

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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16th AUGUST 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass on p7, readings p176 in the Parish Mass Book



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM**

	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Nora Addison RIP / Arthur Thornhill RIP
<b>SUNDAY 16th</b> Assumption of BVM	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Teresa Niro RIP
Tuesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Cooney RIP
Wednesday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Trevor Dixon RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 20th <i>St Bernard</i>	~	~	~
Friday 21st <i>St Pius X</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Kendall RIP
Saturday 22nd <i>Queenship of BVM</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving for lives shared/ Walter May RIP
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Betty Comins RIP
<b>SUNDAY 23rd</b> <i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Peter Pithie RIP & Trevor Dixon RIP (at the time of their anniversaries)

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## AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Virgin Mother, Mary Blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see His face!

IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED THIS SHEET IN CHURCH PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU

## THIS SUNDAY

- **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 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.
- **WE REJOICE** in Our Lady, assumed into heaven without the corruption of the tomb. Her Son honours His Mother with a place in heaven, she who treasured the Word of God and kept it. The word spoken to her at the Annunciation and the Word given birth to her who is Jesus.
- **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:**  
**AT MASS:** There are **boxes for envelopes and other giving** in the church by the **font and the doors**. We cannot pass collecting bags round at this time.  
**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 give directly via the internet**, on 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.  
Offerings can be put through the presbytery letter box, passed on to someone who attends or kept until you are able to return.

### THIS WEEK

- Attendance at Mass is now permitted **BUT** only under strict guidelines—see opposite.
- **All Masses** will continue to be live streamed.  
**Thursday**
- **Prayer 2020:** Pray at 2020 hrs on the 20th of the month, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.
- **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**
- **9.00am Mass will be celebrated in public** with a congregation. Thank you to volunteers for this and to John, the school caretaker, who cleans afterwards.  
**Saturday**
- **PUBLIC VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.**

## NEXT SUNDAY

- **PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m.**

### 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

**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

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers: please continue as you are able **Thank you BEIRUT: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Last week's catastrophic explosion has had an enormous and terrible impact on the people of Beirut. Emergency help of £226,000 is to be rushed out to Beirut by **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** in the wake of the huge explosion. The Christian zone of Beirut was 'completely devastated', with at least 10 churches destroyed, 300,000 people homeless and many others suffering, with livelihoods 'totally destroyed' by the blast. ACN works with our suffering—and especially persecuted—Christian brothers and sisters to bring practical relief, end need and express the concern of fellow Christians in the face of suffering and injustice. See <https://acnuk.org/>

### 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/>

### 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, or just say hello!

## **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**ODAY'S GREAT FEAST of Our Lady has a separate Vigil Mass with its own readings. Do take a moment to read the scripture given for both Masses, to deepen your appreciation of Our Lady through Holy Scripture. All the

readings speak about the same thing: the uniqueness of Our Lady and her rightful place in heaven. King David prepares a special place for the Ark of God, the 'box' where God dwelt among His people. The Israelites rejoice. Our Lady was the first dwelling place of God made flesh: we rejoice before her. St Paul speaks of the end of death's sting and victory, because Jesus's resurrection shows that death is not the end. Our Lady's Assumption places her, like Christ, among the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. It is the Christian hope that all God's faithful will also be the fruits of Jesus's resurrection, just like His Blessed Mother. A woman in the crowd shouts at Jesus how happy must be the womb that bore him. True of course, but Jesus replies that happier still are those that hear and keep the word of God. Keeping the word of God is exactly what Mary did. It is her faithfulness to God that makes possible her Mothering of God. In that way, we can **all** be like Mary—not in our physical mothering of Jesus because that's already been done, but in hearing and keeping of God's word. Through Mary and her faithfulness, God has done wonderful things for her, and, praise God, for us too.

## Cardinal Newman on Our Lady

*Here he reflects on her Assumption and her worthiness of her place in Heaven...*

She, the Lily of Eden, who had always dwelt out of the sight of man, fittingly did she die in the garden's shade, and amid the sweet flowers in which she had lived. Her departure made no noise in the world... Pilgrims went to and fro; they sought for her relics, but they found them not; did she die at Ephesus? Or did she die at Jerusalem? Reports varied; but her tomb could not be pointed out, or if it was found, it was open; and instead of her pure and fragrant body, there was a growth of lilies from the earth which she had touched...

### STEWARDS & CLEANERS

**To be public, every Mass needs to be stewarded and the pews and floor area used in church need to be cleaned afterwards.** 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 to all our volunteers**

### 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.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

We have not yet found a way of safely allowing the lighting of votive candles. It may be possible to have a box into which written intentions and the 20p cost of the candle may be put. Candles will then be lit on your behalf.

## PUBLIC MASS: WHAT WE MUST AND MUST NOT DO!

**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 **face covering over nose and mouth** and stay 1.5m apart unless you are in the same household. **You should bring your own mask:** you will need it elsewhere by law and we have very limited stocks. The **wearing of face coverings** is now **compulsory by law.**
- ◆ **Sanitise hands** on entry and exit
- ◆ **Follow signs and follow the stewards' directions. Please do not insist on a particular seat.** We need to fill the church in sequence to see how many seats are left. We need to fill each pew to save cleaning. Our volunteers are grateful for your co-operation—it does help reduce their work.

**During Mass there can be NO...**

- ◆ Readers, servers, musicians nor extraordinary Eucharistic ministers
- ◆ Children's liturgy, Bidding Prayers nor Holy Water
- ◆ Collection bags nor Offertory procession
- ◆ Physical sign of peace
- ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books, news sheets given out, pamphlets or prayer cards left about, nor singing
- ◆ Votive candles lit

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

- ◆ Follow stewards' directions
- ◆ Queue in single file only, move forward not back
- ◆ Receive Communion 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 or are convalescing
- ◆ 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, with no grouping
- ◆ The church has to be to be cleaned by our volunteers

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS  
WITHOUT WHOSE HARD WORK WE  
COULD NOT BE OPEN.**

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

**For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Eleanor Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, 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:** James Gilbride, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nora Addison, Mary Murray, Douglas Moore, Josie Zapanauik, Margaret Rooney, Elizabeth Storey, Michael O'Sullivan, Nancy Clifford, John Mulally, William Fellows, Winifred McDonald, Teresa Rainbow, Isa Boyle, Jim Keegan, Teresa Niro, Margaret Magennis, Mary O'Callaghan, Brendan Kenny, Rosalind Stretton, Wowka Budkiewicz, Lena George, Frederick Lee, Henry Cavanagh, Ida Meier, Elizabeth Commins **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
- For Beirut and its people
- Thanksgiving for the end of WW2 and for the spread of peace and justice in the world.

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

Q: How did Vikings communicate with one another? A: By Norse code...!!



*Boom boom!*

**THE PARISH IS ONLINE...**

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**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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