

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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31st May 2020

PENTECOST:

Mass on p7, readings p288 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH—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 31st PENTECOST	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Brian Matthews (RIP) Anniv
Monday 1st June <i>Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00-8.00 p.m.	Phillis Gardiner
Tuesday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Breda Higgins
Wednesday 3rd <i>SS Charles Lwanga & Comps</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Paddy Flemming RIP
Thursday 4th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	~	~	~
Friday 5th <i>St Boniface</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Elsie & Bert Buckingham
Saturday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 7th HOLY TRINITY	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Gary Crilly RIP (Anniv) / Jim Gallagher RIP / Thanksgiving: Ward Fam.

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**COME HOLY SPIRIT, OUR SOULS INSPIRE AND LIGHTEN WITH CELESTIAL FIRE,
THOU THE ANOINTING SPIRIT ART, WHO DOST THY SEVENFOLD GIFTS IMPART
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



THIS SUNDAY

- **PENTECOST: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** which marks the completion of the saving mysteries of Easter and the last day of the Easter Season.
- **THE REGINA COELI is sung instead of the Angelus** in the Easter season. Last time today.
- **MASSES WITH A CONGREGATION ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.** *There can be no public Masses or other acts of worship for the time being. Please use the parish web cam [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition*
- **GIVING TO THE PARISH: NOW ONLINE**
You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form from the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part and post to the Presbytery.
It is also 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. **Thank you to parishioners who have sent their offertory direct to the Presbytery. In some cases, very generously.** Offerings can be put through the presbytery letter box, or saved each week until we return.

THIS WEEK

- **All Masses are livestreamed on internet.**
Monday
- **Ordinary Time resumes at Week 9**, weekday readings year 2, Morning & Evening Prayer Psalter week 1. With Eastertide over, the seasonal colour is green.
Thursday
- **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

HOLY TRINITY: THE CELEBRATION OF THE THREEFOLD MYSTERY OF GOD'S BEING

Second Collection: Church flowers

Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass returns to normal

COMING SOON

WHEN WILL CHURCHES BE OPEN?

At the moment we cannot answer this question for sure. It might be sometime in July. We **can say** that whenever they do reopen it will be for **private prayer only** at first, and **NOT for Mass**. There will be strict conditions imposed on us in terms of social distancing, movement round the church, numbers and hygiene. Once Mass in public is allowed, that too will be **subject to**

strict conditions about social distancing and may very well therefore involve very many changes to what we normally do. There will need to be careful thought about how we queue for Communion, use of servers, readers and greeters, use of books, how many people can safely be in the building. Therefore, **please do not expect everything in church to be as it was before Corona virus**. The Catholic Church in England and Wales **IS** making plans and preparing, and we shall be receiving guidance. Pray that this may happen safely and soon!

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**. So we do **NOT** spread the virus.

IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET, we are on...

WEBSITE: <https://stmcov.org/>

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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](#) website page is updated regularly.

The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows **every** Mass and other worship in church as it happens.

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 and, like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar daily. Please ask someone you know with the internet to let you have a notice sheet.

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

SCHOOLS

Please pray for schools and especially our parish school as they prepare to open in very different circumstances to usual. For pupils, staff, parents and governors. For all young people who have had their education and exams disrupted by the need to prevent the spread of covid 19.

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

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

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FACEBOOK



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

Regular collections cannot be taken: **see above for how to give by standing order or online.**
In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966

THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS

The Sunday Readings

The coming of the Holy Spirit made all the difference.

People are filled with wonder at the power of the Apostles' witness, and (undoing Babel) in so many languages too! Everything will be accomplished through the power of the Spirit. He enables the Apostles to get out and on with building the Church, and He sustains the Church through all her trials. (Countless times, secular rulers have attempted to exterminate Christianity). And He sustains us as, in giving the Spirit for the forgiveness of sins, He allows His mercy to make a fresh start. The Church and all her members need all the Spirit's gifts.

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE!



Come down,
O Love Divine,
Seek Thou this
soul of mine...
For none can
guess Its grace
Till he become
the place
Wherein the
Holy Spirit makes
His dwelling!

THE PARISH ART 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**

IF YOU ARE READING THIS ON THE INTERNET...

Please be aware that text in blue is a live link—click on it and it should take you to the website it describes. Your cursor arrow will change into a hand as you hover over the blue text link.

O HOLY ANGEL at my side,
Go to Church for me,
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,
Where I desire to be.
At Offertory, in my stead,
Take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice
Upon the Altar Throne.
At Holy Consecration's bell,
Adore with Seraph's love,
My Jesus hidden in the Host,
Come down from Heaven above.

**TO ONE'S
GUARDIAN
ANGEL WHEN
NOT ABLE TO
RECEIVE
COMMUNION**
*Sent in by a
parishioner*

Then pray for those I dearly love,
And those who cause me grief,
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,
And suffering souls relieve.
And when the priest Communion takes,
Oh, bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,
And I His temple be.
Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,
May mankind's sins efface;
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,
The pledge of every grace. Amen



THANK YOU TO PARISH MUSICIANS

We have had music at almost every Sunday Mass since the church closed thanks to our musicians recording their work.

NEW RECTOR FOR OSCOTT COLLEGE

Fr Giles Goward, currently Director of Formation has been appointed the new Rector. Pray for the college, the seminarians and their new rector.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Alan Rushton, 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 who are ill. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Richard Norris, Fr David Duggan, Fr Andrew Kenny, Patrick Higgins, Fr Tim Burke, Brendon Cunningham, Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCartie, Peter Brookes

ANNIVERSARIES: Eugene Gaughan, May Delargy, Mary Maguire, Daisy Lycett, Rodney Callwood, Roseann Audahl, Teresa Renella, Arthur Pears, Michael McDermott, Michael Brittain, Ellen Cullinane, Edward McGennis, Lily Gallagher, Agnes Dixon, Arthur Pears, Esther Carlin, Mary Smith, Brian Matthews, Mary Nerney, Theresa Delves, Michael Maguire **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
- Come, Holy Spirit!

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

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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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