

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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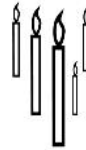
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27th January 2020 The Presentation of the Lord

Mass on p7, readings p297 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2nd <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	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
Monday 3rd <i>St Blaise, B & M</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Charles & Eileen Berry (RIP) Wedding Anniv
Tuesday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Ian Lucas (Sick)
Wednesday 5th <i>St Agatha</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joe & Ellen Bell (Anniv)
Thursday 6th <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Kath Pithey
Saturday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	David Thomasson (Sick)
SUNDAY 9th FIFTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Frank Hagan (RIP) In Thanksgiving for Parishioners' prayers

PARISH CONTACTS

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**CHRIST IS
THE LIGHT**



**OF THE
NATIONS**

THIS SUNDAY

• THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

You will need to take a candle as you enter the church 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. The start of Mass will happen at the back of church when our candles will be lit and blessed and the sacruary party processes while we sing the *Nunc Dimittis* from today's Gospel.

• 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 if you can.

THIS WEEK TUESDAY

• **Monday Mass**, St Blaise's Day, will include the blessing of throats traditional on this day.

• **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

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SATURDAY

• **WINE TASTING with LIVE SIMPLY group** in MRR Fairtrade wine on taste—see opp. page

NEXT WEEKEND

• **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Jude Doherty & Jim Etheridge

6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Janet Ward

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Pat Jenkins

6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Afi Selormey

COMING SOON

BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 7th February 6.30 p.m.

To support Year 12 students going to Lourdes. £2 per team of six..

SVP BACON BUTTIES SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

The parish SVP will be selling bacon butties after **9am Mass on Sunday 23 Feb**. A hearty breakfast available in aid of SVP funds. Please support.

The SVP group is also looking to provide **tea and toast** after **Mass on Palm Sunday**, and in **May** again to make available potted plants in memory of loved ones.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Wednesday 26 February**. Masses with ashes at 9am, 12 noon and 7pm

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 7PM

Details soon, but please put a note in your diary—a chance to display our boundless knowledge among friends and parishioners! Baked potatoes, tea & coffee provided. Bring your own drinks.

CAKE SALE:

BISHOP ULLATHORNE at LOURDES

On **Sunday 22 March** after 9am Mass, sixth form students from Bishop Ullathorne will be holding a **cake sale** to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes with the diocese in May.

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. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: 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.

ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY FOR THE MRR KITCHEN HAS BEEN RECEIVED

Our thanks go to Sir Harold Hood's Charitable Trust for £2000.00 towards the refurbishment. It has been a pleasing surprise to see how grants are available to help refurbish facilities that are used by the wider community. It is probably time to consider whether the MRR itself could benefit from a some work and whether that too might attract funding.

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

Last week- Main Collection: £929.85 Parish Development Fund: £1016.28

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

IMAGINE, there you are saying your prayers and Jesus comes in! That is exactly what happened to

Simeon and Anna in the Temple, as we hear today. Our Lady and St Joseph set out to keep the Law as any good Jew would by thanking God for the gift of a first-born son, and offering Him the sacrifice to do that. But more than that happens when the holy Simeon sees the child and knows, by the Spirit's grace, who Jesus is—the Light for the nations. This fact brings joy to him and a statement from him of witness to God's goodness. Furthermore, he knows that Christ's life will not be without suffering and disagreement, and that Our Lady will bear a part in suffering to come. So, from the very beginning, the faithful few see in Christ the way to salvation, but a way that must be also the way of the Cross. Yet it is the light of Christ that will overcome the darkness of suffering, sin and death. And the next time we hold lighted candles in church? Easter, when we celebrate Christ, the light of the nations, risen from the dead!

**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!**

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!

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.**

LiveSimply

FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING Saturday 8th Feb 7pm in the MRR

Supermarkets have been selling Fairtrade wines for a while now. Come along and taste what they're like and then buy some if you like what you taste! 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.

**Will it be Sainsbury's South African
or the Morrison's Malbec?
Asda's Argentinian
or the Co-Op's Cape?
Come along and decide for yourself!**

THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS...

CHRIST HIMSELF SAYS,

'I am the light of the world.'
And we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from him.... But how do we receive it, how do we make it shine? ...The candle tells us: by burning, and being consumed



in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, an inevitable offering are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring forth its gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice. **Pope Paul VI**



MORE MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME

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

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, 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: Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini, William 'Bill' Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES: James Brennan, John Ford, Eileen Moore, George Hornibrook, Marjorie Vincent, James Dempsey, Maureen McQuade, John Keegan, Margaret Jenkins, Teresa McLoughlin, Kenneth Baimbridge, Martin Kinsella, Gloria Barnett, William O'Mahoney, Daniel Whelan, Sean Gallagher, Kevin O'Neill, Bridget Warrington, Bridget Warburton, Nora McHale, Edith Wright, William Rutledge, Winnie Williams, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Valentine Keane, Alice Wilson

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 nation as we begin economic and trading life outside the EU
- That Christ may be the light that guides all humanity

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 **Twitter:** @StThosMore

DEANERY NEWS

Website: coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Website: 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