

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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## 4th OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

The church has a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

<b>SUNDAY 4th</b> <i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Catherine McKenzie (100th Birthday)
Monday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Mary Spillane (RIP)
Tuesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Gerry Joy (RIP)
Wednesday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Ann Lane (RIP)
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 9th <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00	Charlie Addison (RIP)
Saturday 10th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Harry & Peter Cunningham (Anniv)
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 11th</b> <i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Patrick & Michael Shanley (RIP) / Helena Shanley (RIP)

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## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God!



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

## THIS WEEKEND

- This parish is now in partnership with St Joseph the Worker, Canley
- **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY.** Today is the last day of the Season of Creation
- **TODAY** at 1230 we host a live stream Mass for the Warwick Univ Catholic Chaplaincy, celebrated by Fr Peter Conly and Deacon David Palmer
- **NHS TRACK & TRACE SMARTPHONE APP** If you have this app on a smartphone you may use it on the QR code posters in the porch *instead of writing down your details.*
- **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...
- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending Mass in person at the moment.
- **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 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*

**9am Public Mass** & thirty minutes of Adoration.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**28th SUNDAY Public Vigil Mass Saturday**

**5.00 p.m. Public Mass Sunday 9.00 a.m.**

**SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Fast**

**Day** Next week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worse of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give> or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.** Texts cost one standard rate message plus your £10 donation and you'll be opting in to hear more about our

work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

## **BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY**

**2020: The Climate Emergency: *Listening To The Cry Of The Earth And The Cry Of The Poor***

This year the Assembly will take place **ONLINE** culminating with Evening Prayer with Archbishop Bernard **TODAY** at 7pm. For information and to book go to: <https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020> or email [bham.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:bham.jandp@gmail.com)

## 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.

### **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.

## 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*

## 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 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](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) to volunteer. **Thank you to all our volunteers!** *We'd be shut without them*

## THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

**PLEASE NOTE:** The need for ventilation with Covid regulations means draughts, as we must keep doors and windows open. If you're coming to Mass in person ***please wear what you need to, in order to be warm.***

**FINANCE... Main Collection: £466.00 Father Hudson's Care: £153.00**

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

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



## The Sunday Readings

**A**gain, in this week's Gospel reading, Jesus says that it is not always those you might expect to be on good terms with God who actually are. His parable of the vineyard is a picture of God's patient dealings with men and women that will reach the ultimate in the death of Jesus. God provided for His people a vineyard, that is, sustenance both physical and spiritual. He sends His prophets but they are not heeded. Eventually he sends His Son, but He is murdered. This is both a warning and an encouragement: we must remain faithful, but there is no such thing as a 'latecomer' to God's love—everyone may share in it if they choose to. The benefit of God's love is spread further than we know.

### MACMILLAN FUNDRAISING EVENT

**A HUGE Thank you** to every one who supported the Macmillan fund raising day, in spite of the wind, the cold and the strange way of serving, we managed an total of £1005!!! **Claire and Mary x SERVERS, MUSICIANS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS...**

You are *all* now having to exercise a ministry of patient waiting. Covid-19 guidelines make the normal exercising of these ministries very difficult if we are to be safe. No one is to touch the chalice and anything else on the altar except the priest. We are forbidden to sing as a congregation. Going into people's homes is a real risk of giving or receiving the virus. Sharing the lectern and the books on it require rigorous procedures for hygiene. We all wish these things could happen as normal. They will, as soon as things change. But until then, **thank you** for what you have done in the past, **thank you** for your patience now, and **thank you** for being ready to carry on in the future. **THANK YOU!**

### TOM FALCONER RIP

It is with sadness that we record the death of Tom Falconer who died last week aged 91. He was a longstanding and active parishioner. He had spent recent years needing care and receiving Communion in his care home. Tom's Funeral Mass will be here on Wednesday 14 October at 11.45am, for thirty family and friends only. Please join in using the webcam. Please pray for him and his family. **May he rest in peace.**

**BE WISE—SANITISE  
ALWAYS COVER MOUTH and  
NOSE  
KEEP AT LEAST SIX FEET  
APART.  
HANDS—FACE—SPACE**

## 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**  
**On entering, you will have been asked for  
your name and phone number so that we  
can assist the NHS Track & Trace system**

### **The Congregation MUST—**

- ◆ Wear a **FACE COVERING** over **nose AND mouth** and stay **1.5m apart** unless you are in the same household. **Face coverings** 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

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steele, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Mary D'Arcy, Baby Theo, Catherine Brookes, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Rose Green, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel McLeod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Anne Kenny, 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:** Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Carroll, James Holton, Danny Bedding, Agnes McGroarty, Robert McGhee, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Ian Reilly, Elizabeth Hayes, George Bowman, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Thomas Gaughan, John Donaldson, Elizabeth Loughran, Margaret Sumner, Charles Addison, Kit Roberts ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- CAFOD, the people and communities it serves
- 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
- Respect for all creation and the preservation of its resources and in thanksgiving for the harvest and all who gather it in and transport it to us.

### PUBLIC MASSES ACROSS THE TWO PARISHES OF ST THOMAS MORE & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

**Saturday** Vigil Mass for Sunday 5.00pm at STM  
**Sunday** Mass 9.00am at STM  
**Sunday** Mass 10.45am at SJW  
**Sunday** Mass 5.00pm at SJW  
**Thursday** Mass 10.00am at SJW  
**Friday** Mass & Exposition 9.00am at STM

### THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

**FACEBOOK:** @StThosMore

**TWITTER:** @StThosMore

**WEBSITE:** stmcov.org

**WEBCAM:** via website

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

Who cleans the haunted school?

The scaretaker...! *Boom boom!*



## THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS

**Everything** that happens in church now has to be stewarded and after it the church has to be cleaned. There can be no congregational singing.

**Everyone** who enters should sanitise hands, wear a face covering and stay at least 1.5m apart unless from the same household. Track & Trace details should be given.

### BAPTISMS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **6 people** may be present.

### WEDDINGS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **15 people** may be present for a wedding. It is possible to make arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later, but it is **not known** when the limit of 15 might be relaxed.

### CONFESSION

Confession is *perfectly possible* if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it. Confessionals cannot be used without thorough cleaning between every penitent: we cannot provide that level of cleaning without more volunteers.

### FUNERALS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **30 people** may be present. The coffin cannot be brought in the night before.

### EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies remains available: the dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised. In cases, the room should be ventilated and social distancing should be observed if at all possible. PPE should be worn by the priest and face coverings by all.

*Contact Fr Stephen.*

**DON'T ASSUME HE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT A PROBLEM  
BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!**