

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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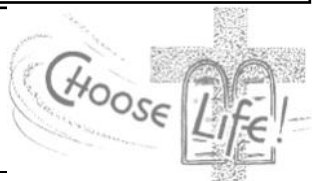
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16th February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY

Mass on p7, readings p136 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 16th <i>FIFTH SUNDAY</i>	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Martin Dillon (Anniv) Marie-Theresa Magee (Anniv)
Monday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Holy Hour	7.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 21st <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 22nd <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Tony Miller (Anniv)
SUNDAY 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Jordan family Ints of Catherine McKenzie

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FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

*Lord Jesus, You dwelt among us as a member of a loving family.
Dwell among our families today that all may know Your love.*

THIS SUNDAY

- **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
- **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** 2p.m. in MRR. All welcome.
- **Life in the Spirit** 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
- **PRAYER 2020** United we join together at 20:20 hrs (Prayer at home) on the 20th of the month, praying that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

NEXT WEEKEND

- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
- **SVP BACON BUTTIES** 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.

Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

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

Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Mary Wilson & Laura Martin
6.00 p.m. Hannah McBride & Andrew Colby

COMING SOON

"LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME"

Five session course on Our Lady during February & March at St Joseph the Worker Church 7.30 pm.
Second session: 10 Feb (see poster in porch)

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK: 25TH FEB BY ARCHBISHOP BERNARD

Archbishop Bernard will talk on current ecumenical dialogue with the Anglican Communion. **All welcome. Talk starts 7.30 p.m., MRR, Tues 25th Feb.**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Wednesday 26 February**. Mass-

es with ashes at 9am, 12 noon and 7pm

LENT ART PROJECT: WEAVING

After 9.00 a.m. Sunday Masses in Lent there will be an opportunity to do some CAFOD inspired peg weaving. No experience necessary.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

SWINDON, 6th—8th March

Contact: leadership@wme.org.uk for more details.

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 18th March 7.30 p.m. in MRR

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: 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.

PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH DOORS SHUT!

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

Last week- Main Collection: £985.86 Standing Orders for January: £755.33

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

Today, we hear about our primary calling as the people of God: to be holy. The author of Ecclesiasticus describes us as having a choice:

life, coming through following God's will or death, the consequence of sin. Jesus in the Gospel reflects on some of the teaching of the Law, but calls us to go further than mere formal, legal holiness. Of course it's wrong to kill someone, He says, but also anger has to be answered for. Of course adultery is wrong but do we think lust and immodesty are acceptable? Of course it is possible to be divorced, but does that mean we can be casual about a commitment to a marriage? In calling us to holiness, Christ warns us not literally to cut off the hand or eye that causes us to sin but to cut out of our lives the habits, places or routines that lead us into sin and away from holiness. Sin is such a terrible thing because it keeps us from the eternal life God offers. Jesus says it isn't worth it: cut out the sin and choose life. The life Ecclesiasticus talks about and the life Jesus comes to bring us—'I have come that men might have life and have it to the full!'

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

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 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



**FAIRTRADE WINE TASTING
AND THE WINNER IS...
Sainsbury's South African Cabernet
Sauvignon Merlot at £6.50**



Buy Fairtrade goods—tea, coffee, wine, sugar, nuts, chocolate—and give the producers a **fair deal!**

LENT 2020

**Ash Wednesday 26 February
Mass at 9.00am, 12.00 and 7.00pm**

There will be small changes to the parish weekly routine over Lent to create time for an extra event. Parish events must not clash with Mass, Adoration or other acts of worship. Lent must give priority to prayer and penitence, fasting and almsgiving or it is a poor Lent.

There will be a leaflet available with full details next week. In summary -

Monday evenings: A 'Year of the Word' Lent group looking at Holy Scripture with aid of Pope Benedict's insights in his encyclical *Verbum Domini* and *Lectio Divina*

Tuesday Evenings: Mass and a variety of events including *Life in the Spirit* prayer group
Wednesday Evenings: The joint RCIA group between here and St Joseph's exploring the Catholic faith meets

Thursday Evenings: Holy Hour

Fridays: Mass at 7am and noon

Saturday Mornings: Mass and Holy Hour
As well as the annual **Walk with Me** books, there will be freely available for all the Bible Study guide for Lent **Bible Alive**. This is a monthly publication written to help us grow in our knowledge of Scripture.

LET LENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE: THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR!

Come to church at least once on a weekday... Make your confession... Use the *Walk with Me* book... Give up meat on Fridays (as we are asked to do throughout the year)... Read a chapter of a Gospel each day... Make a list of people you know who need prayers, and pray for them each day... Make a special effort to arrive at Mass *before* it starts... Review how you use your time to serve God and neighbour... Give up finding excuses for not engaging more with church because of priests or people you don't like... Come to a Lent group or prayer group... Make use of the side chapel which is left open all day...

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.**

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: Peter Browne, Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini, William 'Bill' Molloy
ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Kennedy, Bill Breen, Samuel Darby, Jack Errington, Mary Turner, Cornelius O'Callaghan, Martin Dillon, Mary Shildauer, James Hobbins, Catherine Gill, Catherine Scott, Catherine McLelland, Patrick Helme, Tony Miller, Joseph Glynn, Dennis Beirns, Teresa Devlin, Timothy McSweeney, Kathleen Day, Mary Brogan, Bridget Breen, Della Glynn, Andrew Kelly, Finton McHugh, Elizabeth Nash, Irene O'Brien, Agnes Stanley **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A deepening appreciation of God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those affected by the bad weather, floods and storm damage
- The victims of corona virus and medical staff caring for them

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