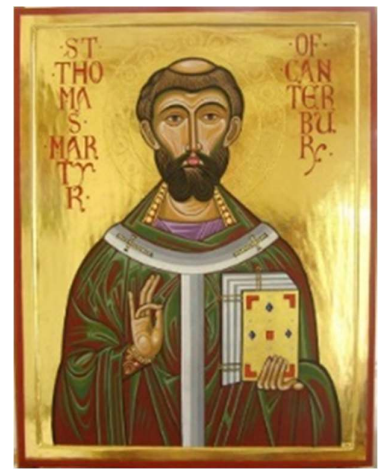




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Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking, "This religion of yours what's it all about, really, when you come down to it? What's the bottom line?" Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things love of God and love of neighbour, which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

ANIMA CHRISTI Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

November - Month of Holy Souls There are purple slips at the back of Church for you to write the names of your deceased family and friends. Please put them in the box for names to be placed on the altar in each of our parishes.

For Mass intentions during November, please use the normal Mass intention envelopes and give to Fr Paul or hand in at the office.

Saturday 3rd November			Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Plant, Smith and Nolan families RIP</i>	
Sunday 4th			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Anthony Martis RIP</i> <i>May and Albert Birch RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>John Lloyd RIP</i> <i>Mary & John Walsh RIP</i>	
Monday 5th			Feria in Ordinary Time
7:00 pm	St C	Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday 6th			Feria in Ordinary Time
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Annual Mass for the Dead and Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 7th			Feria in Ordinary Time
10:00 am	St T	<i>Dick Carroll RIP</i> <i>Maurice McAuliffe RIP</i>	
Thursday 8th			Feria in Ordinary Time
10:00am	St T	<i>Pat Ashton RIP</i> <i>Deceased Members of the SVP</i>	
Friday 9th			Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10:00am	St C	<i>Rose and Lawrence Sweeney RIP</i> <i>Deceased members of Collins and Davidson families</i>	
Saturday 10th			Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
10:30am	St T	<i>Morning Mass: Salvatore Ferrigno RIP</i> <i>William Harrison</i>	
11:00am		<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>	
4:00pm	St C	<i>Exposition and Holy Hour</i>	
4:30pm		<i>Confessions</i>	
		Remembrance Day	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm	St C	<i>Joe Sweeney RIP - Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 11th November			
9:15 am	St C	<i>For the intentions of Sarah Clarke</i> <i>Frank Lait RIP – Anniversary</i> <i>Nell Lines RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Adrian Anslow RIP</i> <i>Nigel Preston RIP</i>	

Blessing of Graves					
Sat 10 Nov	Penn Cemetery	1pm	Sun 11 Nov	St Nicholas's	3 pm
	Danescourt Cemetery	2pm	Sat 17 Nov	Bushbury Cemetery	2 pm

St Christopher's Parish Secretary	Anne Shipley	01902 842891
St Thomas' Parish Secretary	Linda Allen	01902 751025
St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	Headteacher: Mr K Babarczy	01902 297820
St Edmund's Catholic Academy	Principal Mrs M Hazeldine	01902 558888
Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes	33 Alameda Gardens	01902 751614
St Christopher's Safe Guarding	Jo Stewart	01902 845027
St Thomas of Canterbury Safe Guarding	Angela Walker	01902 751197
Newman Centre Bookings are taken through Parish Office		01902 751025

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally address the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches. The letter is on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding & the Church's work, call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC: **0800 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, & for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

SICK LIST In order to comply with GDPR legislation, we shall be starting the parish sick list from scratch. As of the first weekend in November, only those who have given consent will be put on our sick list. Consent is understood to be either from the person who is ill themselves, or if that is not possible (if the sick person, for example lives far away), confirmation should come from the person who asks for the name to go on the list to say that the said person is aware of their name being included on the newsletter which is also available online should people choose to access it via the website. **This weekend there is a letter which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK. Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap. PWB, TF, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Kathy Barnwell, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr and Mrs JT Bogue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Theresa Rush, Walter Ansell, Michael Connealy, Eileen Timmis, Arthur Blackham, Marjorie Amer, Joseph Davies, Maureen Leaver, Catherine Boulton, Michael Wilde, Francis Fox, Robert Papp, John Lloyd, Peter McLockin, Bob Foster, Thelma Mason, Reuben Rowley, Thomas Clarke, Daniel James, Sue Jebb, William Barratt, Brian Godson.

JOINT NEWS

Second Collection this weekend for Johnson Association.

Census Forms are available for you to collect and fill in. Please take one to people who you know are unable to come to church in our parishes and please return the completed form. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading Group after Tuesday 7pm Mass, St Christopher's The theme is "Divine Renovation", each person attending will require a book of the same name. You can buy it on Amazon price £14.94 by Fr James Mallon, ISBN: 9781627850384.

CAFOD Join us for a service of celebration following the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero Tues 6 Nov 7pm at St Joseph's Stowheath Lane, WV1 2QN A service of readings, prayers, short videos, hymns/songs. The Homily will be given by Fr Brendan Carrick. Light refreshments available after the service.

Silent Film night- Sat 17 Nov 7pm at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG to raise funds for the victims of recent catastrophic floods in Kerala and the Philippines, which include the families of some of our Bridgettine Sisters. Tickets £6, refreshments available. See Poster.

Baptism Preparation Anyone wanting their child to be baptised contact Matthew Bradbury, 01902 844701. Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 1 Dec, 9.45am.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Meeting at St Christopher's Mon 12 November, 7.30 pm.

If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004 or 07842 383689 if you need transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc.

If you know of anyone who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

Do you have any spare balls of wool? A local charity group, 'Outreach for Wolverhampton' make hats, gloves and scarves which are given to the homeless, they also ask for any hats, gloves and scarves that you could give. For more information speak with Kath Brown, who is liaising on their behalf. Thank you.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter. If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email churchshelteryvolunteers@gmail.com for an application form or more information. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references.

Newsletter Email To receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to either parish office

ST THOMAS'S NEWS

Keep this date free Saturday 24th November 1:30-3pm Afternoon Tea Party, with live music, Newman Centre. Tickets £7 are now available after Mass or via the Parish Offices, bring family, friends and neighbours.

Church Collections If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not, **the Sort Code is 560069, the Account Number is 60313595. Please see Linda if you have any questions.**

Red boxes please bring them in and give to Linda for counting. Thank you.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

Red Boxes need to be brought in for counting asap, thank you.

November Poppies Would anyone be able to help to sell poppies in Codsall Co-op for the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday. Please contact David Johnson 07887 397569 or email codsallpoppyappeal@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Relief in Need Collection this weekend Thank you for all that you give.

For collection of large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Please note, beds, sofas and chairs need to have fire labels).

St Christopher's Tots on Wed 14 Nov, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

Music at St Christopher's As you are probably aware we have had a few changes with the music here, as a result there is a much greater variety of music at both Masses. My thanks to all who already work so hard and have been so willing to be flexible in covering our Masses. I have been asked to re-start the choir. If you are interested in joining the re-formed choir do speak to Fr Paul. Another appeal is for anyone who is or has been an organist/pianist who is perhaps hiding their light under a bushel. If you could help at all in this matter again please speak to Fr Paul asap.

St Christopher's Church Bazaar Sat 1 Dec 12-3pm at St Christopher's School Can you donate bottles, books, toys, gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery, plants and cakes, which you can leave at the back of the Hall. There is a Patron's list and a list of suggested donations for raffle prizes at the back of Church. Raffle tickets will be on sale after every Mass. If you can help and/or have new ideas please contact Carol, 07810 333057. All money raised is for our church, Thank you.

Christmas Lunch for the housebound, elderly and infirm will be in the Church Hall on Thurs 6 December. Beginning with Mass at 11.30am, lunch will follow at 12.30pm. Numbers are limited so please fill in a green slip and post it in the box at the back of church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tues 27 Nov. Those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year must attend all sessions.

St Christopher's Primary School Parents of children who are due to start primary school in Sept 2019 are reminded that they must make an online or paper application through Staffordshire County Council between 1 Nov 2018 & 15 Jan 2019. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate should be sent directly to the school. Any queries, please contact the school office, tel 297820.

Dates for your Diary

Tue 6 Nov	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery Annual November Mass for the Dead	SS Mary and John's St Christopher's	10.30am 7pm
Thur 15 Nov	Annual November Mass for the Dead	St Thomas's	7pm
Sat 24 Nov	Afternoon Tea	St Thomas's	1:30pm-3pm
Sun 25 Nov	Churches together - Christ the King Service	S Christopher's	6pm
Tue 27 Nov	Sacrament of Confirmation	St Christopher's	7pm
Sat 1 Dec	St Christopher's Christmas Bazaar	St Christopher's School	12 Noon-3pm
Thur 6 Dec	Senior Parishioner's Mass and Christmas Dinner	St Christopher's	11.30am-3pm
Sat 8 Dec	Joint Parishes Advent Retreat	St Thomas's	10am-4pm
Sun 16 Dec	Joint Parishes Carol Service	St Thomas's	6 pm

<i>Weekly Collections</i> <i>27th /28th October</i>	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Thomas's	£213.59	£221.30	£331.00	£765.89
St Christopher's	£203.41	£205.70	£90.00	£499.11

Christmas Mass Times

Sat 22 Dec	St Christopher's	Vigil Mass for 4 th Sunday of Advent	5:30pm
Sun 23 Dec	St Christopher's St Thomas's	Morning Mass for 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.15am 11:15am
Mon 24 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Family Mass	3:00pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Christmas Family Mass	5:30pm
Mon 24 Dec	St Christopher's	Carols & Midnight Mass	11:30pm
Tues 25 Dec	St Thomas's	Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
Wed 26 Dec	St Christopher's	St Stephens Day Mass	11:00am