

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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17th JANUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY (*Readings Year B*)
 The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE [WEBCAM](#)

SUNDAY 17th SECOND SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ron & Margaret Rutter RIP
Monday 18th <i>Week of Prayer for Christian unity</i> <i>Feria</i>	Mass: (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Unity of Christians
Tuesday 19th St Wulstan, Bp	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention (MB)
Wednesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	John Curristan RIP
Thursday 21st <i>St Agnes, V & M</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass, 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Saturday 23rd <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	William & Edna Horton RIP
SUNDAY 24th THIRD SUNDAY <i>The Sunday of the Word of God</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ken Gamble RIP

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January, Month of the Holy Name of Jesus **JHS**

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

THIS WEEKEND WE ARE NOW IN LOCKDOWN

The Government regulations state 'You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship... You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship'. We shall remain open unless told otherwise but we must at this critical time, follow all the pandemic guidelines. Please make sure that you are familiar with what to do—see opposite page.

Restrictions can be changed by the government at short notice: please be aware that all our arrangements *might* therefore have to **change quickly too**. Equally the availability of volunteers and clergy might suddenly change through illness or the need to isolate. The website, news sheet and notices on the church doors will carry news.

Please remember that the obligation to be at Mass remains suspended. **No one should be doing anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable**. Please consider carefully any risk you may be taking in coming to Mass. Is your own health good? Are you responsible for caring for someone else? Do have a job that places you at risk or needs you to stay away from risk? What do your family think? Have you been exposed to Covid-19? When you do come always remember -

**- HANDS - FACE - SPACE -
2 METRES (6 FEET) DISTANCE**

We **ALL** have a Christian duty to keep everyone in church *and* society as safe as possible.

• **SECOND SUNDAY—PEACE SUNDAY**, annual day of prayer for peace in the world and to pray for the work of **Pax Christi**, the international Catholic body that works for peace and non-violent resolutions to disputes. See paxchristi.org.uk/

• **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS** We are here only because they have given up their time.

• **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday Mass** at the Margaret Roper Room side door to church. Please give him a few minutes to change and get to the side door. He is also available **by phone or by email**—you might get an answering machine but he will get back to you if you leave your details.

THIS WEEK

• **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January**. There are no local events this year: some of our Christian neighbours' buildings are shut. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *Abiding in Christ*. The Chapel of Unity in the city has organised **worship by Zoom online, Mon-Fri and Mon**

25 at 1pm, and a service next **Sunday at 2pm**. Please email Janet jefward99@yahoo.com for a Zoom link to take part, and for more details.

• **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC** Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for the end of the pandemic—an Angelus would be great but any prayer for that intention is of course suitable, including the prayer to St Michael.

FRIDAY

Public Mass 9am, followed by Exposition
NEXT WEEKEND

• **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY**. This Mass is suspended for the time being due to low demand and the need to consolidate volunteer help: some of our volunteer shave had to temporarily step down due to illness or need to isolate. This is under constant review and will return in due course.

• **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
The Sunday of the Word of God
COMING SOON**

• May **2021** be the year we finally beat the virus. Pray for those working to vaccinate us all.

GIVING TO THE PARISH

Please do one of these four things as you can:

1. Use a standing order. You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part, post to the Presbytery.

2. Give online via 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.

3. Put your offering in Presbytery letterbox

**4. Keep your offering until you can return
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!**

• **IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET, we are on -
WEBSITE: <https://stmcov.org/>
TWITTER: @StThosMore**

**FACEBOOK: @StThosMore
WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)**

This newsletter is posted on the website every week. Print a copy for any parishioners you can safely get them to who have no internet.

Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) website page is updated regularly.

• **THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Pope Francis has designated a year of St Joseph. See the Pope's letter *Patris Corde* on the Vatican website [here](#)

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

If anyone can **SAFELY** acquire or arrange flowers for church, that would be great, but it isn't easy at the moment, of course. Gardens are still without blooms. Leave any in presbytery porch **Thanks**

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

Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times
In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966



The Sunday Readings

The young Samuel, largely ignorant of God and His ways but a good young man and servant of Eli the priest, hears God's call for the very first time. A life time of service to God as a prophet follows. Who would have thought it? John the Baptist looks at Jesus, the unknown supposed son of Joseph the carpenter and calls Him the Lamb of God. And on the cross that is exactly what He became. Who would have thought it? Jesus looks at Peter, the impetuous fisherman, later to deny Him, and calls him the rock, on which the Church will be built. Who would have thought it? And God looks at the woman next door, the man at the end of the street, the person in front of you at Mass, and you, and me, and asks and offers an awful lot. But then in Samuel and in Peter He shows how much He can offer, and in His passion He shows us how much He can give. If only we too will look and see with faith, and listen and so hear Him speaking.

HELPING CARRIERS OF HOPE

Please visit <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/help-us/> to see the ways in which we may help in this time of pandemic. The Carriers are still working hard to support refugees and others in need.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE

STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD?

Find out how **to receive** help from a foodbank **and** how **to support** one by visiting—
coventry.foodbank.org.uk

THE ETHICS OF THE COVID VACCINATION

There is **no reason why Catholics should refuse any of the vaccines offered**. The Church is satisfied that this is so. If you choose not take up a vaccine then you are morally bound to take other, extra measures to prevent the infection's spread. Pope Francis has had his jab!

JOB VACANCY: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.

This Christian Charity is seeking an Office Administrator. The salaried position is important for our future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties include maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. The successful candidate will have good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with using IT (particularly MS Office). The hours of work are negotiable – minimum 20 hours per week, between Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from our Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN PUBLIC MASS: IMPORTANT PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU KEEP TO THESE GUIDELINES NOW THAT WE ARE FACING NEW CHALLENGES IN FIGHTING THE VIRUS.

The Congregation **MUST**—

- ◆ Wear a **FACE COVERING** over **nose AND mouth** and stay **2m apart** unless you are in the same household. **Face coverings** are now compulsory in many places including church. Please keep your distance at Communion. **With or without a face covering** we must stay **2m (6 feet)** distant from those not in our household
 - ◆ **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. 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 nor votive candles lit
 - ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books, news sheets given out, pamphlets, prayer cards or any other papers left about for rummaging through, nor singing

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
 - ◆ Move to side, remove mask, consume, mask on. Keep 1 metre back from the person ahead of you
- 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. Two metres social distance.**
- ◆ Sanitise your hands as you leave
- ◆ The church has to be cleaned by our volunteers cleaning the floor and sanitising the pews

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Carmel Murray, Canon Giles Goward, Veronica Hammond, June Phee, Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, 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: Fr pat Joyce, Jack Green, Oscar Owen, Mary D'Arcy, John Currestan, James Conroy, Stephen Cole, Angela Cook

ANNIVERSARIES: Katherine Branski, Patrick Cully, Luigi Rigione, James Murphy, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills, Agnes Clark, Linda Proctor, Annie Quinn, Margaret Rutter, Noel Carberry, Frank Williams, Jean Rock, Norman Kelley, Diana Cook, Margaret Gavin ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- Peace in the world, in our nations, communities, homes and hearts
- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic, for our leaders and the scientists who advise them
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those who suffer because of lockdown
- Schools—staff and pupils and students—as a new term continues under difficult conditions
- The true and full unity of all Christians
- Our Christian neighbours at Christchurch Cheylesmore, St James Stivichall, St Martin's Finham, West Orchard URC, Woodside Methodists, King's Church Cheylesmore, and Quinton Park Baptists.

A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN

American animator Isabel D'Angelo has created a YouTube channel ***Catholic Kids Media*** which offers a great way to explore the Sunday readings with children. Have a look at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-wiL3_x_XbF--5a9rW3sq There is a link on the parish website newsletters page.

I say, I say, I say...

Patient: Doctor, doctor,
I keep thinking I'm a clock.

Doctor: You're just a bit wound up..!

Boom, boom!!



THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CORONA VIRUS LOCKDOWN

Everything that happens in church **MUST** be stewarded and after it, the church has to be cleaned. We owe our volunteers many thanks for doing these. There can be no congregational singing. **Everyone** who enters should sanitise hands, wear a face covering and stay at least **2 metres apart** unless from the same household. Track & Trace details should be given or the NHS smartphone app used

BAPTISMS

Baptism may only be celebrated in danger of death

WEDDINGS

Weddings are for the time being to be celebrated only with serious and grave need.

CONFESSION

Confession is *possible* if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it. Confessionals cannot be used.

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.

MASS

It is now absolutely vital that public Masses are celebrated with **everyone** obeying the guidelines of **Sanitising hands**

Covering mouth AND nose

Keeping distance—2 metres or 6 ft

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and wider society.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies **remains 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.