

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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19th April 2020 SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass on p7, readings p255 in Parish Mass Book



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**CORONAVIRUS: ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
THERE IS NO PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES FOR THE TIME BEING**

SUNDAY 19th 2nd of EASTER <i>Divine Mercy</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Helen Shanley RIP (Anniv) / Daniel Smith RIP
Monday 20th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Sr Mary Dominic Dickinson
Tuesday 21st <i>St Anselm, B</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Deceased of the Hampson & Taylor Families
Wednesday 22nd <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Monica Ryan RIP
Thursday 23rd <i>St George, M</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Friday 24th <i>Easter feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 25th <i>St Mark, Ev</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Nellie McCann RIP
SUNDAY 26th 3rd of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John & Bridget Cooney RIP / Alan Foster RIP

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



THIS SUNDAY

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY.** Pope St John Paul II instituted this feast in recognition of the 1931 visions of St Faustina, a nun in Krakow, Poland calling us to trust in and be devoted to the mercy of God, revealed in Jesus. God's mercy is now and always has been our hope of salvation! **St Mary and St Benedict's Parish** is a centre for this devotion in **Coventry** and will hold the **Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm. You can join in by using their webcam**
- **THE EGGS BOUGHT FOR SERVERS AND CHILDREN** will be kept for our first day back together, a day to look forward to indeed. **It will come!**
- **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 REGINA COELI** is sung instead of the **Angelus** in the Easter season.

THIS WEEK:

All Masses are livestreamed over the internet. All other regular events are postponed until further notice.

WEDNESDAY

- **Prayer 2020:** United we join together at 2020 hrs (Prayer at home) on the 20th of the month, praying that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

NEXT WEEKEND

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY SHEET

Now available online with this news sheet .

GIVING TO THE PARISH: NOW ONLINE

It is now possible to **donate online**, via the diocesan website. Go to—

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work
Select 'Coventry Styvechale' from the drop down list of parishes.

Do not worry that it is impossible for you to bring your giving to church each week.

Do not worry that your envelopes have run out—the new ones are ready in church for everyone's return. These are exceptional times. If you would like to pay by direct debit, there is a link to a form from the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part and post to the Presbytery. **Thank you to parishioners who have sent their offertory direct to the Presbytery. In some cases, very generously.**

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T MEET

It sounds so odd, but **the best way in which we may care for and protect one another at the moment really is to *stay at home and not meet***. In this way we make sure that the virus is **not** spread and so we protect the vulnerable, the elderly and the frail most especially but in fact we help everyone. *Let's not pass infection on. While the restrictions apply... If you have the internet...*

- The parish news sheet will go up every week on the parish web site as usual. Please print off a copy **if you can safely get it to a fellow parishioner** who has no internet, or email a copy to anyone who has difficulty with IT
- Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page is updated regularly, three or four times a week
- The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows **every** Mass and other worship in church as it happens.
- Our **Twitter account** provides news about not only the parish but wider events to. And sometimes even something light hearted. @StThosMore **Facebook** too @StThosMore
- Do email Fr Stephen with any comments or suggestions or requests for help for yourself or others, and prayer intentions.

If you do not have the internet...

- Please unite yourself in prayer with the worship that is still going on here
- Remember that you can always phone—others may be in touch with you—like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar here daily.

EASTER REFLECTIONS

St Chad's Cathedral has produced a booklet of reflections, prayer and Bible notes for the Easter season. You can see it and use it at – www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

DO YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED HELP?

We have volunteers, thanks to the SVP, ready to help anyone vulnerable or self isolating who needs shopping or prescriptions or anything else collected. We can make a friendly phone call too, but of course in order to stop the spread of coronavirus, we can't go into peoples' homes.

There is a list of *local firms running a delivery service of meals or groceries or both linked on our [coronavirus page](#) on parish website.*

This list comes from a local GP surgery.
Do ask for help if you need it.

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

Last week- Main Collection: to be announced at future date after restrictions end.

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish ('18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966)



The Sunday Readings

As far as the first disciples were concerned, the joy of the Resurrection takes time to sink in. After all, can this wonderful news be true? Thomas

doubts it: but then, faced with Jesus standing before him he utters those words of worship that testify to Christ's divinity and His rising - "My Lord and my God!". Today's Gospel speaks not only of the joy of knowing that the Lord is indeed alive, but also witnesses to God's love in other ways. Jesus is concerned to give us peace, He wants us to have it, deeply and wholly. Sin can ruin that peace by the damage it does to the sinner and to the victim, as well as to our relationship with God. But in His mercy, Jesus gives His disciples the power to pronounce God's forgiveness, to pronounce the gift of God's mercy. Let us seek this freely given mercy.

Jesus, I trust in you.

ALLELUIA!

THE PEWS LOOK LESS EMPTY WITH PICTURES AND PHOTOS

Please email a photo or drawing of you and your family (child's work especially welcome) to help fill the now empty pews. Reclaim on that happy day when we meet next!

EASTER FLOWERS

There can be no skilled flower arranging this year as our arrangers cannot come to church to create the displays. Fr Stephen has had a go with what flowers he can get hold of. The normal, beautiful flowers will return when we all do! The spring blossoms are nature's return to life, the annual reminder of Christ's resurrection. *Alleluia!*

THE PARISH HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE @StThosMore

Please bear with us as we begin to discover the art of a good page...

A NEW PARISH PROJECT

As we look forward to the day we shall be able to return to worship together, whenever it will be, Annmarie and Debbie have created an idea for a project we may begin at home and then see completed when we meet again. Full details and ideas are on the 'Parish and Coronavirus' page of the website, here stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=268. We are asked to create a feather, no larger than A4 size (A5 ideal) in any medium (paper, card, fabric, wool—whatever) that can then be used to create an image of the Holy Spirit. Do look at the details on the parish website. Please print off for any friend, relative or neighbour without internet access that you can safely get a copy to. We want everybody to have the opportunity to be included. Get creating—as the Spirit moves you!



A LIGHTER MOMENT: AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

In the Greek Orthodox Church Easter Monday is often a day for jokes to celebrate how God had the last laugh on the devil. Satan thought he'd won on Good Friday but of course was actually defeated. A holy tradition of humour therefore...

I say, I say, I say...

Did you hear about the jump leads that walked into a bar? 'I'll serve you', said the barman, 'but don't you start anything..!' **Boom, boom!**

THE EASTERTIDE ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

REGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!
Requia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

*[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia
Has arisen as He said, alleluia.
Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]*

V. Rejoice and be glad O virgin Mary, alleluia

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray...Amen



THANK YOU TO THE 'INVISIBLE' CONGREGATION!

THANK YOU to everyone who followed Holy Week online and will be watching on Sundays. The number of encouraging emails and tweets from near and far was very heartening. It is *wonderful* that in these challenging times we are still drawing together, for while churches may have to shut the Church never does. The Church, the community of people, goes on in faith, driven by the love of God. We may or may not be on the internet, but we are all one.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Catherine & Peter Brookes, Fr Michael Stack, 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: Brenda Davies, Fr Tim Burke, Karen Pollard, Norman Arnold, Fr David Sanders OP, Elizabeth Carr, Patrick King, Jim Ball, Michael Brydon

ANNIVERSARIES: John Cooney, Margaret Upham, Patrick Tracey, John Robinson, Theresa Poole, Kenneth Pickett, Margaret McFadden, Helena Shanley, Mary Crowe, Renato Paolone, Vincent Rutter, Michael Lovelock, Grace Cairns, Joan Boguslawski, Alice Kane, Barry McElvenney, Fred Woodward, Francis Dempsey, Thomas McGinty, James Shepherd, Cora Meehan, Cecil Mancini, Margaret Kane, Mary Baimbridge, Rosaleen O'Sullivan, Reginald Atkinson, Fr Martin Conboy, Ann Brogan, Esther McLoughlin, Christine Donlon

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

- The victims of Coronavirus, for all medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic.
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture

CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH visit the website stmcov.org

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APPEAL FOR TOILETRIES: **THANK YOU** for your wonderful support—enough has come in for now. **Patients and staff at UHCW are very grateful**

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BAPTISMS

Until the restrictions imposed on us due to 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 now difficult to make due to social distancing rules. The obligation of making one's Easter Duties has been lifted this year.

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!

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