

# *Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish Church, Towcester*

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

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## Sunday 24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent (C)

Sat. 23	4.45pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.30pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: Private Intention)
Sun. 24	11am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: People of the Parishes)
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room
	4.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Mon. 25	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Solemnity of the Annunciation (Int: Fr. Seamus Nocter <i>RIP</i> )
Tue. 26	8pm-9pm	Julian Meeting - contemplative prayer - all welcome!
Wed. 27	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Weekday of Lent (Int: People of the Parishes)
Thur. 28	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Fri. 29	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Weekday of Lent (Int: Fr. Adrian Walker <i>RIP</i> )
Sat. 30	11.15am	First Confessions
	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 Lent (Int: People of the Parishes)
Sun. 31	10am-10.45am	First Communion Club
	11am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Fr. Maurice Leafe <i>RIP</i> )
	After Mass	Refreshments in the Lombard Room
	4.30pm	Stations of the Cross

**PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES** - New sets for existing users at the back of the church. Otherwise just see me.

**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.

**MIND** - Joanna Gregory is running the Milton Keynes Half-Marathon on 6<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for MIND. She is making sponsorship forms available at the back of church. Many thanks!

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**LENTEN REFLECTION** - At the Cathedral this Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup>), 6pm-6.45pm. Led by students from the Catholic schools in Northampton. Relive Christ's suffering through the eyes of young people in reflection, prayer & music.

**DAY RETREAT** - Theme: 'The Beauty of Forgiveness'. At Turvey Monastery, MK43 8DH on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm. Includes Mass, talks & prayer. Please take a Bible. Refreshments provided. Please take a plate of food for a shared lunch. Suggested donation of £10 each (pay on the day; no need to book). For information or a lift please see the poster or contact Kate at Towcester (01327) 811748 or Mary at Hunsbury (01604) 762727 or Pat at Turvey (01234) 881617. All welcome; bring a friend!

**JAZZ & SWING EVENING** - Fundraising Spectacular at Saints Francis & Therese on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL MEETING** - At Thornton College on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-12.30pm. It would be great if we had one or two representatives from this parish. Just see me.

**RENEW 169 WELLBEING CAFÉ** - Churches Together in Towcester are running a safe and caring place to be for people feeling lonely, isolated and in need of a chat & support. It is at 169 Watling Street and is open 2pm-5pm every Monday & Tuesday. It is also operating as a drop-in for those aged 14-16 years on Thursdays 3.30pm-5pm. If you are interested in volunteering please email: [TVBFcommunity@hotmail.com](mailto:TVBFcommunity@hotmail.com)

**CHOIR** - Singing at the 11am Mass on Sundays: 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: March 28; Apr 4 & 11; May 2 & 9; June 6, 13 & 27; July 4. Newcomers welcome!

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

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** - If you know of anyone in need please see me or a member of the SVP.

**PARISH PRAYER LINE** - Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Danielle Lomas, Stella Harris, May McManus, Jonathan Betts, Luke Wilson and Elizabeth O'Reilly. **ALSO**, we pray for those who have died.

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Sat. 23	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Weekday of Lent (Int: Timothy & Mary O'Connell <i>RIP</i> and Vocations)
	10am-10.30am	Exposition & Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood & the Religious Life
	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	6.30pm-7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> (Int: Michael Robinson <i>RIP</i> )
Sun. 24	8.50am	Stations of the Cross
	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> (Int: Maureen McInnes <i>Birthday</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> Weekday of Lent (Int: Lawrence Biren <i>RIP</i> )
Thur. 28	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Weekday of Lent (Int: Maria Fennessy <i>RIP</i> )
Sat. 30	9.30am	<u>Mass</u> Weekday of Lent (Int: Biagio Piccirillo & Carmine Pontolillo <i>RIP</i> )
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**MAYOR'S CHARITY MASS** - Bishop Peter will be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm. Mayor Tony Ansell & civic guests will be present. A collection will be taken for the Hope Centre & the homeless.

**EASTER EGGS** - Donations of Easter eggs (any size) for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt would be most welcome!

**SPIRITUS MUSIC GROUP** - 9.30am Mass Sundays: Apr 14; May 19; June 16; July 7. Practices 8.45am (8.30am to set up). Also, practices 7pm-8.30pm Wednesdays: Apr 10; May 15; June 12; July 3. All welcome!

**PARISH PRAYER LINE** - Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Malcolm Marr, Julia Wills, Nigel Foudy, Michael Moore, Sam Phipps, Zoe Brady, Marie Caughlan, Christopher Doyle, Luigi Benetello, Pat Lintott, Teresa Brown and Deborah Bartlett. **ALSO**, we pray for those who have died, in particular Biagio Piccirillo, Carmine Pontolillo, Timothy & Mary O'Connell, Michael Robinson, Lawrence Biren and Maria Fennessy.