

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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26th April 2020 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

Mass on p7, readings p258 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

They recognised Him...



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 26th 3rd of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John & Bridget Cooney RIP / Alan Foster RIP
Monday 27th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Andrew Robinson RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Marie Moore
Wednesday 29th St Catherine of Siena	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Isabel Margaret Kay
Thursday 30th <i>Easter feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter Joseph Brookes RIP
Saturday 2nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	The Intentions of June Phee on her 90th birthday
SUNDAY 3rd 4th of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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CHRIST IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



THIS SUNDAY

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- **THE EGGS BOUGHT FOR SERVERS AND CHILDREN** will be kept for our first day back together. *That day 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.
- **THE CHILDREN'S WEEKLY SHEET** is now on the parish web site with the news letters

THIS WEEK:

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

MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK
Every Thursday at 7pm a Mass from a different Catholic Cathedral will be offered by one of our bishops. They will all be livestreamed. This week Bishop Richard Moth celebrates in Arundel Cathedral. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

NEXT WEEKEND

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second collection: would be for the Clergy Training Fund
Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

AT SOME POINT WE SHALL BE BACK!

St Padre Pio had the great saying: 'Pray, hope and don't worry'. Some might say, 'That was easy for him, he was a saint!' but of course most saints, including Padre Pio, had little in the way of an easy time. What they did have was great faith and a deep relationship with God. These are not easy times. We all have opportunities to pray. God give us grace to hope. And as Padre Pio went on to say 'Worry is useless'.

EASTER REFLECTIONS FROM ST CHAD'S
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/

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 or 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 @StThosMore** provides news about not only the parish but wider events too. And sometimes even something light hearted. We have a new page on **Facebook @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.

PETER BROOKES RIP

We mark with sadness the death of Peter Brookes, father of Clare Staines (deputy head of the parish school). He and his wife often visited St Thomas More for Mass when down from Scotland to see Clare. Please pray for the repose of his soul and of course for his family. His funeral is on Friday in Crieff. Mass here that day is offered for him

CHARLIE & NORA ADDISON RIP

We are thankful for the kind bequest of £10,000 which the parish has received from Nora's estate. This comes at a time when our income is drastically reduced—no one has hired the hall since mid March and won't be again for a while yet—but it is to be hoped that it will still be possible for the Finance Committee to decide a fitting use for it in due course. *Please pray for Charlie and Nora who were such faithful members of the parish.*

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

Peter stands up and proclaims the truth about Jesus. To the crowd. He speaks of Jesus as the one who came from the Father, worked signs and miracles and was crucified and rose again. David, king and prophet, bore witness in the Old Testament to the power of Christ, and

here it is made plain by the glory of the resurrection.

Christ is risen, and the experience of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus was one of many that Jesus's followers had that convinced them that Jesus had risen. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus do not recognise their companion until they stop and eat together. He takes bread, says the blessing and breaks it... and they know only then that He is Jesus. Jesus's presence is revealed in the simple, everyday act of breaking bread. We do that again and again as Christians, for it is the Mass. This great gift of Christ to His Church, this sacrifice, this offering His Body and Blood is the source and summit of the Church's life. In it, we come to know Jesus, just as did those first disciples. May we all see Jesus in this wonderful sacrament.

THE PARISH ONLINE

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

THANK YOU

'INVISIBLE' CONGREGATION!

THANK YOU to everyone who follows Mass online and who will be watching on Sundays. Online streaming and the website, Twitter feed and Facebook page provide information for many, but we do not forget those without internet access. If you can print off the notice sheet and the parish project details and get them safely to parishioners without internet, that would be good. Several parishioners have said how the web camera makes them feel included, participating together with others at the same time. **Thanks also** to those of you who have put giving envelopes through the presbytery letter-box, returned completed standing order forms, or otherwise given generously in support of the parish. While we are without giving envelopes (all ready for you in church) the parish may still be supported financially—see the opposite page for details of standing order and of online giving. **Thank you all**

BISHOP LEO M^CCARTIE RIP

Last Thursday Bishop Leo, no stranger to this church, died aged 94 in St Joseph's Home, Harborne. Originally a priest of this archdiocese, amongst other appointments he was on the staff of Cotton College and knew Mgr Gavin very well. He retired as Bishop of Northampton in 2001. Pray for his soul.

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



A NEW PARISH PROJECT

As we look forward to the day we shall be able to return to church, 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, stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=268. There is also a link from the Facebook page. 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! Some lovely examples have already been made.



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.

**Email: stmcov@gmail.com or
ring 024 7641 1900**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Catherine 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: Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Andrew Kenny, Peter Brookes, Brenda Davies, Fr Tim Burke, Karen Pollard, Norman Arnold, Fr David Sanders OP, Elizabeth Carr

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Warnock, Nykola Kowalkczuk, Joseph Hussey, Peter David, Andrew Robinson, Jack O'Neill, Marie Moore, Moira Nesden, Kathleen Ward, Fr Joe Conboy, Eily O'Connor, Florence O'Grady, Margaret Kane, Stephen Foster, Richard Corkery, Paula Tew, Dr John Rogan, Thomas Murphy, Regina McGeachan, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Catherine Meacham, Mary Furey **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
- Staff and pupils in our schools as term begins

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

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The coronavirus restrictions have made things very difficult for Catholic newspapers as no one's in churches to buy them.

Catholic Herald

This publication is now monthly and may be subscribed to online via its website

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/>

The Catholic Times and The Universe

These will be combining into one. Order by phone 0161 820 5722 or online

<https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/>

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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