

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 22nd March 2020

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering Sunday

Mass on p7, readings p164 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**CORONAVIRUS: ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM  
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES**

SUNDAY 22nd Fourth of Lent	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Wooderson (Anniv)
Monday 23rd <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kit Rogers (RIP)
Tuesday 24th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	6.30 p.m.	Tony & Cathy Mayne (Mem Mass)
Wednesday 25th <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Frank Baynes (Anniv)
Thursday 26th <i>Lent feria</i>	Holy Hour & Benediction	7.00pm	~
Friday 27th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass	12 noon	Joe Rogers (RIP)
Saturday 28th <i>Lent feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30	Terry Brooks (B'day Anniv) / Cathleen McMenamin (Anniv)
SUNDAY 29th Fifth of Lent	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patrick Kenny (Anniv)

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+ LENT 2020 +

Prayer—Fasting—Charity

Let Lent lift your Christian life!



## THIS SUNDAY

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mothering Sunday**
  - **THE BISHOPS' CURRENT GUIDELINES ON THE CORONAVIRUS MEAN CHANGES TO MASS AND PARISH ROUTINES. *There can be no public Masses or any other act of worship for the time being. Please make use of the parish webcam [here](#) to watch and hear Masses and Exposition***
  - **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.
  - **NO REFRESHMENTS** until further notice.
  - **LENT ART PROJECT: WEAVING** Postponed
- THIS WEEK:**  
All events postponed until further notice  
**MONDAY**
- **PARISH LENT COURSE:** Postponed...  
**TUESDAY**
  - **Move It or Lose It** Postponed...
  - **Tuesday Society** Postponed...
  - **Life in the Spirit** Postponed...  
**WEDNESDAY**
  - **Adoration Prayer Group** Postponed...  
**THURSDAY**
  - **Move It or Lose It** Postponed...  
**NEXT WEEKEND**

## • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday Readers' Rota

This week...  
9.00 a.m. n/a  
6.00 p.m. n/a  
6.00 p.m. n/a

No readers until public Mass returns

## COMING SOON PARISH QUIZ NIGHT POSTPONED

This is postponed until further notice. Please contact Claire Rutter for refunds.

## THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

On **29 March**, four days after the feast of the Annunciation England will be rededicated to its ancient title of *The Dowry of Mary* at events across the country. In 1381 King Richard II first formally dedicated this land to Our Lady. This initiative of the Church comes from the Bishops and the national **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. We are preparing by saying, as many parishes already do, the Angelus before every Mass. See the special web site **Behold2020.com** We too shall make the **Act of Entrustment** by which we pray for our country and for the faith to blossom here once more. But the prayers are also for ourselves and for our own deepening conversion to the way of Christ exemplified in his Mother.

er. This act of entrustment is needed now more than ever. The Act of Entrustment can be seen by clicking [here](#). The sanctuary here will display a copy of the *Wilton Diptych*, the late 14th century painting of Richard II of England rededicating his kingdom to Our Lady, supported by his patrons St John the Baptist, St Edmund and St Edward the Confessor.

*'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England'*  
Pope Leo XIII

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

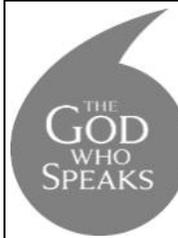
**SATURDAY 9th MAY 2020**

Led by Bishop David McGough: decision on cancellation awaited.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**  
This is now **CANCELLED** for this year.

## **CORONAVIRUS: GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES** **ALL CHURCHES ARE NOW UNABLE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WORSHIP.**

Churches are able to remain open, however, and so **the side chapel will be accessible when Mass is not being celebrated**. Please observe the recommended practices for good hygiene while in this, or any, building.



## The Sunday Readings

**WE OFTEN FAIL TO** SEE people as God sees them. The choosing of a new king for Israel was crucial, but the one God had in mind was the youngest, most insignificant looking. Jesus sees in the

blind man a man needing healing of eyes *and* spirit. The blind man sees Jesus as the Saviour, but paradoxically the Pharisees who have always had their physical sight see Jesus as nothing more than a troublemaking sinner. What we see with the eyes of faith is far more important that what see physically!

May we God grant us grace to see as He sees that we may realise our own need of Him and see Him in the needs of our brothers and sisters. We pray that in these difficult days we do not allow the light of faith to go unseen and that our ability to see the needs of others may be sharpened. As St Paul wrote 'You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord'.

## FINANCE... *Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.*

Last week- Main Collection: £892.60

In 2018 it cost **£1,669 a week** to run the parish. (2017 £1,503 2016 £1,589 2015 £1,510 2014 £1,966)

# OUR *VERY* CHANGED ROUTINE...

We are, for good reason, in very strange and unprecedented times. Ordinary life is being made extraordinary in so many ways. We may no longer gather as we used to in so many places, including our churches. The thought of access to Mass being denied us is dreadful. The Church is a gathering of God's people, whom He nourishes as a community by word and sacrament. **The Obligation to be at Sunday Mass has been removed: no one need worry about doing wrong by not being at Mass while public worship is impossible.** We must do what we can to maintain our devotional lives in other ways. *But we must not fear!*

- **First, the parish has *NOT* shut down!** No parish has. Masses and prayers go on, only not in public. Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo are not in medical isolation. (It will be publicised if either of us ends up needing to be confined to home). **Do not hesitate to be in touch!**
- **Secondly, through technology** available to many of us, it is still possible to share in the Masses from St Thomas More over the [internet](#). This news sheet will continue to be [online](#). Many in our community of faith will thus be able to pray together at the same time, conscious of their fellow Christians doing the same. Please keep in touch with any you know do not have internet connection. You might be able to help them with technology or if they are not in isolation, you can share viewing on a portable device
- **Thirdly, we can pay special attention to the needs of others.** We have a small army of volunteers and a SVP who has expressed a readiness to help anyone they can who is required to stay at home, isolated as a health precaution. **Please get in touch if you need help or know someone who does.** Please **do not assume that we already know** who needs help. We would rather be told something dozens of times than not at all!

**So, some practical pointers...**

**First for those on the internet.** The home page of the website has links to wonderfully encouraging videos from Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Bernard as we begin this strange time. Please share these as you can. Our webcam is streaming everything we do in church. Join in as you can. There is a link on the website to the day's Scripture readings each day. There will be **only one** Sunday Mass but it will be streamed **and recorded** so that you may watch it at any time.

You may discover the statements issued by the Church via our web page. There is a lot of news available on the diocesan web site.

This new sheet will be posted each week on the website. Please consider printing a copy for

a church going relative, friend or neighbour without internet access.

Ours is of course not the *only* webcam streaming to the internet. All the great shrines have them (Lourdes, Walsingham, Knock, Fatima and the Papal Mass is broadcast live each day) and many parishes in the deanery do too. If you can help hesitant or inexperienced IT users with all this it would be great. I can email a direct link to anything via email, of course. **For those *not* on the internet...**

I hope someone has passed you a paper copy of these notices! It is possible to see daily Mass on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) which is available through Sky satellite TV.

**For us all...**

Please pray! Try to keep a time special on Sundays. As well as watching Mass, we might (especially if we cannot view a Mass) read the day's Scripture from a Missal. We can offer a rosary, we can remember our family and friends, the Church and the world with intercession and prayer. **The side chapel will be open when Mass is not being celebrated.**

We can all offer a Spiritual Communion—

**MY JESUS,** I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please, **stay in touch with me and with one another.** It looks like there maybe more time for emails and phone calls if we are all being sensible and staying at home as much as possible!

**Please look out for those who need help, and, again, don't hesitate to get in touch if we can do something to help. We have volunteers. Don't assume we already know every need. Tell us twice rather than not at all!**

It will be very different saying Mass without any of you in church. Even the presence of a server or Deacon Leo is prohibited. Pray for me as I shall for you.

Mary, our Mother, Health of the Sick, pray for us  
St Joseph, pray for us  
St Thomas More, pray for us  
**God bless you,**

*Fr Stephen*



### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz and all those who are ill.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright, Maura Stone (Mgr Tim's friend), Peter Browne, Catherine Mullen, Prisca Valentini

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Kelly, John Kelly, John Robinson, Ellen Errington, Brenda Cleaver, Percy Briscoe, Charles Selfe, Leslie Morton-Blake, Bridie Sharkey, Jerzy Kolacki, Margaret Boyle, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kenny, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Nora Brennan, Brian Kavanagh, Bridie Williams, Philip Maguire, May Falconer, Peter Stockman, Beatrice & Roger Jackson, Eileen McCann, Kevin Bills, Kitty Ryan, John Griffin, Frank Philips

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Thanksgiving for motherhood—the Church, Our Lady, and our mothers, living or departed
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- A good keeping of Lent
- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff caring for them, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic

**OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!**

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**Anyone** who has made his or her first communion and can make a commitment to Sunday Mass is **welcome** to become a server.

## CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH

Keep up to date with any news and changes  
**visit the website**



**stmcov.org**



The Parish Webcam is accessible via the website. The housebound may watch and hear every Sunday Mass live over the internet.

**follow us on Twitter  
@StThosMore**

## ARRANGING A

### BAPTISMS

Until the restrictions imposed on us due the coronavirus outbreak are lifted it is simply impossible to celebrate or to make arrangements for baptisms, except in danger of death.

### WEDDINGS

It will be possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. What happens later this year remains to be seen, however.

### CONFESSION

Confession is always available by appointment and if to take place in church the priest and penitent must use the confessional, separated by a grille and cloth.

### FUNERALS

It is allowed to hold a *small* funeral service in the crematorium or at the grave side. Requiem Masses have to be postponed until public worship in church resumes.

### EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies remains available: the sick and dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised.

Contact Fr Stephen.

**DON'T ASSUME HE  
ALREADY KNOWS  
ABOUT A PROBLEM  
BETTER TO BE TOLD  
TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!**

**Otherwise, contact details are on the front of this sheet**