

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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19th JULY 2020  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass on p7, readings p105 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

IN YOU IS FOUND  
FORGIVENESS



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

<b>SUNDAY 19th</b> Sixteenth Sunday	Mass: <i>with a congregation</i>	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 20th <i>Feria</i>	<b>Mass (Public)</b> followed by 30mins of adoration	6.00 p.m.	Vera Purdie RIP
Tuesday 21st <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (V&BC)
Wednesday 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Justin Whelehan
Thursday 23rd <i>St Bridget</i>	~	~	~
Friday 24th <i>Feria</i>	<b>Mass (Public)</b>	9.00 a.m.	Eddie Mulligan
Saturday 25th <i>St James</i>	<b>Mass (Public)</b> followed by Holy Hour & Benediction. Confession available	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m. 9.40-10.20a.m.	Martin Kavanagh RIP
<b>SUNDAY 26th</b> Seventeenth Sunday	Mass: <i>with a congregation</i>	9.00 a.m.	Jim Fulton RIP (Anniv)

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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

- **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m. WELCOME!** 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 take note of the points on the opposite page. There are three documents on the Corona Virus page of the parish we site that give background information and more detail relevant to this building.
- **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 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](http://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—see opposite.
- **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
- **Prayer 2020:** Join together at 2020 hrs praying at home on the 20th, that God will give many opportunities to speak about Jesus  
**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**  
**Saturday**
- **PUBLIC MASS 9am**, followed by Holy Hour and Benediction. Socially distanced Confession will be available at this time.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- **SEVENTEENTH 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 in any way obliged to attend Mass at the moment.**

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

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

**TWITTER:** @StThosMore

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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, 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](http://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/>

## 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 difficult challenge to meet. Hand sanitiser is flammable, so using that near flames is clearly unwise.

## **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

**T**hrough our human weakness, we often sin and sin is always destructive. Although we deserve punishment, God is full of mercy for all those who are sorry. He gives us opportunity after opportunity to repent, willing us through the power of the Spirit to do so. Part of the Gospel parable is about that: good and evil are mixed together in the world, often mixed up even within ourselves. Those who are sinners are not 'weeded out' before time, otherwise there would be no time for repentance. But there *will* be a time of reckoning. We will not get to heaven by accident: it is up to us to respond to God's loving mercy. Good and evil both exist here on earth, but only what is good can hope to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven. And only God's love and mercy can make us good.

### THE PARISH ART PROJECT

You can see the completed Holy Spirit banner made up of all your feathers hanging in the sanctuary. It's on the webcam and on the parish Facebook page in more detail. Thank you to Debbie and Annemarie, and all our feather makes for such a lovely creation.

### 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 or indeed anything else.

**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](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) to volunteer. *Thank you*

**THANK YOU!**

### THE PARISH SCHOOL

Last Friday, we celebrated the end of year leavers' Mass for the school, but without a single pupil or teacher here—it was all live streamed. In these difficult times, please keep pupils and staff in your prayers. May they all enjoy a well-deserved rest before the new year's challenges.

## WELCOME!

### PUBLIC MASS RESUMES

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

**How wonderful to be back!** This is most definitely **NOT** a return to normal, however welcome a return to Mass clearly is.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT EVERY MASS THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE TO APPLY:**

**The Congregation MUST -**

- ◆ Wear a mask and stay 1.5m apart unless you are in the same household (**You should bring your own mask:** you will need it elsewhere and we have very limited stocks)

- ◆ Sanitise hands on entry and exit

- ◆ Follow signs and follow the stewards' directions

**During Mass there can be NO-**

- ◆ Readers, servers, musicians nor Eucharistic ministers

- ◆ Children's liturgy nor Holy Water

- ◆ Collection bags nor Offertory procession

- ◆ Physical sign of peace

- ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books nor singing

- ◆ Votive candles used

**At Holy Communion, PLEASE DO...**

- ◆ Follow stewards' directions

- ◆ Queue in single file only, move forward not back

- ◆ Receive in silence, hands outstretched

- ◆ Step to the side, remove mask, consume, mask on

**Please take no chances in coming IF...**

- ◆ You have a serious health condition

- ◆ You feel ill

- ◆ You have a sick family member at home

- ◆ You have any cold or flu-like symptoms

- ◆ You think you have been exposed to Covid-19

**Afterwards...**

- ◆ Please leave as stewards direct you, no grouping

- ◆ The church has to be thoroughly cleaned

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



PRAY  
SAFE

FACE COVERING & 1.5M

STAY  
SAFE

**Please be patient and bear with us if things do not go as smoothly as they might. We shall get used to it all.**

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, 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 Kenney, 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:** Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushon, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Albert Baleman, Mary Wheatley, Nora Nolan, Joseph Moran, Teresa Faries, Bernard Swinden, Elizabeth Lenton, Ann Donoghue, Henryk Cerowski, Margaret Hinch, Maurice Cunningham, Lawrence O'Rourke, Mary Harshaw, Joan Flynn *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
- For a safe return to public worship and for those who cannot yet return

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**RETIREMENT**

After twenty four years of hard work at St Thomas More School, **Anne Buckley** has retired. That's a lot of children she's worked with! We thank Anne for her commitment to the school (and to the parish too) and wish her all the very best for a happy retirement. Every blessing and *thank you.*

*I say, I say, I say...*

**Patient:** Doctor, Doctor, I keep feeling everyone's ignoring me!  
**Doctor:** Next..!



*Boom boom!*

**THE PARISH IS ONLINE...**

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**WEBSITE:** stmcov.org

**WEBCAM:** via website

**PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW**

**ARRANGING A**



**BAPTISMS**

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

**WEDDINGS**

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**

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 ABOUT A PROBLEM BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!**



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