

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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13th SEPTEMBER 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

<i>EDUCATION SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13th <i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Fahy Family, Deceased
Monday 14th <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>	Mass (live stream only), Adoration & Benediction	6.30 p.m.	Fr Harry Curtis
Tuesday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Shaun Cleary (RIP)
Wednesday 16th <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Doreen Robinson (RIP)
Thursday 17th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00	Ann Lane (RIP)
Saturday 19th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Margaret Murphy RIP (Mem Mass)
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 20th <i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Sheila & Tony Colby (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-FOURTH SUNDAY. IF YOU WISH TO CATCH FR STEPHEN** after Mass, he will usually 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... Give him a minute to change.
- **PARKING FOR MASS** The school car park is **OPEN for Saturday and Sunday Masses** using the entrance at the side of the church *only as we are reduced in numbers*. If you choose to park on Watercall Avenue please be mindful of our neighbours' needs and our duty to park as safely as possible.
- **FROM TODAY, Fr Stephen** begins additional responsibilities as **Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker** in Canley. The 9am Mass here will be celebrated today by Fr Peter Connolly, assistant priest at St Joseph's, to enable Fr Stephen to be there in good time on his first day.
- **Please use the parish web cam** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending.
- **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 of course be put through the presbytery letter box, passed on to someone who attends or kept until you are able to return.

THIS WEEK

Friday

- **9.00am Mass in public, followed by thirty minutes of public Adoration.**
Saturday
- **PUBLIC VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.**
NEXT SUNDAY
- **25th SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS 9.00 a.m.**
- **Second Collection:** Catholic Evangelisation
- **Prayer 2020:** Pray at 20:20 hrs on the 20th of the month, praying that God will give us many opportunities to speak to Jesus.
- **Ordination to the Priesthood** of Revs Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at 3pm. Please pray for them.

COMING SOON

THE SEASON OF CREATION

1 September to 4 October is now designated the Season of Creation.

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. As well as ordinations this week, on 20 Sept 3pm Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper will be ordained. Please pray for them, and for Canon Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans who will be ordained as Bishops on 9 October.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 25 SEPT

The tightening of Covid-19 rules now mean that this event cannot happen in the same way. Socialising in groups of more than six people is no longer allowed. Cakes may be bought from the front garden of 192 Kenpas Highway **PLEASE be safe: face covering, no more than 6, 2m distance**

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://stmconv.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.

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.

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*

FINANCE... Main Collection: £645.00 Parish Development Fund: £166.40

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.



The Sunday Readings

Today's readings concentrate on loving forgiveness. Both the Old Testament reading and the Gospel speak of our need for God's mercy and the need to be merciful to others. How can we hope in a forgiving God if we show no forgiveness ourselves? Jesus parable is a powerful statement of this, and a graphic reminder of our need to pray "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". As Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy". Mercy is God's greatest gift; and we must not refuse it simply for ourselves just because we can't be forgiving to others. "Father, forgive them..."

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** use. A strict one-way in and out system would be needed. Even if returned to use, its safe capacity would likely be about 20 people due to social distancing and having to keep space free to queue for the loos. Plus, the kitchen could not be used.

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 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 in church that may be repeatedly touched.

THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

This church is a big and a cold one—it has **heaters now 52 years old and absolutely no insulation at all.** It is a **fact** that the heating **cannot** make the church anything near as cosy as a sitting room, even though the gas costs about £5 an hour! Before lockdown, the finance committee was to consider improvements, but this had of course to be left for the time being. The need for ventilation with Covid regulations means draughts, so please remember to wear what you need to, in order to be warm.

FROM NEXT SATURDAY AT 5PM

'TRACK AND TRACE' WILL BE USED HERE

Please bring a slip of paper with your name and telephone number so that, should there ever be a case of Covid detected among the congregation you can be contacted. **See separate sheet.**

PUBLIC MASS: WHAT WE MUST AND WHAT WE MUST NOT DO! TO MINIMISE THE RISK TO ONE ANOTHER 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.** They are now compulsory in many places and are mandatory in church.
- ◆ **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 reduces their work.
- ◆ Recognise that the **sacristy** and rooms behind the sanctuary **are for clergy only**
- ◆ 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 and **KEEP APART**
- ◆ 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: Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr
ANNIVERSARIES: Dorothy Redmond, Isabella Quinn, Nora Smethurst, Ruth Waters, Jenny Lavelle, Violet Foulkes, Noel Bryan, Margaret Murphy, Sylvia Harland **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- All involved in education
- 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
- Those ordained on 13 September, Rev Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor, and on 20 Sept Revv Sean Gough and benedict Skipper
- Respect for all creation and the preservation of its resources.
- Peace in the world, reconciliation of past enemies and for merciful hearts in us all

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBCAM: via website

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

Bert: I bought a new strimmer last week.

Bill: Is it any good?

Bert: Oh yes—the shop told me it was cutting hedge technology...!

Boom boom!



ARRANGING A



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



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