

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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5th JULY 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass on p7, readings p99 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 5th Fourteenth Sunday	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Robert Lee RIP (4th Anniv)
Monday 6th <i>St Maria Goretti, M</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m. 7.00-8.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
Tuesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Shirley Hartnett
Wednesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Alan Rushton RIP
Thursday 9th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m.	Eddie Mulligan
Saturday 11th <i>St Benedict, Abbot</i>	Mass followed by Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Private Intention (SC)
SUNDAY 12th Fifteenth 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

- **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY: Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **OPEN HEAVEN**, an ecumenical event that has been praying for the city, will live stream a **Prayer & Praise** time tonight at 6pm on YouTube. Click [here](#) to see it.
- **MASSES WITH A CONGREGATION ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED. But things are about to change...** *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.**
Monday
- **CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**
11am-1pm *Thank you to stewards and cleaners*
- **MASS FOR SCHOOLS** at 1215 organised by Province 6 of the Catenians, celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral by the Dean, Mgr Timothy Menezes. Livestreamed by the Cathedral camera
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
- **CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**
11am-1pm *Thank you to stewards and cleaners*

NEXT SUNDAY

- **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00AM.** Details on this sheet.
Second Collection Apostleship of the Sea
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 parishioners you're remembered at the altar daily. Please ask someone you know with the internet to let you have a notice sheet.

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 on or before 7 JULY.

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.

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.

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

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

In today's gospel reading Jesus calls to Himself all those who feel burdened. Whether that is a burden of cares, sin, pain, anxiety or anything else, Jesus wants us to know that He loves us. He is, after all, the One who carried the greatest burden of all, the sins of the world. He carried those sins so that we do not have to. As the first reading puts it, we have this great king, victorious and triumphant yet he comes to us humbly, riding a donkey. Yes, Jesus may have looked very unprepossessing but His power is great! After all, the great week of triumph that we call Holy Week was begun humbly riding on an ass and involved the abandoned Jesus, broken as a criminal on the Cross. But it ended in the unconquerable display of Christ's power that we call Easter.

THE REOPENING OF THIS CHURCH PUBLIC MASS: SUNDAY 12 JULY 9AM

Thanks to our volunteer stewards and cleaners, we are able to open for Mass at 9am next Sunday.

This is most definitely **NOT** a return to normal, however welcome a return to Mass clearly is. The Catholic Archbishops of England have produced a very helpful letter about this that you may read [here](#) on the parish website.

No-one should come to Mass who has any cold or flu-like symptoms, is shielding or has a medical condition that makes them particularly vulnerable. If you choose to come to Mass—and the choice is yours, the Sunday obligation has **not** been re-imposed and livestreaming will continue—you will notice many changes as we follow compulsory guidelines designed to minimise the risks involved in gathering indoors in this time of pandemic.

Please remember that no parish, no priest and no parishioner has been asked to do anything that they do not feel comfortable with.

In implementing these guidelines, we are all in unfamiliar territory—no-one has had to do this before.

Please be patient and bear with us if things do not go as smoothly as they might. Our biggest concern is in estimating how many people will come. At the moment, we have organised one Sunday Mass at 9am. If this proves too little, we will add another Sunday Mass at 11am the following week.

- ◆ Both main doors are available for entry: if there is a queue please be socially distant.
- ◆ You **must wear a face covering** and sanitise your hands on entry.
- ◆ **We are permitted a maximum of 100 people only:** please accept apologies now if you arrive and are not allowed in. That would be a very unhappy situation we know: we will provide more Masses if needed in our second week.
- ◆ **All toilets in church are out of use**

- ◆ **Door and windows have to be open:** that might not be as cosy as you hope for in an English summer!
- ◆ Stewards will show you to a seat, filling the church from the front. You cannot linger at the back to chat. Individuals must maintain a distance of 1.5m, which is 3 people per pew at the sides, 4 in the centre. All those in one household may of course sit together as normal.
- ◆ There will be boxes for any donations and offertory (no collections can be taken).
- ◆ There can be no sign of peace, no singing, no shared books and no holy water. At least for the time being there will be no musicians, no servers, no readers.
- ◆ The arrangements for Holy Communion will be explained to you before Mass, ensuring minimum movement, standing and queuing. Stewards will direct you and maintain social distancing.
- ◆ Stewards will direct you out of church (both main doors available for exit) beginning from the back of church. You may not gather to chat inside church and if you do gather outside, please remember to distance yourselves.
- ◆ Only the clergy may go into the sacristy area behind the altar.
- ◆ Mass has to be celebrated without the prolonging of any part and bidding prayers are to be left out.
- ◆ Once people have left, all used pews are wiped and cleaned with disinfectant, and the church mopped.

I am sorry that this may seem a bit directive and negative, but regulations only exist to tell us what to do and stop us doing what we shouldn't, and in this case so that we are as safe as possible.

The times of weekday Masses are being co-ordinated with stewards and cleaners. These will be on the parish web site as soon as decided and of course on this sheet next week.

The deanery website (see front page header) contains details of what's happening in the deanery.

Thank you all for bearing with this, **thank you** to our volunteers and to Dcn Leo and John Archer for much practical advice and support. **Fr Stephen**

THE COLLECT FROM THE MASS FOR USE IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress;

in faith we pray,

look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You.

St Faustina's prayer to the Precious Blood

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 Conolly, 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: Winifred Adams, Lilian Stubbs, Joan Hope, Mary Nerney, William Porter, Nina Cox, Julie O'Sullivan, Richard Fawcett, Maureen Davison, Desmond Atherton, Kathleen Postlethwaite, Joseph Hanlon, Evelyn Hemming, Catherine Hannigan, Joseph D'Arcy, Margaret Fitzgerald, David McKenzie **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
- For a safe return to public worship and for those who cannot return

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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....

Have you heard about the five-star restaurant in Paris that makes omelettes with only one egg? In France, one egg is un oeuf . . . !

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. At the moment no more than 30 people may attend

CONFESSION

Confession is possible if socially distanced.

FUNERALS

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

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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