

Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish Church, Towcester

Part of the Diocese of Northampton - Registered Charity No. 234091

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Sunday 24th February 2019 - 7th Sunday of the Year (C)

Sat. 23	4.45pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.30pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: People of the Parishes)
Sun. 24	11am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Rev. Maurice Leafe <i>RIP</i>)
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room
Mon. 25	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Heinz & Hetty Lombard <i>RIP</i>)
Tue. 26	8pm-9pm	Julian Group - contemplative prayer - all welcome!
Wed. 27	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: David Foster <i>RIP</i>)
	6pm	SVP Meeting
Thur. 28	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Fri. 1	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feast of St. David (Int: Melanina Guiliani <i>RIP</i>)
Sat. 2	4.45pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.30pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> for the 8 th Sunday (Int: Leni Zinelli & Vanna Guarnieri <i>RIP</i>)
Sun. 3	10am-10.45am	First Communion Class
	11am	<u>Children's Mass</u> (Int: People of the Parishes)
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room

NORTHAMPTON HOPE CENTRE: NEXT WEEK - Tinned meat & fish, long-life milk, bottles of squash, sugar, coffee, salad cream, brown sauce, plastic food tubs, washing-up liquid, pants, socks, jumpers, shoes & carrier bags.

REPOSITORY & LIBRARY - In the Lombard Room. Cards & small gifts available.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 11AM MASS - To help, please sign up. Proceeds go to the local work of our SVP.

CLEANING ROTA - Copies of the new rota are available from the back of the church and the website.

ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE & LENT LUNCHESES - Please see the poster or take one of the flyers.

CONFIRMATIONS 2019 - For those who have applied, preparation sessions are at Saints Francis & Therese, straight after the 9.30am Mass until 11.30am on the following Sundays: Feb 24; March 10 & 24; Apr 7; May 19; June 2. The Bishop will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at Northampton Cathedral in the evening of Pentecost Sunday (June 9th) at 5.15pm.

DECORATING - The worship area of the church will be decorated throughout the week beginning Monday 4th March and the following week - up to Friday 15th March. There will be no weekday Masses here with the exception of Ash Wednesday (6th March) at 7.30pm. Choir practices on the Thursdays will not be affected. Meetings in the Lombard Room may go ahead but only in the evenings and without any access to the worship area. The Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will be as usual. I am sorry for the inconvenience and will keep you informed of any updates. The colour scheme will be as close as possible to the existing one which was determined independently of me by the Historic Churches Committee which is in charge of the appearance of the church because it is a listed Catholic church.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Meeting at Hunsbury this Monday (25th), 7.30pm-9pm. All welcome!

CHOIR - Singing at the 11am Mass on Sundays: Mar 10; Apr 14, [The Triduum Apr 18-20]; May 19; June 16; July 7. Practices beforehand at 10.20am. There will also be practices at 7.45pm on Thursdays: Feb 28; Mar 7, 14, 21 & 28; Apr 4 & 11; May 2 & 9; June 6, 13 & 27; July 4. Newcomers welcome!

FOLK GROUP - 11am Mass Sundays: Mar 3 & 31; Apr 28; May 12; June 9; July 14. Practices 10am. All welcome!

INSPIRED YOUTH GROUP - For all of secondary school age. Sunday 17th March, 5pm-7pm, at Hunsbury.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND - At Northampton Cathedral from Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March. See me!

JAZZ & SWING EVENING - Fundraising Spectacular at Saints Francis & Therese on Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm to 10pm. Raising money for *CAFOD* and *Children With Cancer UK*. Featuring the acclaimed Tad Newton's Jazz Friends. £12.50 per person which includes a free glass of wine. Tickets from Anne-Marie (01604) 858549 or me (01604) 768483. Please see poster for fuller details.

PARISH PRAYER LINE - Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Myra Gannon Dwyer, Margaret Griffiths, Anne Howard, Mike Greenhalgh, Irene Richardson, Mgr. Anthony Bickerstaffe, Ivor Dickinson, Jan Nikel, Julia Beagley, Sue Fortune, Danielle Lomas, Stella Harris, May McManus, Jonathan Betts, Luke Wilson and Elizabeth O'Reilly. **ALSO**, we pray for those who have died, in particular Leni Zinelli and Vanna Guarnieri.

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Sat. 23	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> St. Polycarp (Int: Mary Pimenta <i>RIP</i>)
	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	11.30am	Baptism of Daniel Byrne
	6.30pm-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: The Schumskij family + Patricia & Kevin Daly <i>Annivs.</i>)
Sun. 24	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Andrea Passantino <i>RIP</i>)
	After Mass	Refreshments in the O'Donnell Room
	After Mass	Confirmation Preparation [until 11.30am]
Mon. 25	7.30pm-9pm	Charismatic Prayer Group - all welcome
Tue. 26	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Patrick Finn <i>Anniv.</i>)
Thur. 28	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Betty Sullivan <i>RIP</i>)
Sat. 2	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Our Lady (Int: Tom Mulhall <i>RIP</i>)
	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	11.30am	Baptism of Callum O'Boyle
	6.30pm-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> for the 8 th Sunday of the Year (Int: Nora Geraghty <i>RIP</i>)
Sun. 3	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Sydney Malcolm <i>RIP</i>)
	After Mass	Refreshments in the O'Donnell Room
	After Mass	First Communion Class [until 11.30am]

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JULIAN MEETING - At Towcester this Tuesday (26th), 8pm-9pm. Contemplative prayer. All welcome!

SHARED LENT COURSE - This year's theme is service. The first session will be at St. Benedict's on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm where a film will be shown. This will be followed on Tuesday 19th March with a discussion at the Abbey Centre at 7.30pm. After this we shall split into small groups to go out and visit projects which serve our community. This will widen our understanding of service and how we can contribute. There will be a final discussion here on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm.

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SPIRITUS MUSIC GROUP - 9.30am Mass on Sundays: March 17; Apr 14; May 19; June 16; July 7. Practices 8.45am (8.30am for those who need to set up). Also, practices 7pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays: March 13; Apr 10; May 15; June 12; July 3. All singers & musicians welcome!

INSPIRED YOUTH GROUP - For all of secondary school age. Meeting Sunday 17th March, 5pm-7pm, here at Hunsbury. Ends with pizza! Donation of £1 which goes towards helping Denis who is a child in Tanzania.

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MEDJUGORJE - 7th-14th May 2019. Staying at *Regina Mundi*. ½-board €260+air-fare. Anne-Marie (01604) 858549.

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