

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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25th OCTOBER 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 25th THIRTIETH SUNDAY	Vigil Mass (Public) Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m. 9.00 a.m.	Fryderyk Hosoi (16th B'day) John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)
Monday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Maud & Eddie Maher RIP, and the Maher family
Tuesday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Tom & Bridie Ford (60thAnniv)
Wednesday 28th <i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Margaret McGrath
Thursday 29th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. Until 10.00	Deceased members of the Thornhill Family
Saturday 31st <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Dorothy Feeney
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Margaret Arnold
SUNDAY 1st Nov ALL SAINTS	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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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 in partnership with St Joseph the Worker, Canley
- **COVENTRY IS NOW IN TIER 2 OF THE COVID RESTRICTIONS.** This does not change anything that we have to do in church **BUT** we should check ourselves to make sure that we are doing what we should, both as a parish **AND** as individuals. Three short words remind us of our obligations: **HANDS—FACE—SPACE**
- **THE CLOCKS CHANGE BACK AN HOUR** over Saturday-Sunday night. If you're reading this and wondering why everyone else is an hour late, you've probably forgotten..!
- **THIRTIETH SUNDAY, Ordinary Time Yr A** **Thank you to today's stewards and cleaners** whose work makes this Mass possible.
- **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, where we can be dry but socially distanced. Mass envelopes, giving envelopes, and any queries at all may be dealt with, or at least arrangements made to do so.
- **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
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 also be put through the presbytery letter box, passed on to someone who attends or kept until you are able to return. **Thank you for all your financial support.** We are trying not to run down parish funds to pay running costs but inevitably our income has dropped—we haven't been able to rent out the MRR for six months.

THIS WEEK

Friday

9am Public Mass & thirty minutes of Adoration.
Thank you to weekday volunteers!

NEXT WEEKEND

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS:

Public Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00 p.m.

Public Mass Sunday 9.00 a.m.

Second Collection: Johnson Association (for retired and infirm clergy).

COMING SOON

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP will be held on the first Thursday of every month at **St John Fisher Church**, Tiverton Road starting on Thurs 5th Nov 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan is arranged for **Fri 11 Dec** at Christ the King, 7pm. This will be his 50th Anniversary Mass. If you wish to come contact Dcn Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881.

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T ALL MEET...

Of course 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.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE DEPARTED

November is of course the month dedicated to all who have died. It is not possible under Covid regulations to provide the usual slips for lists of names for the box in the sanctuary. Please bring your own lists of names and leave in baskets provided at the doors. The lists will be gathered up and moved to the altar after each public Mass.

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 to volunteer. If you can help at Christmas please be in touch. **Thank you volunteers!**

FINANCE... Main Collection: Not known at time of printing.

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

If anyone is going to be true to a religious faith, then that faith has to make a difference to how life is lived. Faith must always have a practical side. It must affect what we do. Today, Jesus sums this up very neatly in the Gospel. God, having chosen the Jews as His people, gave them the commandments. Keeping them was to the Jews' response to God's love for them. The Pharisees try to outwit Jesus by asking Him which of the commandments is the greatest. In response, Jesus gives us the commands to love God and to love our neighbour. Everything flows from this love. When we love someone, our attitude to them is changed and shows itself in how we treat them. So to put God first and love Him means we want to do as He wants, and so want to love as He loves. Our attention is fixed on Him which, in turn, means we wish not only no harm on our neighbour, but want only his or her good, just as God Himself does. That's a real faith.

THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

The church **must** be ventilated under Covid regulations, which means windows and doors being open and the temperature lower than we'd wish. Please bear this in mind when choosing your outfit for church!

RAY CARTWRIGHT RIP

We have kindly been left a legacy of £5,000 from the late Ray Cartwright. We are grateful for this: please say a prayer for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is impossible for us to open the piety shop safely under Covid regulations, so we are unfortunately unable to sell Christmas Cards this year (or indeed almost anything else). Please make use of other charitable cards from such great charities as Aid to the Church in Need, CAFOD or Friends of the Holy Land. See online at acnuk.org/ or friend-softheholylan.org.uk/ or cafod.org.uk/. If you're reading this on the internet these blue links will take you directly to the website. Just click!

POSTPONED FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

The children in St Thomas More School, who would have received first Communion last May, will do so on **14 & 28 November**. These Masses are for the Yr4 children in the school and close family **only**. We are sorry: children from other schools cannot be included due to the Covid safe bubbles at the school. Other arrangements can be made, of course. Confirmation will happen in 2021 and we expect Y3 Communion too. Children not in Catholic schools can't yet be given any preparation in the parish due to the pandemic.

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 *OR* use the NHSCovid-19 app on your smart phone to scan the QR code in the porch

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. Please keep your distance at Communion
- ◆ **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—your co-operation 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

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, 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: Gerry Higginbotham, Ray Cartwright, Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine David, Margaret McMahon, William McCann, Paul Kenny, Maud Maher, James Davey, Mary Cunningham, Nancy Allen, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold, Mario Sajeve, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, Eileen Smith, David Nisbet, Alan Stock-***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
- Our civil leaders and the scientists who advise them

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

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

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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TWITTER: @StThosMore

WEBSITE: stmcof.org

WEBCAM: via website

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

Bert My daughter's had a couple of disappointing boyfriends. One said he was an accountant and another said he was a surgeon.

Bob They sound pretty high-powered to me, great salaries too, I'll bet. What's the problem?

Bert It turned out that one worked on the turf and the other up trees !!

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 or the NHS smartphone app used

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 into church the night before.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies is available: the dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised. In such 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!**