

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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28th FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 28TH SECOND of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd Members of the Doyle Family / Bernard Swan RIP (Anniv)
Monday 1st March <i>St David, Bp</i>	Mass (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Paul Gavin RIP
Tuesday 2nd <i>St Chad, Bp</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 3rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Stations of the Cross (L/S)	9.00 a.m. 9.45 a.m.	Ints of Norah & Peter Fitzgerald
Thursday 4th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Irene Minehane
Friday 5th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Fr Jonathan Veasey
Saturday 6th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 7th THIRD of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Frank Hughes RIP (Anniv)

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LENT: spring time for the soul
Prayer & Penance, Fasting & Almsgiving



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

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

THIS WEEKEND

COVID LATEST: STILL IN LOCKDOWN...

Now that the Government has announced its plan to ease lockdown restrictions gradually over the next four months, we may all rightly be thankful. 'Nearly over' that may mean, but by definition it certainly means 'not yet over'. Therefore, very little can change just yet and in church nothing. It is of course indoor meetings that are most strictly controlled because they carry more risk than being outside. This means that 2 metre distancing, stewarding and cleaning, sanitiser, track and trace and face masks over mouth and nose MUST continue for months yet.

We have done very well as a community in all this: we must not slacken off now. The virus is still active, still infecting people. We can continue to play our successful and *caring* part in making sure it doesn't infect people in church.

Thank you to all our volunteers and **thank you** to all of you who sanitise, keep your distance and wear your masks properly.

IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE.

If your glasses steam up, please pull the covering well up your nose and wear your glasses lower down your nose than usual. In any case, cloudy glasses are a small price to pay to keep someone else out of hospital!

● SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Second Collection: CAFOD Lent Fast Day

● FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday

Mass at the Margaret Roper Room side door to church. Please give him a moment to arrive at the side door. Also available by phone or email.

● 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.

● SUPPORTING CAFOD IN LENT

TEAM STM CLERGY STEPS OUT...

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. They are walking for water as team 'STM Clergy' - **please sponsor** at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams-stm-clergy>

So far, they have done more than the 10,000 a day and raised £550—but you can help make that even more. Thank you for your support! There are updates on progress posted on the parish Twitter feed and Facebook account. Please follow the parish if you use these!

THIS WEEK

● **THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Monday marks the start of March, Joseph's month.** 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/holy_father/francesco/letters_apostolic/2019/05/20190513_let-epistolica-20190513_en.html) The image on the sanctuary will be blessed and we shall, beginning on 1 March use the prayer Pope Francis has given .

● **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC** Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for its end.

● **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT from 22 February.** Buy fairly traded goods— in Lent and always!
WEDNESDAY

● **STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9.45am** after Mass (both by livestream).

FRIDAY

● **Public Mass 9am**, followed by 30 min Exposition

NEXT WEEKEND

● **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS for Sunday** for the time being

● THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Second Collection for: Cathedral Maintenance
COMING SOON

● **SATURDAY NIGHT MASS** We are planning to restart this on **Saturday 13 March** at 5pm

● **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** 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. It is unlikely that there will be any processions on Palm Sunday or Holy Saturday night. The side chapel must remain out of use due to Covid restrictions (it is so small and full of pews) and clearly there can be no individual veneration of the Cross.

THE ETHICS OF THE COVID VACCINATION

There is **no reason why Catholics should refuse any of the vaccines currently offered.** The Church is satisfied that this is so.

LENT ART PROJECT NOW ON

We aim to create a colour co-ordinated banner with an Easter theme, and look forward to another wonderful joint effort. Please use white, orange, yellow, red, peach, gold colours to create an Easter Cross (think resurrection cross, not crucifixion). 10x14cm or 14x20cm best sizes. Use wool, paper, card, lollipop sticks... and crosses can be a single colour, a mixture, plain, decorated... We have until Palm Sunday to get creative. **Click stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=115 for full details on the parish web site.**

Updates and ideas on the parish Twitter and Facebook accounts

FINANCE... Main Collection: For the Sundays 7, 14, 21 February £990 plus £200 donation
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

Abraham's faith is tested by God asking him to sacrifice his own son. Abraham reluctantly prepares to do this, but God stops him. Now not only has God seen his faith but Abraham realises the importance of it too. Atop another mountain, centuries later, the voice of God is heard again, witnessing to the Sonship of Jesus. Here, in the Transfiguration, Jesus's glory is revealed. But the sacrifice is yet to come. This is Jesus, God the Son but He will become the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Just as Abraham's faith allowed God's will to be done, so will Jesus's. Abraham offers the ram and becomes the father of a great nation. Jesus offers Himself (atop the hill of calvary) so that all might enter the kingdom of Heaven, the eternal nation of God's people, forgiven and saved.

LENT 2021: EVENTS SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO PARISHES ONLINE

It is of course impossible to hold any sort of discussion group or prayer group face-to-face at the moment. These can be done on the internet only which we know may leave some of you out, but on the other hand makes it easy for anyone with the internet to join in, anywhere.

Monday 6.30pm Exposition & Meditation STM

Wednesday 9.45am Following 9am live stream Mass, live stream Station of the Cross

Wednesday 7pm 'The Poet's Gospel' An exploration of the Gospel in blank verse. This is an online resource produced by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/> and listen to the first part whenever suits you. We then reflect and discuss via a Zoom meeting, logging on from 6.45pm for 7. Email www.stmcov.org for the link to the meeting.

The usual pattern of worship will of course continue. Additionally, there will be a reading from a spiritual classic before each Mass on weekdays.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. *Pope Francis*

DIOCESAN ONLINE SURVEY Please complete a new survey reflecting on your experiences during the pandemic. Responses will help the Archdiocese to understand what effect the pandemic has had, and how we move forward. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found on the homepage of the diocesan [website](#)

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.



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.

IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET...

WEBSITE: <https://stmcov.org/>

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FACEBOOK: @StThosMore

WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)

LENT—SUGGESTIONS...

Prayer... Take up a rosary and commit to saying it each day (while walking perhaps)

Fasting... Deny yourself that treat every Friday (or every day of Lent) and remember the fact that we do not live by bread alone

Almsgiving... Have a practical concern for those in need by supporting a charity: sponsor Deacon Leo or Fr Stephen as they raise money for CAFOD to help those without decent access to water. Is there someone you simply haven't been in touch with ages—email, ring or write.

Penitence... Is there someone you have wronged? Has someone wronged you? Take the plank out of your own eye by apology or at least by offering the hand of friendship...

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Fr John Kearns, 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: Fr Oliver Kemp, Saverio Franco Berlen, Sr Isabel Herd, Rev Leo Pilley, Jeanne Gould, Canon Giles Goward

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Fitzpatrick, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Margaret McCormack, Daniel Lee, Philip Cairns, Daphne Carvell, Blanche Dargan, Dora Lees, Harry Davenport, Eddie McElvenney, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Thomason, Lillian Brennan, Margaret McElvenney, John Avery, Mary Parkinson, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Margaret McBeth, Larry Kelly, Sequoia Collier, Margaret McBeth, Larry Kelly **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff, 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

GIVING TO THE PARISH

There are collecting boxes by the church doors for us instead of bags at the offertory

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!**

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.*

GET THE SUNDAY READINGS ON YOUR SMART PHONE



Simply scan this QR code with a bar code reader app and be taken straight to the day's readings. It works like the NHS track & Trace app—but it isn't tracking or tracing you! Bar code reader apps are available free for all smart phones.