **Leaflets at back of church and in MRR**
- Refreshments available after both Masses.

### THIS WEEK MONDAY

- **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY** Mass is at **8.30am today.** *Mary Immaculate, star of the morning, chosen before the creation began, chosen to bring for thy bridal adorning, woe to the serpent and rescue to man.*

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- **Prayer Group** Chapel at 1.30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

- **NO Move It or Lose It** Thursday this week

### SATURDAY

- **PARISH FILM NIGHT 14th Dec 7.00 p.m.** 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! Extra points if you can name the actor! Sign up in the porch to show food preference.

## NEXT WEEKEND

- **Retiring Collection: CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES** are available. There will be a collection 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. Parishioners have donated more than £10,000 over 10 years. *Livesimply* in solidarity with people in poverty.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

#### This week...

9.00 a.m. Jim Etheridge & Mary Wilson

6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Afi Selormey

#### Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Pat Jenkins & Millie MacDonald

6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & John Burns

### COMING SOON

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT 21 DEC

**Making Sprits Bright** with **Rock Choir Coventry & 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!

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**Tuesday 14 January 7.30pm** South Coventry Churches Prayer Service at Quinton Park Baptist.  
**Sunday 19 January 2.00pm** a service in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral

#### NOW IN THE PARISH SHOP...

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

#### THE REDEDICATION 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 this week very suitably with Advent. See <http://dowrytour.org.uk/> and <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/home> 'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England' Pope Leo XIII

## THE GENERAL ELECTION

As usual, the parish will be supporting civic life by the MRR being a polling station for the local area. Please pray for the country on this day, for those who will be elected that they may govern the country as God wills. Electors' choices are complex and often opposites. The Catholic bishops' statement may be read here:

**[www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/2019-general-election-statement-and-bishops-plenary/)**

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1091.45

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

**I**saiah paints a picture of a wonderful future time, when the world would be as God wants it to be. Peace, justice, integrity—all these qualities and more will be in evidence, affecting everyone and everything. Teamed with this reading is the beginning of St Matthew's account of John the Baptist's preaching. The keynote of this preaching is "Repent". And the people listen, captivated by his speaking and his appearance. It is through repentance that people can be prepared for Jesus. The word repentance in the Gospels has a literal meaning of turning around or away from. John calls us to leave behind all that gets between us and Jesus. Leave it behind! His urgency is heeded, and crowds flock to him to receive a kind of baptism, the water being a symbol of cleansing from sin. Many people need deadlines and a sense of urgency before they can be bothered to do anything. Doubtless, when Christ comes again there will be many last moment but genuine conversions. But in the meanwhile we are not to waste time. Jesus comes to establish God's kingdom. We who have heard the call of the Baptist and the Gospel of Jesus, have a duty to work now for that kingdom. Isaiah's prophecy shows us what is possible. Jesus comes to make it happen, and calls us to join him.



## AT 9AM MASS...

The response to the psalm will be sung together instead of being said together. Our musicians will briefly rehearse this before Mass. Please do join in with the simple melody and help make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord'. The psalms were originally written to be sung and of course often still are.

## MORE MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please don't keep your piano lid locked or your violin in its case! Bring your harp to the party, for unlike Gracie Fields, you'll be asked to play! 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 of Soul Reason and at 6pm it's usually Sharon and Anthony.**

## \*\* 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 MASS TIMES

Thank you to everyone who expressed a view about Christmas Mass times. The majority felt that 10am was best, especially since the 5pm Vigil has become the popular family Mass with so many children.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:  
5pm FAMILY VIGIL MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY:  
MIDNIGHT MASS**  
(at midnight, preceded by carols & readings)  
**10am MASS OF THE DAY**

## MRR KITCHEN REPLACEMENT

*Work on the MRR kitchen is complete.*

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!

A further £2,000 has been received towards the costs this week.

### Donations to date:

£60.00 from a parishioner

£750 from William A Cadbury Charitable Trust

£10,000 National Lottery Awards for All Grant

£1,500 from All Churches Trust Ltd

£3,000 from 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust

£2,000 from Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THEM ALL!**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**\*\*\* Thank You! \*\*\***

Thank you again to parishioners and members of the school community for so much hard work and goodwill! Over £200 more has come in, taking us well **over £3,000**

**Final total to follow: bits still to come in**

## COVENTRY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

This provides shelter for homeless men and women in the city, thanks to the voluntary efforts of many, including parishioners here. Among the churches providing venues are All Souls on Monday nights and St Osburg's on Wednesday nights. If you can spare cooking time or a few basic items, please do!

### The shelter needs:

Coffee. Drinking Chocolate, Fruit juice (long-life), Squash, Biscuits, Sugar, Chocolates/sweets, Pot Noodles, Cup-a-soup, Snacks and individual drinks for packed lunches, Toothbrushes, Individual packs of tissues, Men's deodorant/body spray, Men's new boxers, Men's new socks, Men's thermal underwear (long johns!), Men's hats and gloves, Men's boots/strong footwear, Men's coats/jackets, Cash (See Fr Stephen). See Kris Pears or Mary Wilson for information. Items may be left in a box in the porch or taken to All Souls on Mondays and St Osburg's on Wednesdays.

**Thank you.**

## CATHOLICS IN WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Fr Sunday, based at St Osburg's, is now the full time Catholic chaplain at UHCW.

### **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Evelyn Ward, Baby Simon, Anne, Bill Molloy, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, 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:** Maria Maura Lawlor, Maureen Price, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Fr Jerome Bertram Cong Orat, Nora Donovan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Lynch, Julia Byrne, James Burnett, Margaret Fletcher, Michael Horwood, Bernadette Russell, Mme Andree Bringue, James Burke, Edith Carr, Patrick O'Donoghue, Michael Grady, James Browne, Margaret Glynn, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Preston, Cyril Matthews, Nancy Martin, Elizabeth Lamb, Nicholas Martin, John James Burnett, Kathleen Craven, Margaret Barlow, George Newbold, John Murray, Eileen Fallon, William Griffiths, Michael Nolan, Joseph Kelly, Teresa Armstrong, Jane Mather-Lees, Anthony Booth, James Goology, Raymond Stanley, Dennis Cox, Patricia Rodger, John Martin, Arthur Taylor, Alfred Magee, Kathleen Edwards, Harry Law ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Our nation and the General Election, that those elected may govern with integrity and in the interests of the common good, including the unborn, the disabled and the elderly
- For readiness to meet the Lord whenever and however He comes to us

**Come Thou long-expected Jesus!**

## **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***