

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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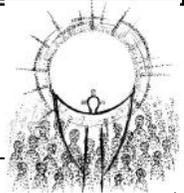
17th May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER:

Mass on p7, readings p268 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**

SUNDAY 17th 6th of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Tony Leigh RIP / Martin Ward RIP
Monday 18th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	An end to the pandemic
Tuesday 19th <i>St Dunstan, B</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Paul Watson RIP
Wednesday 20th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Hughie McCraig RIP
THURS 21st The Ascension of the Lord	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Friday 22nd <i>Easter feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 23rd <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Eileen Smith RIP
SUNDAY 24th 7th of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Minehane

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CHRIST IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



THIS SUNDAY

- **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- **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

Monday

POPE ST JOHN-PAUL II's 100th birthday is 18 May. Let us give thanks for his visit to this parish in 1982 and ask his prayers for us today.

Wednesday

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING TO END ABORTION This national event is now online: see <https://goodcounselnet.co.uk/prayer-and-fasting-days>

PRAYER 2020: Pray at home each 20th of the month at 2020, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

Thursday

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

There will be Mass at 9.00am which, like Sunday Mass, will be recorded.

MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK Every Thursday at 7pm Mass from a Catholic Cathedral offered by a bishops. All livestreamed. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

NEXT SUNDAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Second Collection: Catholic Communications
LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MASS 24 MAY 2020
The Archbishop celebrates a special Mass to mark what would have been the start of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at 3.00pm. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page of the diocesan website gives details of the online pilgrimage we may make together during that week.

Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

These include permanent deacons, so please pray for our own **Deacon Leo** and his family, and for **Deacon Pat**, now in retirement.

PENTECOST RETREAT ONLINE 29-31 MAY

Come All Who Thirst See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146> Please do contact **Justine Gaffney** on 07551096269 if you have any questions, help with using Zoom software etc.

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
Enter personal details on the first box, click next then select 'Coventry Styvechale' from the drop down list of parishes, the third box is for card details. 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, or save them week by week until we return.**

WHENEVER & HOWEVER LOCKDOWN ENDS WE SHALL BE BACK!

There is now discussion about churches being opened. It looks very likely that this will be a phased reopening beginning at some point with private prayer only, under restrictions of social distancing and hygiene. Whenever this becomes possible and at the moment we cannot know, it will be widely publicised. Pray for an end to this pandemic and a quick **and** safe return to church.

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...

- **Please use it to stay in touch with the parish.** This newsletter is posted every week.

Please print copies off for any parishioners you can safely get them to who have no internet. Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page is updated regularly.

The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows **every** Mass and other worship in church as it happens. Follow the parish **Twitter** @StThosMore and the **Facebook** page @StThosMore.

If you do not have the internet...

- **Please unite yourself in prayer** with the worship that is still going on here and remember that you can always phone or email and, like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar daily.

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.

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

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

Jesus prepares His disciples for His eventual departure from this world at His Ascension. Those who love Him will be willing to live as He wants, keeping His commandments. And Jesus, in return, will make sure that we are never left forsaken. The Holy Spirit will be His great gift to His followers. That same Spirit that came upon Mary to make her Mother of God, whose coming upon her and the Apostles at Pentecost we celebrate at the end of the Easter season, this Spirit will dwell in His people and empower them, and fill them with His gifts. Our relationship with Christ is shown by our commitment to living as He wants. Mary lived exactly as God called her to do, and of course that means that as His mother, Mary has always had a very deep relationship with her Son. She answered the call to love: may we do so too.

SVP REGIONAL APPEAL: THANK YOU!

Last week's appeal for help has been answered with heart warming generosity! Caroline Duignan, on behalf of SVP, says **thank you very much.**

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

This week marks the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis's famous encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si'*. We are encouraged to pledge ourselves to live without harming the planet's climate and living creatures (animals and humans) by unsustainable living. Copies of the encyclical are still on sale in the piety stall, when we return, and see

<https://journeyto2030.org/2020/05/15/laudato-si-week/>

The encyclical may also be read online at the Vatican website. All other documents from recent popes may be found there too. It's a treasure trove www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

for your encouraging messages, phone calls and notes. They are much appreciated in these difficult times. **Fr Stephen**

O MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us sinners who have recourse to thee!

❖ SUPPORT 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. 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: 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: , Fr David Duggan, Patrick Higgins, Brendon Cunningham, Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Andrew Kenny, Peter Brookes, Brenda Davies, Fr Tim Burke, Karen Pollard

ANNIVERSARIES: George Conway, James Fawcett, Elizabeth Freeman, Hazel James, Luke Jackson, Michael Meany, Michael Morley, Joan Pears, Marie Bowen, Mary Lamb, John Chambers, Christina Hannon, Paul Carr, Mary Neal, Ann Sonroy, Grace Murphy, James Phee, Ann Lovelock, Phyllis Ward **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, for wisdom to be given to our leaders deciding how to ease lockdown
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those whose well being and safety are threatened by having to stay at home



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

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

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH



THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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TWITTER: @StThosMore

WEBSITE: stmcov.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 BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!

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