

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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30th AUGUST 2020 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

Mass on p7, readings p122 in the Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 30th <i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Uwe Siegemond RIP
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Mary Breda Hartnett
Monday 31st <i>Feria (Bank Holiday)</i>	Mass (live stream only)	10.00 a.m.	Michael & Kevin
Tuesday 1st Sept <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Caroline & Family
Wednesday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Walsh Family
Thursday 3rd <i>St Gregory</i>	Funeral Service of Monica Jean Anderson RIP	12.00 noon	~
Friday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Fr Hugh Sweeney RIP
Saturday 5th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Catherine Gardyne RIP
SUNDAY 6th <i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Monica Ryan RIP

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SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Ave Crux, Spes Unica!

Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope!



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

THIS SUNDAY

• TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

• **IF YOU WISH TO CATCH FR STEPHEN** after Sunday Mass, he will be at the side door of church by the MRR under the cover of the porch, socially distanced. Mass envelopes, giving envelopes, and any queries can all be sorted out there. Give him a minute or two to change.

• **MASS AT 9.00 a.m. WELCOME!** Please bear with the changes and the stewards' instructions. 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:

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 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 permitted **BUT** only under strict guidelines—see opposite.

Friday

• **9.00am Mass will be celebrated in public** with a congregation.

Saturday

• **PUBLIC VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.**

NEXT SUNDAY

• **23rd SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS 9.00 a.m.**

• **SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Development Fund

COMING SOON NEW SCHOOL YEAR

May God bless everyone returning to school this week, pupils and staff.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

1 September to 4 October is now designated the Season of Creation to remind us to respect and preserve all that God has made.

HARVINGTON HALL ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
Now online at the diocesan website, 3pm 6 Sept.

ORDINATIONS THIS YEAR

This year's ordinations have to be held under the pandemic regulations and so are for family and close friends only, but will be live streamed from the Cathedral. 12 Sept 3pm Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor, and on 20 Sept 3pm Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper. Please pray for them, and for Canon Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans who will be ordained as Bishops in October.

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.

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.

HOLY WATER

Although holy water cannot be available in church, if you bring your own sealed bottle of water from home, Fr Stephen can bless it for you.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers: please continue as you are able **Thank you**

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those of you taking part in Mass via the webcam, the act of Spiritual Communion is printed in full under your view of the church. Simply scroll down to find a white box headed *Message from St Thomas More Church* and it's there. This will be led by the priest at Masses that are **not** public.

FR STEPHEN'S EXTRA ROLE

Fr Stephen has been asked to become the parish priest of St Joseph the Worker parish, Canley, from Sunday 13 September. This follows Fr Harry's move to Oxford. Fr Stephen will be supported in SJW role by Dcn David Palmer (who is the new chaplain to the University of Warwick) and Fr Peter Conley (who has been looking after St John Fisher). Dcn Leo will of course continue his ministry here. Consequently, there should be little change in our current routine here or indeed at St Joseph's. Fr Stephen will **not** be moving out of the Presbytery here. The Sunday Mass times across the parishes will be Saturday Vigil 5.00pm STM, Sunday 9.00am STM, 10.45am SJW, 5.00pm SJW.

FINANCE... *Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.*

Collections cannot be taken: there are boxes by the doors and the font for your giving.

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966



The Sunday Readings

We followers of Jesus have been given much and promised more. Last week Peter's faith meant that Jesus could give him authority he had never dreamed of. But today's Gospel has Peter getting things wrong. Jesus explains that the way to resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life must include the Cross. Peter does not see why this should be so and tells Jesus that it must not happen to Him. Jesus's response is dramatic: for Him not to go to the Cross would be Satan's victory, not God's. Christ did not succumb to Satan's temptations in the desert, and He isn't about to do so now. The Cross of suffering has a key part to play in our salvation. No-one—not even Jesus—can avoid it on this earth. But it is what we do with it and how it is used that matters. Jesus made of it our entry to heaven!

THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

It is currently not possible to use the room due to difficulty in meeting pandemic regulations. Both the parish and groups who use the room have to meet exhaustive risk assessments and the whole place would have to be cleaned after **every** time it was used. A strict one-way in and out system would be needed. Even if returned to use, its safe capacity would likely be fewer than 20 people due to having to keep space free to queue for the loos. Plus, the kitchen could not be used. We are indeed in strange and challenging times.

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 and adoration, email stmcov@gmail.com to volunteer. **Thank you to all our volunteers!** We'd be shut without them

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. *Watch this space* **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THINGS IN CHURCH** Carriers of Hope and other charities are not taking items in the way they were. There is a health risk during the time of pandemic of leaving items that may be repeatedly touched. **Do not leave anything at all in church, PLEASE.**

BE WISE—SANITISE.

 **ALWAYS COVER** 
MOUTH and NOSE.

If you do not follow the pandemic guidelines you are being a health risk to yourself and others around you. It is therefore an act of care and love for our neighbour to follow the guidelines. **PLEASE DO!**

PUBLIC MASS: WHAT WE MUST AND WHAT WE 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 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.

◆ Be aware that the **toilets are out of use**

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, no grouping
- ◆ Sanitise your hands as you leave
- ◆ The church has to be cleaned by our volunteers mopping the floor and sanitising the pews

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

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene 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: Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr, James Gilbride, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Richards, Robert Harvey, Barbara Rees, Lucy Beale, Sheila Colby, Elizabeth Clark, Carys Evans, Francesco Niro, Teresa Moon, Maria Raftery **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
- For staff, pupils and students preparing to return for the new academic year, especially our own parish school.
- Respect for all creation and the preservation of its resources.

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I say, I say, I say...

Q. What do you call a man with rabbits up his trousers?

Ans. Warren...!



Boom boom!

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

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BAPTISMS

A simple baptism, with no more than 30 present and all restrictions followed, is now possible, but only by arrangement.

WEDDINGS

It is possible to make arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. At the moment no more than 30 people may attend, all following the guidelines

CONFESSION

Confession is possible if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen

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. No more than 30 people may be present.

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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