

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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8th March 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass on p7, readings p155 in Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8th Second of Lent	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m	Dec'd of Doyle Family (Anniv) People of the Parish
Monday 9th <i>Lent feria</i>	Eucharistic Service	9.00 a.m.	~
Tuesday 10th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Fr David Gnosill
Wednesday 11th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary O'Farrell (RIP)
Thursday 12th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass followed by <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Harry Davenport (RIP)
Friday 13th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Requiem Mass	7.00 a.m. 1.45 p.m.	Sadie Whitehead Peter Browne RIP
Saturday 14th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Bill Merrick (Anniv) / Theresa Chamley (13th Anniv)
SUNDAY 15th Third of Lent	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	Carmel Di Cioccio (RIP) Tommie & Theresa Duignan (Anniv)

PARISH CONTACTS

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+ LENT 2020 +

Prayer—Fasting—Charity

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



THIS SUNDAY

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** There will be a **Second Collection** for the work of **CAFOD**, helping the world's poor.
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass. Cards available for free on the bookcases
- **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. Tea, coffee, conversation and creativity—do join in!
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **REFRESHMENTS available after both Sunday Masses.** Do stay if you can.

THIS WEEK MONDAY

- **PARISH LENT COURSE: MONDAYS** Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo will be leading a discussion group on for the year of the Word on Monday nights in Lent at 7pm in the MRR. Some reflection on Pope benedict's teaching is followed by a prayerful reflection on Sunday's Gospel. *For Lent, adoration is on Thursday night*
- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2.00 p.m.—4.00 p.m. MRR. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY

- **Dementia Prayer Week** starts. Pray for sufferers & carers. See pastoralcareproject.org.uk
- **Adoration Prayer Group** Chapel at 1.30 p.m.
- **Move It or Lose It** MRR at 10.00 a.m.

FRIDAY

- **Masses at 7am and at 1.45pm Funeral Mass of Peter Browne**

NEXT WEEKEND

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...

9.00 a.m. Maureen Porter & Marisa Gunn
6.00 p.m. Brendon Cunningham & Janet Ward
Next Week...

9.00 a.m. Debbie Middleton & Millie MacDonald
6.00 p.m. Caitlin McBride & Louise Poole

COMING SOON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed 18th March 7.30 p.m. in MRR

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: SAT 21 MARCH 7PM

Tickets now available after Mass. Baked potatoes with assortment of fillings, tea & coffee provided. Bring your own drinks.

CAKE SALE: BP ULLATHORNE at LOURDES

On **Sunday 22 March** after 9am Mass, sixth form students from Bishop Ullathorne will be hold-

ing 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

On **29 March**, four days after the feast of the Annunciation England will be rededicated to its ancient title of *The Dowry of Mary* at events across the country. In 1381 King Richard II first formally dedicated this land to Our Lady. This initiative of the Church comes from the Bishops and the national **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. We are preparing by saying, as many parishes already do, the Angelus before every Mass. See the special web site **Behold2020.com** We too shall make the **Act of Entrustment** by which we pray for our country and for the faith to blossom here once more. But the prayers are also for ourselves and for our own deepening conversion to the way of Christ exemplified in his Mother *'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England'* Pope Leo XIII

SVP GROUP

will provide **tea and toast** after **Mass on Palm Sunday**, and in **May** again offer potted plants in memory of loved ones.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Pilgrimage, 20th April 2020. £599 Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

SATURDAY 9th MAY 2020

Led by Bishop David McGough (see poster)

THE YEAR OF THE WORD:

A God Who Speaks

event is being organised as a Coventry City wide retreat @ St Osburg's Coventry on 29/30/31 May. Poster in porch. Contact Justine on 07551096269 (Pending interest) Are you creative/good at making art work? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organise/ serve/ cook/ attend this event? We need your response now. If you feel you can support this event financially or are interested in any way please. Poster in the porch Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?

Please speak to Kris Pears or one of the clergy.

PIETY SHOP: NEW SEASONAL STOCK

St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day & Easter cards and book marks, First Holy Communion cards and gifts

- **PLEASE SHUT ALL DOORS** -

It's cold outside!

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

Last week- Main Collection: £1126.41 Cathedral Maintenance: £462.02

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

Abraham's obedience to God's call cannot have been easy. Why leave security and comfort to take off to goodness knows where? How the neighbours must have wondered! But God is

to be trusted. Any call answered, any going forward means leaving something behind. Jesus reveals to His disciples something of His glory as Transfigured, brilliant and dazzling, He talks to Moses and Elijah. What an event this must have been. But Jesus knows that He is called to go down the mountain and begin to prepare for His suffering and death. Peter wants to stay behind, but Jesus calls him to face the coming truth. Jesus has laid aside His glory so that He may triumph on the Cross. He calls us all to go with Him



LENT 2020

There will be small changes to the parish weekly routine over Lent to create time for an extra events.

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 is a leaflet available with full details.

NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

Please pray for the canonisation of Bl Dominic Barberi, the Italian Passionist whose love for England led him to give himself for the Church here. It was he who received St John Henry Newman into the Church.

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and to invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope: pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi: pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman: pray for us.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23-29 MAY 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 £845.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

FR BOB WRIGHT RIP

Please pray for Fr Bob who died last Thursday morning. He was a native of Coventry and had been the much-loved parish priest of St John Fisher for 25 years. Pray for his family and parish

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT SAT 21 MARCH

Tickets available after Mass today

ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME, COLESHILL

has vacancies for anyone considering respite or residential care in a Catholic care home.

Please see noticeboards for details.

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK:

12-19 March

Please pray for those who suffer from dementia and all caring for them. The **Pastoral Care Project** is a charity in the diocese working to help. **See** pastoralcareproject.org.uk

CORONA VIRUS: GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES

The guidelines for churches are of course based on the general guidelines that apply to all, everywhere. First, **wash hands** often and well.

- **No handshakes** at the peace or after Mass
- **Eucharistic ministers**, please **wash your hands** during the offertory. Do **NOT** use the finger bowl until **AFTER** communion (to remove specks of the Hosts from your fingers).
- The chalice will **not** be shared during any Mass here until further notice.

This is the advice **at this stage**. Things may well change and if so we shall review what we do here. You are of course free to take whatever other steps you might wish to.



MARCH: MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and
Mary. Amen.

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: Fr Bob Wright, Maura Stone (Mgr Tim's friend), Peter Browne, Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Smart, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Teresa Wardle, Linda Walker, Frank Pituello, Leonard Roberts, Cyprian Teixeira, May O'Connor, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, Maria Harrison, James Hanigan, William Malone, Alfred Waters, Margaret Mulligan, Madge Quigleas, Peter Clark, Thomas Kane, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, Bill Merrick, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien, Gordon Howell, Madeline Jeary, Mary Edward, Gertrude McGoldrick, John Ryan, Theresa Chamley, Nick Jarram, Fintan McHugh **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those affected by the bad weather
- A good keeping of Lent
- The victims of Corona virus, for medical staff caring for them, for research into a vaccine

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

PARISH NEWS

This news sheet! On paper and on the website
Website: stmcof.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