

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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A Parish of the Coventry Catholic Deanery

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## 26th January 2020 Third Sunday

Mass on p7, readings p127 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Tom Forde (RIP)
Tuesday 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Harry Mellon (RIP) (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Doreen Mary Robinson (Anniv)
Thursday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Quirke (RIP)
Saturday 1st Feb <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Donna Lewis (RIP)
SUNDAY 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Ints of Kathleen Budkiewicz Ints of Rev Patrick Jeary

### PARISH CONTACTS

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	<a href="http://www.st-thomasmore.coventry.sch.uk">www.st-thomasmore.coventry.sch.uk</a>		
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## JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



## THIS SUNDAY

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: *THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD*** Pope Francis has created this annual day to celebrate Holy Scripture. This first one falls during the **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/) As a reminder of the gift of the Word, an open copy of Scripture is now placed in front of the lectern.
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **THE YEAR OF THE WORD: 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.

## THIS WEEK MONDAY

- **Holocaust Memorial Day.** This year, the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.  
**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

- **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.** You will need to take a candle as you enter the church. The start of Mass will happen at the back of church, so you may be 'in the thick of the action' if you arrive after Mass has begun. **Details are given in the Parish Mass Book.** This, as a Feast of the Lord, is kept on 2 February no matter what day of the week it falls on, so its being on a Sunday is infrequent.

## Sunday Readers' Rota

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

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

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

9.00 a.m. Jude Doherty & Jim Etheridge  
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Janet Ward

## COMING SOON

### **FATHER HUDSON'S CARE 116th Annual Ball**

*THIS YEAR'S BALL HAS BEEN POSTPONED.*

### **BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT**

*To support Year 12 going to Lourdes*

**Friday 7th February 6.30 p.m.** £2 teams of 6.

### **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** 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).

## MORE MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME

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

## 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. Due to patient confidentiality rules, **no priest will automatically be told that you are in hospital.**

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

**Last week- Main Collection:** £1104.81

**Pax Christi:** £354.94 *Thank you from Pax Christi*

**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**N JESUS the prophecies of the Old Testament were at last fulfilled. He makes plain the light of God by His actions—teaching, curing, caring. He calls people to repent, to give up the old ways of sinfulness. He calls people to follow Him instead of their own selfishness, and they in turn will call others.

Jesus has called us—you and me—and He wants us to follow. Just like those first disciples, He wants us to bring others to Him, until all men and women are reconciled to their Creator. It is the call, the words of Christ, that the first disciples react to. As God the Father spoke, and called creation into being, so it is the words of Christ that call the Church into being. Following Him in His Church is quite a journey, but we step out to make it with all the saints and every other Christian. In such good company we follow after Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'—the Word incarnate

### 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)

**Claire Rutter** has again kindly agreed to co-ordinate things from this end. Last year's pilgrims will have received forms through the post. We have a supply of forms for the parish. We shall be staying at the Beau Site Hotel (as last year) and the cost is £840.

***Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!***

### \*\* 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

**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!**

## THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD: TODAY POPE FRANCIS'S INITIATIVE

On the feast of St Jerome last, Pope Francis issued a 'Motu Proprio' instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. It will be marked each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The Holy Father had proposed the idea at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy when he wrote: 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'.

The timing of the day will mean that it will often coincide with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and is at the same time as commemorations for Holocaust Memorial Day. Pope Francis notes this: 'This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity'.

He also addresses the concern that individual days of prayer can seem to highlight something which should be part of the normal life of the Church. 'A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers'.

You may read Pope Francis own words about this in full at—

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html)

Other resources here—[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/)

### DIOCESAN LEVY ON PARISHES

The increase to the diocesan levy (the 'tax' levied on every parish to fund the working of the Archdiocese and its schools) has now been suspended, as Fr Stephen announced last week. The system therefore remains that 24% of all first collections goes to the diocese. In terms of this parish, our liability remains at about £18,000 a year, which is paid in quarterly instalments.

## ❖ LiveSimply ❖

### 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 on sale after Mass or contact Kevin Duffy on 07812211828.

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** David Warr, 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:** Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini, William 'Bill' Molloy, Fr Patrick Farrelly, Kathleen Darragh, Sr Sabina, Bridie Lawlor, Canon Gerry Breen, Fr Brian Doolan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ellen Hodson, Michael Donnelly, Samuel Maxwell, Anthony Ledwidge, David Evans, John Durnien, David Evans, Rosemary Walker, Catherine McKenzie, Simon Rutledge, Diso Gianni, Ellen Bell, Marry Mellon, Edward Cawley, Doreen Robinson, Ann Lane, Walter Leigh, Thomas Brogan, Mary Weir, Peter Keating, Michael Wynne, John de Ville, Gladys Biddle, Teresa Shami & Daphne Carvell **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A deepening appreciation of God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The victims and survivors of genocide
- For the valuing of all humanity—races, creeds, ages and abilities—made in God's image

## 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. 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**