

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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3rd April 2020

**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER: Vocations Sunday**

Mass on p7, readings p262 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY—AVE MARIA!**



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

<b>SUNDAY 3rd 4th of EASTER</b>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 4th <i>The English Martyrs</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Thomas & Rose Clarke RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 5th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention of Slawek
Wednesday 6th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Fr Michael Jordan RIP
Thursday 7th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Charlie Addison RIP
Friday 8th <i>Easter feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 9th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Brendon Cunningham RIP
<b>SUNDAY 10th 5th of EASTER</b>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Cornelius Donaghue RIP

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



## THIS SUNDAY

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Good Shepherd Sunday: DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** See <https://www.ukvocation.org/> **Second Collection:** Clergy Training Fund
- **ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER** Available on the news sheet page of the website
- **HOPE COVENTRY CITY PRAYER & PRAISE** tonight at 6pm on YouTube. Music and worship. Seek on YouTube and you will find...!
- **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.*

**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. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

### NEXT SUNDAY

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sunday Readers' Rota**

No readers until Mass in public resumes

### **COMING SOON**

#### **WE SHALL BE BACK!**

The medieval woman mystic, **Julian of Norwich**, would say '**All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well**'. Julian, who lived in the 14th century, had a time of terrible and near fatal illness when, convinced she was dying, she received powerful visions. After reflecting on them for 20 years she wrote the first book by an English woman, *Revelations of Divine Love*, still in print today. She had a confidence in the God 'who loves us and delights in us' that transformed her understanding of God and the world. From her sufferings she knew God's love and grew in confident hope: 'All will be well...'

#### **EASTER REFLECTIONS FROM ST CHAD'S**

St Chad's Cathedral has produced a booklet of reflections, prayer and Bible notes for the Easter season. See [www.stchads cathedral.org.uk/](http://www.stchads cathedral.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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work)  
Select 'Coventry Styvechale' from the drop down list of parishes. You can donate 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. It is of course possible to put donations in the presbytery letter box.**

#### **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, but in fact we help everyone.  
**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—and, like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar daily.

#### **PATRICK HIGGINS RIP**

Please pray for the soul of Patrick Higgins who died suddenly last week, aged 72. Pray for his family, two generations of whom mourn him. Patrick's funeral will be on Friday 15 May.

#### **BRENDON CUNNINGHAM RIP**

Please pray for the soul of Brendon Cunningham who was well known in the parish as a reader at 6pm Sunday Mass and a daily Mass attender. Brendon died unexpectedly at his home in Willenhall last week. Pray for his family.

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Every day, Fr Stephen lights a candle at Our Lady's shrine for the intentions of all parishioners. If you have a particular intention you wish to be prayed for at that time, please tell Fr Stephen.

#### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY**

These include permanent deacons. Please pray for our own Dcn Leo and his family, and for Dcn Pat.

## **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

The relationship of a shepherd with his flock was very different in Jesus's time to how it is in modern western Europe. Modern shepherds have their flocks for only a short time before they are slaughtered. They drive the sheep with dogs in the direction they wish them to go. There are no dangerous lions, bears and wolves to protect them from at grave risk to the shepherd. In Jesus's time, sheep were kept for milk and wool and lived much longer. They were led by the shepherd, not driven by the sheepdog. The shepherd protected them at great personal risk. Jesus uses this kind of imagery to remind His hearers of His sacrificial love that brings life, and that He calls us to follow him. Vocation means answering a call. May Jesus lead us into the fullness of life by our answering His call. *Pray for vocations!*

## VOCATION WEBSITES

National: <https://www.ukvocation.org/>  
 Diocesan: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/>  
*Information on priesthood, diaconate and more*

## THE EASTERTIDE ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

**R**EGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!  
**Q**uia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!  
**R**esurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!  
**O**ra 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

### MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

See Pope Francis's letter for May 2020 at  
<https://tinyurl.com/y9cb3ofj>

which contains two beautiful prayers for these challenging times. **AVE MARIA!**



## ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS

If there are any wedding anniversaries, birthdays of particular importance or other joyful events we can share and celebrate, Fr Stephen will happily mention them during the notices at Sunday Mass. Just let him know by phone, post or email.

## BISHOP LEO M<sup>c</sup>CARTIE RIP

Pray for Bishop Leo who died last week aged 94. He was a friend to this parish and had taught with Mgr Gavin at Cotton College. Bishop Leo's funeral will be live streamed from Northampton Cathedral on 12 May at 12.30pm before his burial. Bishop David Oakley will celebrate the Mass

## CARRIERS OF HOPE

We have had collection boxes in the church porch for **Carriers of Hope** for many years and they are very grateful for the support we give to refugees and asylum seekers in the local area. Each year, around this time, our parish is **Donor of the Week**, when we make an extra special attempt to support them. Because of the pandemic, currently they would like cash donations instead of items. If you would like to support them then **please visit their website** <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/donation/>

*Live Simply in solidarity with those in poverty.*

## THE 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](http://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](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com)  
 or ring 024 7641 1900**

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Baby Theo, 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:** Brendon Cunningham, Patrick Higgins, Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCarty, Fr Andrew Kenny, Peter Brookes, Brenda Davies, Fr Tim Burke, Karen Pollard

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Warnock, Catherine O'Neill, Stella Harwood, Patrick Coyle, James McGinty, John Magennis, Patrick McAree, Thomas Hope, Harry Mee, Mary Janew, Richard Horner, Eileen O'Brien, Matthew Reilly, John Vertigan, Gladys Donaldson, Fr Patrick Keegan, Ann Le Conte, Andrew Le Conte, Rose Dodd, George Dutton, Marie Finn, Wilfred Day, Sarah Morton, Mollie O'Connor, John Anderson, Stephen Foster  
**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
- Vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life
- Thanksgiving for the end of the Second World War in Europe, and for its victims.

**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 is in any 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 for the time being.

Order by phone 0161 820 5722 or online

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

## THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

**FACEBOOK:** @StThosMore

**TWITTER:** @StThosMore

**WEBSITE:** stmcof.org

**WEBCAM:** via website

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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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