

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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24th JANUARY 2021

THIRD SUNDAY

Sunday of the Word of God (Readings Year B)



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

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| SUNDAY 24th THIRD SUNDAY Sunday of the Word | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Ken Gamble RIP |
| Monday 25th <i>Conversion of St Paul</i> | Exposition & Benediction | 6.30 p.m. | ~ |
| Tuesday 26th <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i> | Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here) | 10.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Wednesday 27th <i>Feria</i> | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Thursday 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> | Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here) | 10.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Friday 29th <i>Feria</i> | Public Mass, 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction | 9.00 a.m. | Harry Mellon RIP |
| Saturday 30th <i>Feria</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Fr Michael Gamble (Silver Jubilee) |
| SUNDAY 31st FOURTH SUNDAY | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Ronald Whitelaw RIP (Anniversary) |

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January, Month of the
 Holy Name of Jesus

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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.

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.

• **THE NEW LINES ON THE CHURCH FLOOR** are 2metres (6 ft) apart. Please use them and be the right distance apart from others in the aisles. **Please remember that we are meant to be 2 metres apart at all times!**

• **THIRD SUNDAY The Sunday of the Word of God** Pope Francis instituted this day as annual opportunity to ponder anew with gratitude and faith the gift of Holy Scripture. In its page, God reveals Himself to us. 'Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ' St Jerome once said. We hope to have an online Lent course based around Scripture for this year continues to be the 'Year of the Word'.

• **THE CHRISTMAS CRIB**, in accordance with the ancient tradition of the Catholic Church, **will remain up** until we have celebrated the **Feast of the Presentation on 2 February**. This winter, we need this reminder of the Light of the World coming among us more than ever.

• **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 .

• **PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** 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, TODAY at 2pm. Please email Janet jefward99@yahoo.com for a Zoom link so that you can take part, and for more details

THIS WEEK

• **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC** Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer or but any prayer for that intention, including the prayer to St Michael.

WEDNESDAY

Holocaust Memorial Day. We are asked to place a light in a window that evening to commemorate those killed. The theme is 'Light in the Darkness'. See <https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

FRIDAY

Public Mass 9am, followed by Exposition

NEXT WEEKEND

• **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY**. *This is under constant review and will return in due course, once we have more volunteers and people coming back to Mass*

• **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. Racial Justice Sunday.**

Second Collection: Parish Development Fund
COMING SOON

• **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](#) **There will be a painting of St Joseph in the sanctuary** as a focus for prayer this year.

FR MICHAEL GAMBLE: 25 YEARS A PRIEST

Last Wednesday Fr Michael, a native of this parish, celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a priest. The celebrations were limited of course by the pandemic. Greetings were sent on behalf of the parish. You may see a recording of Fr Michael's Jubilee Mass at <https://www.mcncmedia.tv/recordings/17651> or search on MCN—his parish uses the same webcam company as we do. Please pray for Fr Michael as he celebrates.

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 to have 'a jab' then you are morally bound to take other, extra measures to prevent the infection's spread. This is because the vaccine helps us all, not just the person vaccinated, as it reduces the spread of infection. Pope Francis has had his jab, and Pope Emeritus Benedict and Cardinal Vincent.

FINANCE... Main Collection: For Sundays 3, 10 and 17 January: £685.00. Plus standing orders **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 preaching of Jonah stirs the sinners of Nineveh to repent.

God has no need to punish them.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John from their nets and they follow Him for they too want to follow a new life. Jesus's first recorded words are about the nearness of God's kingdom and a command to us to 'Repent and believe'. Leave behind old sinful ways and believe in the loving and merciful God. A fresh start. The Ninevites were spared earthly disaster by their fresh start. The first Apostles and you and me are offered new life indeed—the life of the risen Christ.

CARMEL MURRAY RIP

Please pray for the soul of Carmel Murray who was, with her late husband Roger, a faithful member of the parish. She died peacefully at her son's home, surrounded by family and after receiving the sacrament of the sick. Her funeral is on Tuesday 2 February. Attendance by invitation

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](#)

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

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

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.

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**

← Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart! →

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: 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: Carmel Murray, Fr Pat Joyce, Jack Green, Oscar Owen, Mary D'Arcy

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Jenkins, Denis Parker, Lillian Corrigan, Ellen Hodson, Michael Donnelly, Samuel Maxwell, Anthony Ledwidge, David Evans, James Durnien, Rosemary Walker, Simon Rutledge, Ellen Bell, Henry Mellon, Edward Cawley, Doreen Robinson, Walter Leigh

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

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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_xXbF--5a9rW3sg There is a link on the parish website newsletters page.

I say, I say, I say...



Patient: Doctor, doctor I keep seeing an insect spinning before my eyes.

Doctor: Don't worry, it's only a bug that's going round..! *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.*