

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 12th January 2020 Baptism of the Lord

Mass on p7, readings p118 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

On Monday, we return to  
Ordinary Time, Week 1, weekday  
Mass readings from year 2



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY 12th</b> <i>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Ron & Margaret Rutter (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 13th <i>1st Wk of Ord. Time: Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Dec'd of Conboy family (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Reception into Church of Bridie Lawlor RIP Mass	5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Mary Evans (RIP) / John & Eldina Dias Wedding Anniv
Wednesday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Requiem Mass	10.00 a.m.	Bridie Lawlor (RIP)
Thursday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patrick Dolan (RIP)
Friday 17th <i>St Antony, Abbot</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Elsie Finn (Mem Mass)
Saturday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Communion Service Holy Hour & Benediction <i>No Confession today</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	~
<b>SUNDAY 19th</b> <i>2ND SUNDAY</i>	<b>Sung Mass</b> Confession Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b> 5.30-5.50 <b>6.00 p.m.</b>	Charles Walter & Phyllis Smith (Anniv) People of the Parish

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# JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

## THIS SUNDAY

- **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** We celebrate the beginning of Christ's public ministry when signs and wonders at the Jordan River bear witness to who Jesus truly is, John the Baptist's testimony is vindicated and Christ goes forth to make known the Gospel. This marks the final day of the liturgical season of Christmas
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.
- **YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** See [www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/) The parish will be distributing free copies of the publication 'Bible Alive' as Lent begins. This is a series of daily reflections on the Scriptures to help us hear more fully the voice of the God Who Speaks through them This publication is on sale for £2.50 and is available monthly. See [www.alivepublishing.co.uk/](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/)
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS available after both Sunday Masses.** Do stay if you can.

### THIS WEEK TUESDAY

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2.00 p.m. MRR. All welcome.
- **Jam N Cake** 7.15 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **Prayer Service for Christian Unity** 7.30pm at Quinton Park Baptist Church.
- **Rainbows and Brownies** start back this Tuesday. Guides start back on 21st Jan

### WEDNESDAY

- **Prayer Group** Chapel at 1.30 p.m.
- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m.

### NEXT WEEKEND

- **PEACE SUNDAY** The Church's annual day of prayer for world peace. A speaker from the Catholic *Pax Christi* organisation will give a brief talk about its work and the promotion of peace.
- **PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** at the Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral **2pm**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

#### **This week...**

9.00 a.m. Laura Martin & Clive Robinson  
6.00 p.m. Afi Selormey & Geraldine Clarkson

#### **Next Week...**

9.00 a.m. Marisa Gunn & Kate Day  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

### COMING SOON

## THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD

Pope Francis named the **Third Sunday** in Ordinary Time as 'The Sunday of the Word' in annual celebration of the Word of God in Scripture.

## FATHER HUDSON'S CARE ANNUAL BALL SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2020

7.30 p.m.—1.00 a.m. at voco St John's Hotel, Solihull. See poster in porch

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
**Sunday February 2nd.** The celebration of Christ's presentation in the Temple where, Mary and Joseph presenting Him in accordance with Jewish Law meet Simeon who declares Christ to be the light for the nations. Mass starts differently

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Wednesday 26 February.**

### 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 already do, the Angelus before every Mass. 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

### CANON GERRY BREEN RIP

Canon Gerry was the organiser of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes for more than 20 years, a former parish priest of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield, and a former Dean of St Chad's Cathedral. His funeral will be at St Chad's Cathedral. Reception and Mass Wed 22 January 7.00pm, Funeral Mass Thu 23 12 noon.

### SR SABINA RIP

Her funeral will be at St Edward's, Selly Park on 15 Jan 11am. There is also requiem Mass at Corpus Christi, Ernesford Grange 14 Jan at 7pm.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & MOVEABLE FEASTS IN 2020 EVERY SUNDAY

Which this year include the **Epiphany, St Peter & St Paul, the Assumption of Our Lady and All Saints** (all transferred from the Saturday or Monday), as well as **Corpus Christi**

**EASTER DAY: Sun 12 April**  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thu 21 May**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY: Fri 25 December**

### Not of obligation—

**ASH WEDNESDAY: Wed 26 February**

*a Day of fasting and abstinence*

**Every Friday is a fast day when we are encouraged to abstain from meat**

**TO KEEP WHAT HEAT WE HAVE IN, AND**  
**TO KEEP THE COLD OUT...**

**PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH**  
**DOORS BEHIND YOU. Thank you**

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

**Last week- Main Collection: £991.16**

**Standing Orders: December: £437.33**

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



## The Sunday Readings

### IN THIS PASSAGE FROM ISAIAH

the Israelite people (saddened by their sin and the exile and suffering that resulted from it) are comforted by the prophet's message. God will send His servant and will take the people by the hand and lead them from darkness to light. In the person of Jesus, He has done just that. By the waters of the Jordan the ancient promises are publicly fulfilled. Jesus, Mary's Son and the carpenter trained by Joseph is revealed as the Saviour. He begins his public ministry by receiving John's baptism. The Spirit manifests Jesus's true identity: the hidden years are over and it is time to teach by word and miracle, by death and resurrection that God will indeed take His people by the hand and lead them home to Him. By undergoing baptism from John, Jesus makes holy the waters of our baptism. At our own baptisms the Spirit was present too and given to us so that we might love and serve God. We do not need to live in darkness and guilt. We do not need to face difficulties and decisions on our own. Jesus leads us to freedom and the Spirit strengthens us in all our trials.

### FATHER, ON THE DAY I WAS BAPTISED

You made me someone new. You gave me a new birth and a new life at my baptism and I began the first day of my eternal life. You held me and made me Your child by the gift of Your Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of my original sin. You took me into the tomb with Jesus and led me out to live His risen life. Be with me Father, that each day I may live as Your child, and live remembering that Jesus is my brother.

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Sat 23 May-Fri 29 May 2020

We now travel as part of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. A great deal of planning work goes on for that all through the year. Booking forms are not sent out until the new year: as soon as details are known they will be publicised.

### CATHOLICS IN WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Fr Sunday, based at St Osburg's, is now the full time Catholic chaplain at UHCW. Staff will contact the hospital Faith Centre at request for patients who ask. Please make your needs known.

### \*\* 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

## 2020 BILL OF THE YEAR?

*The diocesan levy placed on every parish is changing.*

From the beginning of this year the diocese has changed the way it levies the parishes. Every parish is levied to support the central work of the diocese and those it employs, and to support the work of Catholic schools. In 2019 our levy was £4,400 a quarter or £17,600 for the year, calculated as 24% of first collections. In 2020 our levy will be £6,400 a quarter or £25,600 a year, calculated at 28% of almost all our income. An increase of £8,000 over the year, or £160 a week.

This is not something we can alter. At the moment we run on a surplus of roughly £16,000 a year. This is not a great deal if we are to maintain a large church, its hall, a presbytery and the old caretaker's house. This surplus will now decrease to about £8,000, even less to squirrel away against maintenance costs, let alone improvements.

All we can do about this is raise extra income. Our fundraising events become more important. Reviewing our personal giving becomes more important (in other words, consider if you give what you did ten years ago: if yes, then of course with inflation, you are of course giving less than you once did). Do you pay tax but haven't yet joined GiftAid?

All parishes are in the same situation. Many will find this a challenge. The diocesan financial year is the calendar year. Over the next few months our 2019 accounts will be finalised, submitted to the diocese and gone over by our Finance Committee. They will be presented to the parish as usual, later in the year.

### 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!

### OSCOTT COLLEGE RECTOR TO BE NEXT BISHOP OF NORTHAMPTON

Canon David Oakley, a priest of this diocese and presently the Rector of the seminary at Oscott, has been appointed by Pope Francis to be the next Bishop of Northampton. Please pray for him and his new diocese as he prepares to take up this post. After ordination as bishop by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, he will be installed on 19 March, St Joseph's Day.



### PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP LIVE SIMPLY GROUP

Next Meeting:

This Thurs 16 Jan 7pm John Paull II Room

### FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING

Saturday 8 February 6.30 for 7.00pm

Come and sample a selection of FairTrade wines at a tasting of examples available in the well-known supermarkets. *Tickets available soon*

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** 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, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz and all those who are ill. ***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!***

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Kathleen Darragh, Sr Sabina, Bridie Lawlor, Canon Gerry Breen, Fr Brian Doolan, Fr John Dewis, Fr John Ellis, Evelyn Ward, Maureen Price

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Berryman, Ernest Rushton, Elsie Flinn, Benjamin Thomason, Ronald Rutter, Patrick Galvin, Margaret Gallagher, Sylvester Budkiewicz, Mary Vineall, Phyllis Smith, Christina Kelly, Daniel Crilly, Richard Clements, Lynn Allen, Fr Alfred Rogers, Kathleen Molloy, Teresa Walton, Harriet Baimbridge, Ann Casserly, Mary Vowles, William McGivern, Sr Mary McAvoy, Hilda Caffrey, Patrick Cully, Luigi Rigione, Lee McMahon, Mary Mulligan, Veronica Coin, James Murphy ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Thanksgiving for our own baptism
- Peace in the world, and especially the Middle East
- The suffering people of Australia affected by the bush fires

### 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**

**PIETY SHOP, DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES**  
**The piety shop reopens today** after a well deserved break. **Diocesan Directories for 2020** are available at **£5** each, wire bound.

### 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

Sign up for an email newsletter from the diocese website and the diocesan magazine **The Sower** is available in print and online

## 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***