

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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12th JULY 2020
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass on p7, readings p102 in the Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
WELCOME BACK TO MASS WITH A CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 12th Fifteenth Sunday	Mass: <i>with a congregation</i>	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) followed by 30mins of adoration	6.00 p.m.	Rena Blackwell
Tuesday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mike Button RIP
Wednesday 15th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Hynes RIP
Thursday 16th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	St Thomas More School Leavers
Saturday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) followed by Holy Hour & Benediction. Confession available	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m. 9.40-10.20a.m.	Michael Brooks RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 19th Sixteenth Sunday	Mass: <i>with a congregation</i>	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

**GLORY BE TO JESUS, WHO IN BITTER PAINS,
 POURED FOR ME THE LIFE BLOOD FROM HIS SACRED VEINS**

THIS SUNDAY

• FIFTEENTH SUNDAY: SEA SUNDAY

Second Collection: Apostleship of the Sea

- PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m. WELCOME!** At each place in church you will find this sheet and another sheet explaining the changes made to the way in which Mass is to be celebrated from now on. Most if that was summarised on the news sheet last week, but please take a moment to read it. That way lengthy spoken explanations during Mass (which is meant to be kept reasonably short anyway) can be avoided. **Please bear with the changes and the stewards' instructions.** Catholics are as prone to the virus as any other group and like every other group we must be responsible in following guidelines not just to keep ourselves safe but the wider community as well.

- Please use the parish web cam** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending in person. The webcam will continue in use.

• GIVING TO THE PARISH: NOW ONLINE

You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on 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

- Attendance at Mass is now permitted **BUT** only under strict guidelines.
- All Masses will continue to be live streamed on the internet.** Just as before the pandemic, this facility will always be in use.

Monday

- PUBLIC MASS 6pm**, followed by half an hour of adoration

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/>

Friday

- PUBLIC MASS 9am** This Mass would have been with the school for the year 6 leavers. Today, we do that livestreamed due to Pandem-

ic guidelines. Please pray for the school and its pupils

Saturday

- PUBLIC MASS 9am**, followed by Holy Hour and Benediction. Socially distanced Confession will be available at this time.

NEXT SUNDAY

- SIXTEENTH SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m.** If demand needs it, we shall introduce a second Mass on Sundays at 11am. This is a reasonable time for our volunteer stewards and cleaners. It is after all their time and effort that makes public Mass possible.

COMING SOON

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T ALL MEET...

It is of course still the case that many people should not be attending indoor gatherings. They may be particularly vulnerable or caring for someone who is. No-one is any way obliged to attend Mass at the moment.

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

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

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

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**

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

CAFOD is rising to the challenge of helping people in developing countries cope with Coronavirus pandemic. Please visit their website for full details, Cafod.org.uk There are lots of simple ideas for giving support.

MARY'S MEALS

The wonderful charity Mary's Meals feeds children all over the developing world at school. It continues to work during the pandemic. This brilliantly simple idea means that impoverished families may have their children fed **and** educated, education being a proven route out of poverty. And it's all run from a shed in Scotland! See <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

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

A parable is a story told by Jesus that has a meaning: it teaches something. All the great Rabbis spoke in parables to help explain their teaching. And it works—who doesn't know the Good Samaritan, for example? Today's Gospel contains the parable of the Sower. Jesus paints a clear picture of an ordinary event, the sowing of the seeds for the harvest. It falls in different place, grows at different rates, provided a great or a small crop, or none at all. He uses this to talk about how the word of God is sown in people's hearts, yet it too produces different results according not to the type of soil it lands on, but the kind of person who hears it. Some of Jesus's hearers do not want to understand. He explains his use of parables to help make them think, but in their stubbornness they will not hear the message. Do they truly want to be disciples?

THE PARISH ART PROJECT

Debbie and Annemarie say thank you for all the feathers made to create the image of the Holy Spirit now hanging in church. The work of so many hands has created a truly lovely final picture, so *thanks indeed to Debbie and Annemarie*. Much as we all might want to, please **do not gather** trying to see it, but admire from afar. It will be on display indefinitely. Also, a photo of it, taken by Debbie, will appear on the parish Twitter feed and Facebook page for all to see

VOTIVE CANDLES

We have not yet found a way of safely allowing the lighting of votive candles. Issues of crowding, and repeated touching of items by different people make this a challenge. Hand sanitiser is flammable, so using that near flames is clearly unwise

CORNER GARDEN

You will see that the corner behind Our Lady's outdoor shrine has been transformed. We thank all those who have planted, watered, nurtured and given plants. Arrangements are in hand for more trees and over this year many plants have blossomed and settled in. A great improvement!

GIVING ENVELOPES

Fr Stephen will be at the outside door by the MRR to hand out boxes of envelopes. He will be wearing gloves to do so, and be socially distanced behind a table and hopes that any queue forms 1.5m apart undercover. You can also ask for a Mass intention envelope. Thank you to all who have started giving using a standing order over the past months. That is very helpful.

WELCOME!

PUBLIC MASS RESUMES

Thanks to volunteer stewards & cleaners, we are able to be open for Mass

This is most definitely **NOT** a return to normal, however welcome a return to Mass clearly is.

Please read the information sheet also left on the pew with this news letter. You may find it on our website too. It outlines the changes to the way in which Mass has to be celebrated.

These changes and regulations are new to every one of us. We are grateful for the stewards and cleaners who have made reopening possible. Please follow their guidance. We have a duty to be as safe as we can be: not just to those here in the church but also all those we shall meet this coming week.

The changes will become familiar to us all as time passes. We may well find ways of implementing them more smoothly or more successfully.

Eventually, we shall even have a reasonable idea of how many people will come to Mass and when. The side chapel cannot be used as it provides too little space for distancing, especially on the way in and out. All Masses will therefore be in the main church.

Likewise, we cannot use the MRR for the time being.

But we can come together and celebrate Mass once more!

Please pray for an end to the pandemic, for all those affected by it, and that restrictions may continued to be safely relaxed.

STEWARDS & CLEANERS NEEDED

To be public, every Mass needs to be stewarded and the pews and floor area used in church need to be cleaned afterwards. It would be good if people could 'adopt' a certain weekly Mass to take care of it. Going forward, weekday rotas may become cumbersome: we could be doing this for months. We have begun modestly (as on the front page) but if you can help spread the load and increase the number of public Masses, please email stmcov@gmail.com to volunteer. *Thank you*



PRAY
SAFE

FACE COVERING & 1.5M

STAY
SAFE

We are responsible for doing our best to minimise the risk of spreading the corona virus. This is not just for us, but for the good of everyone whom we meet, in church or out.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Christian Billebault, Rena Maxwell, 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: Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Ruston, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley, Luke Robinson, Joanna Bazen, Richard Norris, Fr David Duggan

ANNIVERSARIES: Grace Collwood, Agnes Pearson, Fr John Molyneux, Anthony Gomez, Francis Buckley, Lulu Lopez, Francis Coady, John Davies, Frank Embleton, Celia Murray, Elizabeth Beaufoy, Ellen Duffy, Grace McCabe, Jeremiah Joy, Sarah Hynd, Elizabeth Lacey, Sean McCallion, Martin Doran, John O'Brien, Nora O'Keefe, Brian O'Connor, Lilian Bialek, Fr Philip Cleary, Robert Davis, Fr Liam O'Connor

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 our leaders
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The Apostleship of the Sea and all seafarers

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THANK YOU PARISHIONERS

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

Fr Stephen

I say, I say, I say...

Did you hear about the musical ghost?

He wrote beautiful haunting melodies..!

Boom boom!



THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

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BAPTISMS

Congr child!
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A simple baptism, with limited numbers present and all restrictions followed, is now possible, but only by arrangement.

WEDDINGS

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It will be possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. At the moment no more than 30 people may attend

CONFESSION

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Confession is possible if socially distanced.

FUNERALS

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It is now possible to hold a *small* funeral service or Mass in church, as long as all guidelines for the pandemic are complied with.

EMERGENCIES

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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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