

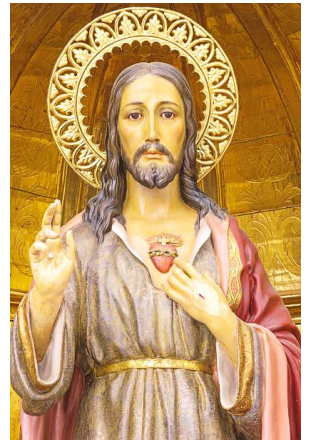
Franciscan of the Week: St Thomas More

St Thomas is famous in English history as well as in the Church. He was Chancellor of England (something akin to the modern role of Prime Minister) under Henry VIII. When Thomas refused to take the oath of supremacy, in which Henry claimed to have authority over the Church, he was arrested and locked in the Tower of London. He was beheaded there on 6th July 1535. These aspects of his life are well-known; fewer people know that he was also a third order Franciscan. As a young man he felt called to monastic life, but realised that God was calling him to service in the world. Although his life looked privileged, he did much penance and devoted himself to prayer. A highly respected and successful barrister, judge, scholar and politician, St Thomas was also a man for whom God always came first, even to the point of giving his life for the Lord and His Church.



FOCUS ON... The Sacred Heart of Jesus

This Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the whole month of June is set aside for this devotion (just as May is a month of Our Lady). What is it all about? Put simply, it's about the perfect love in the heart of Jesus: perfect love for each one of us. Today's feast, Corpus Christi, celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, in which Jesus is close to us and even gives Himself to us; the feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us why He wants to do these things. It's because of His perfect love for us that He gives Himself to us and for us. Mass for the feast is this Friday at 12noon.



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Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: year 1, week 12

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 22 nd June	6pm (vigil)	CORPUS CHRISTI The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Patricia Stocks (sick)
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 23 rd June	9:30am		Rosa Malloy – birthday thanksgiving
	11am		<i>First Communion Mass</i>
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
	5:15pm	<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>	
Tuesday	7pm		Peter Hampson RIP
Wednesday	9:15am		Colin Aspinall RIP
Thursday	9:15am		Jack Burton RIP
Friday	12noon	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	George Earnshaw RIP
Saturday 29 th June	10am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Holy Souls
	6pm (vigil)	ST PETER AND ST PAUL	Ronald and Mary Airey RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 30 th June	9:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm	For the confirmandi	

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon, and on request.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: June wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Mullen, Alice Wilson, Muriel Osbaldeston.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: This Sunday, Mass at 11am. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers at this important time.

CONFIRMATIONS: Next Sunday, Bishop Paul will be with us at 6pm Mass to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. Please keep them in your prayers in the coming days.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: This was a wonderful and memorable event, and raised an amazing £3036 for our ACN Iraq appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed: those who helped over the weekend, sponsored displays or visited. Special thanks to all who prepared the arrangements which made the church look so beautiful.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: This Sunday (23rd), deanery procession at St Walburge's. Additional free parking available at UCLAN on Pedder Street. Please come and support these wonderful expressions of faith in our Eucharistic Lord.

40 HOURS: The annual Quarant'ore devotion takes place 11th-14th July. Sign-up sheets and timetable will be available in the narthex next weekend.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting in on Sunday 7th July, after evening Mass. The booklet is on St Edmund Arrowsmith, a local martyr. Copies from Fr Andrew.

MAJOR REPAIR WORK: The flat roof above the chapel and sacristies is being completely replaced. There will be some noise during the daytime. Subject to weather, the work could be completed in the coming week.

SUMMER FAIR: Raised £1,373, to be split between the school and parish. Summer Draw winners list is on the notice board in the narthex.

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION: Annual Meeting of Lark Hill Past Pupils takes place at Cardinal Newman College next Saturday, June 29th, at 2pm. A chance to meet up with friends, chat and look round the College.

DEMENTIA SINGING GROUP: Meets at the Xaverian Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor) every Tuesday 10am-12noon. Details on the notice board. All welcome.

RWANDA SHOP: Volunteers urgently needed to help at charity shop on Syke St, Mon-Sat, 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm. Ring Michael: 723094 or 07864 990941.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: Next meeting this Thursday (27th), a social evening with strawberries and scones. 8pm at OLSE centre. Cost £2; visitors welcome. This is the final opportunity to pay the deposit of £10 for the meal on July 11th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday for "Peter's Pence" (the Holy See).

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 516; Collection: £1,086.14; Day for Life: £334.03. Thank you for your generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 16 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	2pm	Deanery Corpus Christi Procession	St Walburge's
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Mon-Fri	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Catechesis (14)	Narthex
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sunday 23 rd	9:30am	Children's Liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall

Diary Dates

5th July: First Friday, Holy Hour at 7pm

9th July: Year 6 production (all welcome), 1:30pm in school

16th July: St Clare's birthday. Pizza on the piazza, 7:30pm

17th July: End of school year Mass, 9:15am

A prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You.

Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

