

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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28th JUNE 2020

THEN SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL

Mass on p7, readings p170 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 28th Ss PETER & PAUL	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Marie Shepherd RIP
Monday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m	The People of the Parish
Tuesday 30th <i>The First Martyrs of Rome</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary D'Arcy
Wednesday 1st July <i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 7.00-8.00 p.m.	Sylvester Budkiewicz RIP, Kitty and family
Thursday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00am	David & Julia O'Grady on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 3rd <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m	Fr Bob Wright RIP
Saturday 4th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Brian Jordan RIP
SUNDAY 5th 14th Sunday	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Robert Lee RIP (4th Anniv)

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JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

**O SWEET HEART OF JESUS, WE IMPLORE,
MAKE US LOVE THEE MORE AND MORE!**



THIS SUNDAY

- **SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL: Second collection:** Peter's Pence
- **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.

THIS WEEK

- **All Masses are livestreamed on internet. 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

- **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**
- **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund **Sunday Readers' Rota**
No readers until Mass returns to normal

COMING 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/>

TWITTER: @StThosMore

FACEBOOK: @StThosMore

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, which is also recorded for viewing later.

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 parish-

ioners 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 before Our Lady's 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.

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

for your encouraging messages, phone calls and notes. They are much appreciated in these difficult times. If you feel like ringing, please do.

Fr Stephen

THE PARISH ART PROJECT

If you have any completed feathers, please return them by putting them in an envelope and posting through the Presbytery letter box. Debbie is beginning to work on the Holy Spirit banner. There is no deadline yet, so please don't worry—there is still time to create your feathers. Full details are here stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=268 on the parish website. 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. Get creating—as the Spirit moves you! Some lovely examples have already been made.

OPEN HEAVEN: PRAYING FOR THE CITY OF COVENTRY

This is a prayer initiative of the city's Christian churches in praying for the people of Coventry. We can do this by walking along our own street and as we walk, pray for the intentions of every person living there. Can be done as an individual or with a member of your household. Between all the churches it is hoped to cover every street in Coventry during June. Please go to the *Open Heaven* website www.openheavencoventry.org/ You will find a street map indicating those streets not yet covered. You will be asked to sign indicating your intention of the street you promise to cover. If you are housebound, you can still offer to pray from your home.

THANK YOU

To all those who have and will be working to open the church on Monday and Friday.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

If anyone has an abundance of flowers in the garden or would like to give a bunch to church, please do—just leave them in the Presbytery porch. Fr Stephen's getting stale in his selecting and arranging blooms! **Thank you** for the lovely bunches last week—one is by Our Lady in the sanctuary today and the others on display.

FOLLOW US ON 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 Sunday Readings

This Sunday we celebrate St Peter and St Paul, the two greatest of the great Apostles. We hear about the ultimately unshakeable faith of St Peter and the very words of St Paul himself. Paul speaks of his calling to 'fight the good fight' and how God had

marked him out for the work of evangelisation, despite beginning adult life as a fervent Jew who detested Christianity and o sought to destroy it. But he was called away from this by a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, and from then on his considerable energies, intellect and writing skills were at the service of the very cause he had wished to destroy. St Peter, in the pages of the Gospels, displays great faith in Christ. After His resurrection, Peter declares three times his love for Jesus, thus making up for his three denials. In the gospel today, we hear Peter answer most fervently that question of Jesus 'Who do you say I am?'. 'You are the Christ'. Peter's faith began well, faltered at the Passion and became solid as the rock Jesus called him after the resurrection. Paul began by hating the infant Church and ended by doing so much to help it prosper. Rejoice in these two saints, ask their prayers and remember: if Christ can use a faltering fisherman and a hate filled fanatic to build His Church, then surely He can use us too

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

THE REOPENING OF THIS CHURCH FOR PUBLIC MASS

Providing certain conditions are met, it will be possible for public Masses to held from 4 July—this is encouraging news that many of you will have already heard. The Catholic Archbishops of England have produced a very helpful letter about this that you may read [here](#) on the parish website. They point out that this is **NOT** a return to normal. The guidelines are about reducing the risk of contracting the corona

virus which is still active among us. We must try to be as safe as we can. **In order to prepare properly it is likely that public Masses here will start on the weekend of 11 July.**

The most practical issue is the obligatory cleaning of the pews and the floor after each Mass: this *has* to be done. That's a lot more cleaning than normal.

Another issue is that to begin with we shall have to estimate the numbers of you who will return to Mass at this time, an important point because the size of the church means we can have an absolute maximum of 100 people in church at a time (to ensure social distancing). Remember that the Sunday obligation has NOT been restored so no one need worry about missing Sunday Mass. So, will we need more Sunday Masses or fewer? We don't know for sure!

We have decided not to make use of the balcony because of issues with movement making social distancing difficult and because cleaning that and the stairs and rails would be a very big task indeed. And remember, we could be cleaning after every Mass for many months to come.

The guidelines also effect what actually happens at Mass and the way we receive Holy Communion. This will all be explained in due course. They suggest a minimum of people on the sanctuary. Therefore, to begin with only Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo will at the altar. As soon as we are used to the new arrangements we hope to make use of a server and a reader, but not at first. This is new for everyone, especially the clergy, and routines of hygiene in the sacristy and sanctuary need to become familiar.

Everyone *must wear a face covering*. There can be no singing, no shared books, no holy water, no exchange of peace, everyone is meant to leave promptly when Mass has ended and Mass is not meant to be extended in any way. All this is simply to minimise the risk of passing on the virus, but it is a reason that, as the Archbishops say, we are **not** returning to normal.

The priests of the deanery and each parish is busy trying make sure the guidelines are met, that there is an appropriate number of Masses at the right times (bearing in mind the requirement for cleaning) and come to a decision about when public Mass safely resumes. You will be kept informed. Fr Stephen, Dcn Leo, our Health and Safety officer John Archer and others are assessing all this most carefully. We have a duty to keep everyone who comes to church as safe as possible.

It is up to each individual to decide whether he or she may safely attend Mass—there is absolutely no pressure to make any decision except the one *you* are happy with. It is equally up to each parish to decide when it is ready.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS/CLEANERS The Next Stage

You can see therefore that there will be a greatly increased need for cleaning and stewarding. Please consider if you can join that and so help make public Masses possible again. We need to start by knowing our cleaning capabilities so—

PLEASE COME TO AN ORGANISING MEETING THIS TUESDAY AT 7PM

***SOCIALLY DISTANCED* IN THE CHURCH**

At this we hope to determine how many volunteers we have and when they can help over the weekend and possibly in the week. If you can't make the meeting please email saying what your availability is, over the entire weekend Saturday pm to Sunday eve.

Thank you

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Mary D'Arcy, 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, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Alan Ruston, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley, Luke Robinson, Joanna Bazen, Richard Norris, Fr David Duggan, Fr Andrew Kenny

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Molloy, Harold Davies, Ella Shields, Denis O'Sullivan, Joan Hope, Nora Chandler, Elizabeth Ashurst, Catherine Ilsley, Bernard Glynn, Anna Thomson, Ursula Hammond, Palmira Bellezza, Edward Wallman-Durrant, Sheila Bateman, Lillian Stokes, Terry Sharpe, Stephen Aspbury, Josiah Fox, James Pinches, Margaret Colby, Daniel McCarthy, Joshua & Charles Hourihan, John Higgins, John Harris, Mabel Gould, Jeffrey Hopkins, Cristina O'Brien, Robert Tomlins, Delia Kelly, Molly Riley, John Leaver, Margaret Carberry, Elizabeth Bates, Sarah Chamberlain, Stephen Connolly, Ann Hickey, Victor Brown, Elizabeth McCarthy **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
- For an end to racism

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

I say, I say, I say...

A Woodworm walked into a bar, looked it up and down and said 'Is this bar tender?' **Boom boom!**



THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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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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