

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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31st JANUARY 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY

Racial Justice Sunday (Readings Year B)



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 31st FOURTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ronald Whitelaw RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 1st Feb <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Rena & Jeff Blackwell RIP
Tuesday 2nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mass (Livestream) Funeral Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish Carmel Murray RIP
Wednesday 3rd <i>St Blaise, Bp</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Berry RIP
Thursday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click <a href="#">here</a> )	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 5th <i>St Agatha, M</i>	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Canon Giles Goward RIP
Saturday 6th <i>St Paul Miki &amp; Comps. MM</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Eileen & Joe Bell RIP
SUNDAY 7th FIFTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Richard & Jack Green RIP

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

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

← Pray safe, stay safe... Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart! →

## **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. 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?

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

**← Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart! →**

**THE LINES ON THE CHURCH FLOOR** are 2 metres (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!**

- **FOURTH SUNDAY Racial Justice Sunday.** **Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund
- **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 the side door. He is also available by phone or email.

## **THIS WEEK**

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

## **TUESDAY**

**The Feast of the Presentation** of the Lord, or

Candlemas. The elderly Simeon and Anna hail the Christ child, and Simeon calls Him 'the light to enlighten the gentiles'.

## **FRIDAY**

**Public Mass 9am**, followed by Exposition

## **NEXT WEEKEND**

- **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY** for the time being
- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME COMING SOON**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY 2021** There can be no placing of ashes on peoples' foreheads in the usual way this year. That involves too much physical contact in a time of pandemic. Ashes will be part of Mass but how or whether to give them to individuals remains to be decided.
- **LENT ART PROJECT**—details soon...
- **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** Although we cannot be certain, it seems very likely that churches will be open for Holy Week and Easter this year. But the liturgies will be modified and we await details of what that will mean
- **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.

## **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. 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.

## **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 this Tuesday. Attendance by invitation only: numbers are restricted to 30. It is only fair that family members decide who those 30 are. Please use the webcam.

## **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](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.
  3. **Put your offering in Presbytery letterbox**
  4. **Keep your offering until you can return**
- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!**

**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 promise is made in the first reading of God raising up a prophet to succeed Moses. He will speak with authority because God Himself will put His words into the

prophet's mouth. In the Gospel the evil spirits put their words into the mouth of the man they have possessed. Yet at the sound of Jesus's voice, at His command, the spirits flee. Here, Jesus speaks with authority because He is the very Word of God. What He says is spoken with authority because it is God who speaks. First, God sends His prophets, but finally He comes Himself in Jesus. No wonder the evil spirits were afraid.

### IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET...

**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](http://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.

### THE RECTOR OF OSCOTT COLLEGE

Canon Giles Goward, who was appointed the Rector of the college only in June 2020, died last Wednesday after a short illness. Please pray for him, for the students and staff of the College, and for Canon Giles's family and friends.

### ASK YOUR MP...

to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. **Right To Life UK** have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link : [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

## 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:** 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, 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:** Canon Giles Goward, Mary Jane Harrington Maria Vaz, Carmel Murray, Fr Pat Joyce, Jack Green, Oscar Owen, Mary D'Arcy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim Donaghue, May Weir, Peter Keating, Michael Wynne, Teresa Shami, George Hornibrook, Marjorie Vincent, Mary McQuade, Margaret Jenkins, Thomas Brogan, Kenneth Baimbridge, William O'Mahoney, Daniel Whelan **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Victims of racial prejudice and injustice
- 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
- Victims of violence, especially women, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

### FOLLOW US ON

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**@StThosMore**

### 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](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...*



I rang up the Sea Life Centre the other day. The phone message said 'Your call may be recorded for training porpoises...' *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.*

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