

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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**7th FEBRUARY 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Readings Year B*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 7th FIFTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Richard & Jack Green RIP
Monday 8th <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	Mass (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Canon Giles Goward RIP
Tuesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click <a href="#">here</a> )	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 10th <i>St Scholastica</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Iris Jackson RIP
Thursday 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Mass	9.00am	The Sick
Friday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Miss Honora O'Brien (Birthday)
Saturday 13th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Mary Carroll Crean
SUNDAY 14th SIXTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Clare Cunningham

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**February, Month of the Holy Family**  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless all families today!*

**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 you 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!**

- **FIFTH SUNDAY** of the Year
- **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday Mass** at the Margaret Roper Room side door to church. Please give him a few minutes to arrive at the side door. Also available by phone or email.
- **LENT WALK WITH ME** booklets and calendars are available hygienically put out on the pews. **PLEASE ASK if you would like more than one.** If you are not coming to Mass at the moment, please contact Fr Stephen or a friend who is, to obtain a copy. Ask at side door after Mass
- **DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES for 2021** Available for £5 after Mass at the side door.
- **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS** We are here only because they have given up their time.

## 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.

## FRIDAY

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

## NEXT WEEKEND

- **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY** for the time being
- **SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME COMING SOON**

- **ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 Mass at 6.30pm** There can be no placing of ashes on peoples' foreheads in the usual way this year. That involves prohibited 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. What will you do for Lent..?

- **SUPPORTING CAFOD IN LENT** This Lent, CAFOD is running a fundraising *Walk for Water* campaign to bring water to remote communities without local, fresh supplies. Details and video here <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/about> Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo are taking up the challenge to walk 10,000 steps a day in Lent to raise money for this cause. Details of how you may sponsor them next week.

- **LENT STUDY GROUP** There will be an online lent study group for both St Thomas More and St Joseph's. Details soon.

- **LENT ART PROJECT**—details soon. We aim to create a colour co-ordinated banner with an Easter theme, and look forward to another wonderful joint effort

- **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** Although we cannot be certain, it seems that churches will be open for Holy Week and Easter this year. **But the liturgies will be modified** to reduce risk of passing on the virus and we await details of what that will mean. There will certainly be no washing of feet, for example.

- **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](https://www.vatican.va) **There will be a painting of St Joseph in the sanctuary** as a focus for prayer this year.

## 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 words of Job, spoken in his misery, paint a cheerless picture of a life of drudgery, where night follows day and day returns in a swiftly passing but futile existence. Where is life's meaning? Who cares about us? What's the point? The Psalm points to the answers. The infinite Creator of all, the numberer of the stars, is interested in humanity! He has restored the fortunes of Israel and rebuilt the wasted ruins of Jerusalem, and so brought healing to the exiled, defeated Israelites. But it is in Jesus that we see the fullness of God's love and mercy. As a God who loves more than we can imagine, He comes and gets stuck into life. Jesus is no stranger to life's problems, to sickness, pain and death. He stands among the poor, the suffering, the outcast and the sick. He offers hope and healing, love and forgiveness, deliverance from evil and eternal life. Life is no futile drudge. Created by God, loved by God and redeemed by God, life is actually lived by God in the person of Jesus. He came that we might have life to the full, and as well as opening the gates to eternal life, He showed how we might best live here on earth. A life of love, looking always to the Father the source of love. Life in this world is not painless: but we have Jesus who lived it with us.

### 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.

### IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET...

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**WEBCAM:** click here [webcam](#)

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

### JEANNE GOULD RIP

It is a sadness to announce that Jeanne, a longstanding and faithful parishioner, died last week in the UHCW. She taught for many years in the parish school and is very well remembered for her time there. Please pray for her, and for John her husband, and her children and grandchildren.

## COMING TO MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

**ARE YOU A RISK TO OTHERS? YOU ARE, IF YOU DON'T...**

**SANITISE HANDS**

on entry and exit

**WEAR A FACE COVERING**

over mouth *AND* nose

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

and stay 2metres away from others not in your household

These rules may be a pain, cause glasses to steam up, stop us being as friendly as we'd like but in protecting others they are the right, moral and *Christian* thing to do. You may have Covid and be without symptoms: don't pass it on to someone who might develop more symptoms than they can cope with!

Please come to Communion as the stewards direct you: we need to organise movement to keep us as safe as possible.

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### PARISH FINANCES

First, a big **thank you** to all of you for your continued giving. Some parishioners really have been remarkably generous during these times. We are in the process of finalising 2020's accounts. Thanks to parishioners' giving and two legacies previously announced, finances are sound. What has suffered is our plan to refurbish the heating system and consider redecorating and relighting the MRR. There are many other things about our 53 year old building that could be improved too. We shall need to see how things are once the pandemic is truly over.

### PARISH PLANNING: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Whenever it is that we may return to a normal way of living again, it is clear that things will not be back to the same as they were. Things have already changed and we still have months to go. The fact that Fr Stephen was also given the parish of St Joseph the Worker last September has change things, for example. There are parishioners we have sadly lost. There are projects we need to review and revitalise. Change is usually at least uncomfortable for most people, but change also means progress and development. The diocese as a whole has been considering this, and so must we. How will we best continue to bear witness to the Gospel, nourish one another and serve the local community? No easy answers but questions we need to ponder. Please do.

### 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.

### 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 Gould, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz. ***Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!***

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Jeanne Gould, Canon Giles Goward, Mary Jane Harrington, Maria Vaz, Carmel Murray, Fr Pat Joyce, Jack Green

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Winifred Williams, Edith Wright, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Valentine Keane, Ivy McCarthy, Nora McHale, Elizabeth Cridland, Isabelle Lowe, Charles Murphy, Sheila Coogan, Kathleen Simpson, Iris Jackson, Peter Widdison, Lily Carpenter, Myra Thomas, Tenny Nkhoma, Betty Wainwright, Sarah Hill, Julia Malone, Peter Browne ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them***

- 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.



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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-wlL3\\_x\\_XbF--5a9rW3sg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ-wlL3_x_XbF--5a9rW3sg)

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

New priest trying to boost the weekly collection: "We all know that you can't take it with you, so put it on the plate now and I'll see that it's sent on ahead..!"

*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.**