

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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7th March 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 7TH THIRD of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Frank Hughes RIP (Anniv)
Monday 8th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Donor's Intention
Tuesday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Stations of the Cross (L/S)	9.00 a.m. 9.45 a.m.	Evelyn Ward RIP
Thursday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Harry Davenport RIP
Friday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Kitty Budkiewicz RIP
Saturday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Theresa Charmley RIP (Anniv) / Bill Merrick RIP (Anniv)
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	The People of the parish
SUNDAY 14th FOURTH of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Carmel Di Cioccio RIP

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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! →

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. ***If your nose is out, you are spreading germs.***

It is, after all, a face covering not a mouth mask!

COVID LATEST: STILL IN LOCKDOWN...

THANK YOU to everyone who is continuing to observe the Covid restrictions properly and for keeping us all safe. In making sure it doesn't infect people in church. Meeting indoors—such as at church—is the last situation to have regulations eased and it will be the summer before anything much changes at Mass.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers especially those taking on extra duties as we reintroduce Saturday Vigil Mass and prepare for Holy Week.

VOLUNTEERS

If you feel able to volunteer to steward and clean as the virus infection rate is brought down, please speak to Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen

THIS WEEKEND

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:**
Second Collection: Cathedral Maintenance
- **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday Mass** at the Margaret Roper Room **outside** door to church. Please give him a moment to arrive. 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.

THIS WEEK

- **THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH March is Joseph's month.** We shall use the prayer for the year of St Joseph after Masses in March. Let us pray in thanksgiving for Joseph and his faithful example.
- **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC**
Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for its end.

WEDNESDAY

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9.45am** after Mass (both by livestream).
- **Public Mass 9am**, followed by 30 min Exposition

NEXT WEEKEND

- **5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS for Sunday** starts again. We thank volunteers for making this possible and hope that numbers coming will make it viable as it was last summer.

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering Sunday**—a thanksgiving for Holy Mother Church; Mary, Mother of us all; our own mothers, living or departed. It will not be possible to hand out flowers in church this year but God bless all mothers.

COMING SOON

- **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** Guidance for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter has now been received. In general, worship is not to be prolonged, processions are not to happen, distance, sanitising and faced coverings must be used. Palm Sunday will begin in church with no procession and the Passion will be read without the congregation being the crowd. Maundy Thursday will be without the optional foot washing, there is to be no procession to another altar and the public watch is to be short. Good Friday will have the veneration of the cross but not individually. The Easter Vigil begin inside church. Individual candles are not to be used nor is holy water to be sprinkled. Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo will be working on making Holy Week as meaningful as ever under these unusual circumstances.

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 (five miles) 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 £749—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** accounts. Please follow the parish if you use these!

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: Not known at time of printing **CAFOD Second Collection** £470.00
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

God's relationship with His people was always meant to cut both ways: He will care for them and they must worship Him and keep His commandments. But as time goes on, they take Him for granted and forget their responsibilities to God. Of course He keeps loving and calling them to love Him too. A picture of this sliding away from God is provided by all the trading that went on in the Temple by Jesus's time. Jerusalem's temple was the holiest place on earth, the place where God met His people. And yet, it had become busy with trade and commerce. Trade connected with worship, so a trade that had proper purpose at first—the selling of sacrificial animals and the changing of money to pay the Temple tax. But Jesus calls the people back to the truth: love and worship of God are vital. We must not take Him for granted, and Lent is the time we are particularly called to throw out all that would distract us from Him.

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.



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 steam Mass, live stream Stations 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 **third** part whenever suits you. We then meet to reflect and discuss via a Zoom meeting, logging on from 6.45pm for 7pm. Email www.stmcov.org for the link to the meeting.

The usual pattern of worship will of course continue. There is also a reading form 'The Imitation of Christ' before Livestream-only Masses

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*

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...

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WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)

IRISH CHILDHOOD IN COVENTRY Christine Knox, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption, has written a memoir of childhood with emphasis on the faith. It can be found at Amazon online under the title

Chrissie O' – the Story of a Catholic Immigrant Child 1937-49

GIVING ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelope have arrived and are being processed for distribution. Your number may well be different this time.

THE SACRAMENTS & THE PARISH SCHOOL School and parish hope to be able to organise a series of celebrations in the coming months as lockdown restrictions ease. By all means speak to Fr Stephen.

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: Mary Kelly, Kitty Budkiewicz, Fr Oliver Kemp, Saverio Franco Berlen, Sr Isabel Herd, Rev Leo Pilley, Jeanne Gould, Canon Giles Goward

ANNIVERSARIES: John Tarlington, Angela Domican, Sean Gallagher, Cecil Dowson, Lucy Brennan, Pauline Woodcock, Teresa Wardle, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Linda Walker, Frank Pituello, Cyprian Texeira, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, Maria Harrison, Margaret Mulligan, Peter Clark, Margaret Ferguson, Hugh Somers, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien, Gordon Howell, Madeline Jeary **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them 23**

- 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
- Peace in Myanmar

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!

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.

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. We hope to organise times before Easter.

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.*