

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 19th January 2020 Second Sunday

Mass on p7, readings p125 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 19th 2ND SUNDAY Peace Sunday	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charles Walter & Phyllis Smith (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Nora O'Brien (RIP)
Tuesday 21st <i>St Agnes</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Buckley family
Thursday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 24th <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Hallinan (Sick)
Saturday 25th <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Breege Shevlin (RIP)
SUNDAY 26th 3RD SUNDAY Sunday of the Word	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Charlie Addison (RIP) People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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## JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



## THIS SUNDAY

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: PEACE SUNDAY** A speaker from *Pax Christi* will be at both Masses to talk about its work
- **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 ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass. Cards with the words on are available for free on the bookcases at the back of church.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS available after both Sunday Masses.** Do stay for conversation, coffee and tea if you can.
- **THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** began yesterday. **Today 2pm** a prayer service in the **Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral.** An opportunity to pray for unity.

### THIS WEEK MONDAY

- **Prayer 2020 HOPE Coventry** is promoting a prayer initiative for this year. Pray in 2020 on the 20th of the each month at 20:20 for 20 minutes at home. Praying that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

### 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.
- **Life in the Spirit Prayer Group** 7.15 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### NEXT WEEKEND

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD** Pope Francis has created this annual day to celebrate Holy Scripture
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund **Sunday Readers' Rota**

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

9.00 a.m. Clive Robinson & Kate Day  
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

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

9.00 a.m. Noreen Thornhill & Debbie Middleton  
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & John Burns

### COMING SOON

**FATHER HUDSON'S CARE 116th Annual Ball**  
**Saturday 1st February 2020**

7.30 p.m.—1.00 a.m.

at voco St John's Hotel, Solihull. See poster.

**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 begins with the blessing of lighted candles and a solemn entrance procession. Details are given in the Parish Mass Book.

### WINE TASTING SAT 8 FEBRUARY

Fairtrade wine on taste—see opposite page

### 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

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage, 20th April 2020.** £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

### THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

**12noon on Saturday May 9th and Saturday May 16th at St Chad's Cathedral** followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. The Mass invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. To find out more information or to register to attend one of the Masses please email Lianne Pap – [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org). If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), you are asked to email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) (as above) as all these couples will be listed in the Mass booklet. The search is on to find the longest married couple in the Archdiocese.

### MORE MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you can play, please volunteer to join in at 9 or 6 (whichever you come to). Do have a word with Debbie and Steve at 9 or Sharon and Anthony at 6pm

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1015.42

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

**G**OD IS A PERSONAL GOD, who works through human beings. He reveals His message to the prophets—people. He chooses John the Baptist to bear witness—a person. And yet while human beings are fallible, perhaps our greatest fault is not a reluctance to serve God but rather thinking that **we** know best how to serve Him. God calls us to trust, and expects us to work at His speed to His plan—not at our speed to our own ideas. John baptised crowds and crowds long before Jesus arrived at the Jordan. But he simply had to wait until God’s time was right, and then he fearlessly proclaims the truth about Jesus. Yes, God has plans for us, but He also has a plan that can be worked out **through** us. Our halting, impetuous, flawed human nature cannot make impossible the ultimate triumph of God’s plan.

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 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. Details are now available on the diocesan website at

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/faqs/lourdes-pilgrimage-faq](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/faqs/lourdes-pilgrimage-faq)

We hope to have paper details soon too. **Claire Rutter** has again kindly agreed to co-ordinate

### 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 the levy for all parishes was 24% of first collections. It is now 28% of nearly all a parish’s income. So, for us, the levy was £4,400 a quarter or £17,600 for the year. In 2020 our levy will be £6,400 a quarter or £25,600 a year. 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 fundraisers 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 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!

### 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 at 7.00pm**, **Funeral Mass Thu 23 at 12 noon**.



### FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING

**Saturday 8th Feb at 7pm in the MRR**

The Live Simply Group are hosting a wine tasting evening with the opportunity to sample a range of Fairtrade certified wines from around the world. Tickets are £5 and will include samples of 6 wines. Additional glasses of wine and other refreshments will also be on sale. Tickets will be on sale after Mass next Sunday or contact Kevin Duffy on 07812211828.

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

**PLEASE SHUT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS BEHIND YOU. Thank you**  
Temperatures drop but gas bills don’t!

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

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** David Warr, Prisca, Maureen Pearson, 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 Kenney, 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:** William 'Bill' Molloy, Fr Patrick Farrelly, Kathleen Darragh, Sr Sabina, Bridie Lawlor, Canon Gerry Breen, Fr Brian Doolan, Fr John Dewis, Fr John Ellis,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Richard Glover, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills, Tome Hulme, Samuel Maxwell, Linda Proctor, Pamela Chew, Annie Quinn, Margaret Rutter, Noel Carberry, Frank Williams, Jean Rock, Samuel Donnelly, Norman Kelley, Maureen McGuire, Adrian Mullen, Diana Cook, Margaret Gavin, Winnie Adams, Mary Jenkins, James Donoghue, Denis Parker, Lilian Corrigan

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- For unity among Christians as God wills and in the way that He wills
- 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 has Diocesan Directories for 2020 available at £5 each, wire bound. Plus many other items, devotional and informative.

## **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***