

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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9th February 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY

Mass on p7, readings p133 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9th FIFTH SUNDAY <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Frank Hagan (RIP) In Thanksgiving for Parishioners' prayers
Monday 10th <i>St Scholastica</i>	Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Paula Kennedy (RIP)
Tuesday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Iris Jackson (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Reception	9.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Joanne Eden (RIP)
Thursday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass	1.00 p.m.	Catherine Mullen RIP
Friday 14th <i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Miss O'Brien (B'day)
Saturday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Eileen Smith (RIP)
SUNDAY 16th SIXTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Martin Dillon (Anniv) People of the Parish

PARISH CONTACTS

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FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

Lord Jesus, You dwelt among us as member of a loving family.

Dwell among our families today that all may know Your love.



THIS SUNDAY

- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Racial Justice Sunday.** This year's theme is the Gypsy, Roma and Travelling peoples.
- **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

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2 p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **JAM 'N' CAKE** 7.30 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

- **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Ernest Hackett & Pat Jenkins
6.00 p.m. Louise Poole & Afi Selormey

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Kris Pears & Niamh Walsh
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Brendon Cunningham

COMING SOON

"LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME"

Five session course on Our Lady during February and March at St Joseph the Worker Church 7.30 p.m. First session: 10th February (poster in porch)

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.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK: 25 FEB **By Archbishop Bernard**

Archbishop Bernard will talk on current ecumenical dialogue with the Anglican Communion. He has served as the co-chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. **All welcome!**
Talk starts 7.30pm, MRR, Tue 25 February.

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

LENT ART PROJECT: WEAVING

After 9 a.m. Sunday Masses in Lent there will be an opportunity to do some CAFOD inspired peg weaving. No experience necessary.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER— **PRAYING WITH ZIMBABWE**

Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer
Friday 6th March at 11.00 a.m. at Warwick Road URC (see poster in porch)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed 18 March, 7.30pm in the MRR The main things under consideration will be the 2019 accounts and whether we should explore improving facilities in the MRR and the heating in the main church.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 7PM

Details soon, but please put a note in your diary. Baked potatoes with assortment of fillings, 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: knockpilgrimage@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.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2020

Please see list of winners in the porch.

JESUS MARY JOSEPH

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

Last week- Main Collection: £986.67

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

Christ's disciples are to have a key part in revealing God's love and plan to the world.

Christ calls His people not to secrecy and a hidden faith (except perhaps in times of terrible persecution) but to bear witness.

The gospel and its values are meant to change us and the world. Our living by them is not to be hidden but to lead others to God. Note that the glory for any good works we do is for the Father and not us! Christ comes to lead us to the Father, and does that by what He says and does, the light of Gospel truth. Just as Our Lady and the first disciples were called to share in that work so are we. May our words and deeds help the light of the Gospel—that is the light of Christ Himself—shine in the world today.

**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!

MORE MUSICIANS WELCOME

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

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FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING
**THANK YOU TO ALL who organised
and supported this event.**

An enjoyable evening was had but the favourite wine if the evening will be chosen too late to meet this sheet's printing deadline. We'll let you know!

COVENTRY MARRIAGE CARE

Volunteers needed: Could it be you?

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services through fifty centres across England and Wales. The Coventry Centre is seeking Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses to small groups of engaged couples. The centre is also looking for Qualified Counsellors. Additionally we need Receptionists for counselling, and a Head of Centre to lead and support our team of facilitators, counsellors and receptionist. Marriage Care will provide all the training needed for the role, and you'll be volunteering with like-minded people. For more information please visit:
<http://www.marriagecare.org.uk>
or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

ST OSBURG'S SCHOOL

Pupils at St Osburg's School are going to work on a heritage project with Historic England about Coventry Cathedral and would love to speak to anyone who worked for Laing on its construction. Is that you, or a friend or relative? Please contact St Osburg's school on 02476 227165

ARE YOU ON TWITTER?

The Archdiocese is—@RCBirmingham

The parish is—@StThosMore

The school is—@STMschCoventry

Soul Reason are—@soulreasonstm

ARYPT is—@ARYPT_Cov

Keep up to date—follow these accounts

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!

CATHOLICS IN WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Fr Sunday, based at St Osburg's, is now the full time Catholic chaplain at UHCW. He is in the hospital five days a week. Staff will contact the hospital Faith Centre at request for patients who ask for him, the Catholic chaplain, to visit. **Please remember that you must make your needs known.** Due to patient confidentiality rules, **no priest will be automatically told that you are in hospital.** Just make your wishes known.

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, Josh, Prisca Valentini, William 'Bill' Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Keeney, Evelyn Ward, Ivy McCarthy, Elizabeth Cridland, Isabelle Lowe, Charles Murphy, Sheila Coogan, Kathleen Simpson, Iris Jackson, Lily Carpenter, Peter Widdison, Myra Thomas, Renny Nkhoma, Betty Wainwright, Amadeo Malpiedi, Sarah Hill, Marie-Therese Magee, Julia Malone, Elizabeth Myers, Arthur White, Eric Hynes, Joe Durkin, Ellen Bradley, Monica Sargent, Mary McKenzie, Alice Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan, Susan Kelly **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A deepening appreciation of God's voice in Holy Scripture
- An end to racial discrimination and for an openness to those who are of a different culture, colour or nationality to ourselves

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