

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 15th March 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass on p7, readings p158 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Monday 16th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass followed by <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.00 a.m.	Bernard & Mollie Swinden (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 17th <b>St Patrick</b>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Malcolm Shanley (50th B'day RIP)
Wednesday 18th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Pip Owen (RIP)
Thursday 19th <b>St Joseph</b>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	~
Friday 20th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass <i>No Mass at 12 today</i>	7.00 a.m.	Fr Bob Wright (RIP)
Saturday 21st <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction Confession	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 9.40-10.20	Patsy Thomas (90th B'day)
SUNDAY 22nd Fourth of Lent	Sung Mass Confession Mass	9.00 a.m. 5.30-5.50 6.00 p.m.	John Wooderson (Anniv) People of the Parish

### PARISH CONTACTS

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+ LENT 2020 +

Prayer—Fasting—Charity

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



## THIS SUNDAY

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- **THE BISHOPS' CURRENT GUIDELINES ON THE CORONAVIRUS MEAN CHANGES TO MASS AND PARISH ROUTINES. *Things will have to be a little different for the time being. There is information on page three of this sheet and more will be given at Mass.* Details are updated on the website**
- **NO REFRESHMENTS** until further notice.
- **LENT ART PROJECT: WEAVING** Postponed until further notice.
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass. Cards available for free on the bookcases
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** today at 9am Mass
- **DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK** The last day is on Thursday The Pastoral Care Project is a charity in the diocese working to help. See [pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://pastoralcareproject.org.uk)

### THIS WEEK **MONDAY**

- **PARISH LENT COURSE: MONDAYS** 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*

### **TUESDAY**

- **Move It or Lose It** in the MRR at 10.00 a.m. All welcome. Contact Mary: 07736 770453
- **Tuesday Society** 2—4pm 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.
- **Finance Committee Meeting** 7.30 p.m. MRR

### **THURSDAY**

- **Move It or Lose It** MRR at 10.00 a.m.

### **FRIDAY**

- **Mass at 7am** (No Mass at noon this week)
- The **Funeral Mass of Fr Bob Wright** is at **St John Fisher Church at 12 noon**. He is to be received into the church at 6pm the night before, which will include Mass.
- **Pioneer Association** Month's Mind Mass for both Sr Sabina and John Flaherty, Christ the King Church 7pm. All welcome
- **Prayer 2020:** United we join together at 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

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering**

## Sunday

### Sunday Readers' Rota

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

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

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

9.00 a.m. Kate Day & Noreen Thornhill  
6.00 p.m. Andrew Colby & Afi Selormey

### **COMING SOON**

#### **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

This is postponed until further notice. Please speak to Claire Rutter for refunds.

#### **BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCH CAKE SALE**

The school is no longer taking a group to Lourdes, we can't have refreshments so no cake sale alas

#### **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

#### **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).

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

##### **SATURDAY 9th MAY 2020**

Led by Bishop David McGough (see poster)

##### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**23-29 May.** Details on the diocesan website.

**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

#### **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: £1342.72 Standing Orders Feb: £580.33 CAFOD: £1447.05**

**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 new life is open to all, and not just the people through whom it first arrived, the Jews. Remember, Samaritans and Jews usually hated each other. Yet Jesus has time to offer His new life to this woman at the well. He compares Himself to water, but a water that quenches thirst for ever, a water that will bring men and women to reconciliation with God and each other. A water that is a relationship with God Himself, and an appreciation of His love. No wonder the Samaritan woman goes off to tell others about Jesus!



## LENT 2020

Our Lenten events are detailed on this sheet and a separate leaflet. There will be small changes to the parish weekly routine over Lent to create time for an extra events.

### IF YOU CANNOT COME TO MASS... OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN'T...

There are still ways to join in. Please make use of the **parish webcam** to watch and hear Mass live. There is a **link from the parish website**. If you can't do that, read the day's readings and prayers from a Missal.

If **unable to receive Communion**, then **make a Spiritual Communion**, thus:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen* (St Alphonsus Ligouri)

***If you have concerns or need to see a priest don't hesitate to make your needs known***



### 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.*

## CORONAVIRUS: GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES

The guidelines for churches are based on the general guidelines that apply to all, everywhere. The Bishops of England and Wales have produced guidelines for Catholic parishes as things unfold while Coronavirus remains a concern. We have been instructed to implement Stage 2 of those guidelines. There is a link to the guidelines from the parish website. **Therefore, we must –**

- \* Stress the need for **clean hands and good hygiene for all**, and especially for **Eucharistic ministers**, at all times
- \* Stress the need for **good hygiene in cleaning surfaces** in church
- \* Make sure liquid soap is available at all sinks and basins, especially while hand sanitiser remains difficult to source
- \* Remove Holy Water stoups for the time being
- \* Suspend the use of shared hymn books and service books
- \* Suspend exchanging the sign of peace
- \* Suspend the passing of collection bags from person to person
- \* Suspend the sharing of the Chalice
- \* Suspend tea, coffee and catering after Masses
- \* Recognise the need for those particularly vulnerable to the virus to stay away from gatherings of people whether at church or elsewhere. *You can watch the parish Mass live on the webcam. There is a link from the website*
- \* Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms not to attend church while symptoms persist.
- \* Continue to be aware that the situation may change and so the guidelines may change. Our practical response will then change too.

We shall make alternative arrangements for singing and for the collection which will be explained at Mass. We implement these changes out of concern for the common good, and especially for the well being of vulnerable people – the very old, the very young and those who have medical conditions that diminish their ability to fight infections. *Please pray!*

This is the advice **at this stage**. Things may well change and if so we shall review what we do.

**Keep an eye on the parish website.**

*And from Holy Scripture wise words as always*  
**'...wash your hands, you sinners...'**  
The Letter of St James, chapter 4, verse 8

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME, COLESHILL** has vacancies for anyone considering respite or residential care in a Catholic care home.

### PARISH QUIZ NIGHT SAT 21 MARCH

Sorry: postponed until further notice.

### 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:** Thomas Wainwright, Nora McCrea, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Carmel DiCioccio, Thomas McCrea, John Quirke, Patrick Stapleton, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan, Patrick Hannigan, Peter Doyle, Gerry Carney, Elma Errington, Donald Meacham, Jercy Kolacki, Christopher McHale, William Kenny, Frank Hargreaves, Jeffrey Colin Blackwell, Jan Aston **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- A good keeping of Lent
- Those affected by dementia, sufferers and carers, families and friends
- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff caring for them, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic

**OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK,  
PRAY FOR US!**

## 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**

## CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH

Keep up to date with any news and changes

**visit the website**

**stmcof.org**

The Parish Webcam is accessible via the website. The housebound may watch and hear every Sunday Mass live over the internet.

**follow us on Twitter**

**@StThosMore**

## 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**