

# *Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish Church, Towcester*

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

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## Sunday 16th December 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

Sat. 15	4.45pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.30pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: The Holohan family <i>RIP</i> )
Sun. 16	11am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: James McLaughlin <i>Anniv.</i> )
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room
Mon. 17	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: People of the Parishes)
Wed. 19	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Luke Wilson)
Fri. 21	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: People of the Parishes)
Sat. 22	4.45pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.30pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Int: Pat Mayhook <i>RIP</i> )
Sun. 23	11am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Elizabeth Ward <i>RIP</i> )
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room

**READERS' ROTAS** - The new rotas (5.30pm & 11am) are available from the back of the church and the website.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Copies of the new rota are available from the back of the church and the website.

**ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH** - Certain doors have notices explaining when they can be used and when they cannot because of the building work. Please read the notices carefully and only use a door if permitted. Thanks!

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

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

**CONFIRMATIONS 2019** - Application forms are available from the back of church. Return completed to me either via the sacristy or my letterbox. Candidates should have reached 9 years of age (school year 5). Preparation sessions will be in the new year about twice a month at Saints Francis & Therese, straight after the Sunday 9.30am Mass until 11.30am. A timetable will be available later. The Bishop will *probably* celebrate the Confirmation Mass at Northampton Cathedral in the evening of Pentecost Sunday (June 9<sup>th</sup>).

**POLOKONG GIFTS** - It would be great if the gifts for the children in Polokong were in by next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>).

**INSPIRED YOUTH GROUP** - For those who have booked, at Tenpin Northampton in Sixfields this Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>), 5.30pm-7.30pm (meeting 5.15pm). Donation £10 each. Pay for one and a sibling goes free!

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - With individual Confessions at Northampton Cathedral this Monday (17<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** -

*Towcester:* Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass (*only for families with children*)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - Vigil Mass for Christmas

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am - Christmas Day Mass

*Hunsbury:* Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.30pm - Readings & Carols leading into 9pm Mass

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, 9pm - Vigil Mass for Christmas

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**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** - No meeting this week (17<sup>th</sup>) because of the Penitential Service at the Cathedral.

**SVP BEFRIENDING SCHEME** - Our SVP has initiated a project with local Christians, visiting people in Towcester.

If you are interested in visiting or know of someone wanting a visit please speak with a member of the SVP or me.

**WELLBEING CAFÉ** - Churches Together in Towcester are running a 'safe and caring place to be' for people with mental health issues. It is at 169 Watling Street and is open 2pm-5pm every Monday & Tuesday.

**CHOIR** - 11am Mass Sundays Dec 16; Jan 13; Feb 10; 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 Jan 3, 10 & 31; Feb 7 & 28; Mar 7, 14, 21 & 28; Apr 4 & 11; May 2 & 9; June 6, 13 & 27; July 4.

**FOLK GROUP** - Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm. Then 11am Mass on Sundays: Jan 6; Feb 3; Mar 3 & 31; Apr 28; May 12; June 9; July 14 - practices beforehand at 10am. All welcome!

**NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL** - This weekly newsletter is available by email. To register, just send an email from the email address to which you want the newsletters sent with your name to: [webmaster.stthomasmore@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.stthomasmore@gmail.com)

**PARISH PRAYER LINE** - Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Mike Scott, Myra Gannon Dwyer, Margaret Griffiths, Anne Howard, Maurice Roll, Mike Greenhalgh, Irene Richardson, Ivor Dickinson, Jan Nikel, Julia Beagley, Sue Fortune, Danielle Lomas, Stella Harris, May McManus, Richard Betts and Luke Wilson.

**ALSO**, we pray for those who have died, in particular James McLaughlin, Pat Mayhook and Elizabeth Ward.

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	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	6.30pm-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: Roy Whateley <i>RIP</i> )
Sun. 16	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Assumption D'Souza <i>Anniv.</i> )
	After Mass	Refreshments in the O'Donnell Room
Tue. 18	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Mervin Pimenta <i>RIP</i> )
Thur. 20	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Mervin Pimenta <i>RIP</i> )
Sat. 22	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Thomas & Beatrice Mulhall; Tom Mulhall <i>RIP</i> )
	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	6.30pm-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Int: Eileen Moon <i>RIP</i> )
Sun. 23	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: James & Eileen Ryng <i>RIP</i> )
	After Mass	Refreshments in the O'Donnell Room

**REPOSITORY & LIBRARY** - In the O'Donnell Room. Cards & small gifts available. Christmas items now in!  
**SVP GIVING TREE** - Please take a tag from the tree in the Entrance Hall. It suggests a gift. Please return the gift unwrapped by this Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>). It will form part of one of the hampers given by our SVP as a Christmas present.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROTA** - Copies are available from the noticeboard at the back of the O'Donnell Room.  
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**ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE** - Outside the Tesco store this Monday (17<sup>th</sup>) from 6pm to 7pm. Just turn up!

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**SPIRITUS MUSIC GROUP** - 9.30am Mass on Sundays: Jan 13; Feb 10; 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: Jan 9; Feb 6; March 13; Apr 10; May 15; June 12; July 3. All singers & musicians welcome!

**MEDJUGORJE** - Trip to Medjugorje from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Staying at *Regina Mundi*. Half-board 260 euros plus air-fare. Contact Anne-Marie Newton (01604) 858549.

**SHOES** - Now that we are in the muddy season, please remember to check that all family members wipe their shoes on entry into the church. Many thanks indeed!

**PARISH PRAYER LINE** - Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Catherine Coe, Sister Margaret, Samuel Greenwood, Paul Gallagher, John Bosco Cullen, Joan Vella, Leo Alder, Ann Chisholm, Margaret Heffernan, Catrin Rees-Doherty, Margaret Fordham, Maria Dixon, Josephine Keenan, Zohrah McQuillan, Margaret Moriarty, Agnes Simpson, Henry Green, Margaret Cody, Lisa Coleman, Sandra Greenwood, Rowan Cooke, Richard Soames, Malcolm Marr, Julia Wills, Nigel Foudy, Angelina Brindle and Sam Phipps. **ALSO**, we pray for those who have died, in particular Christine Timms, Norma McGeeney, Mervin Pimenta, Tom Mulhall, Mary Rosen, Roy Whateley and Assumption D'Souza.