

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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14th March 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering Sunday

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	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
Monday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Funeral Mass (Livestream) <i>Attendance by invitation</i>	9.30 a.m.	Saverio Franco Berlen RIP
Tuesday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	<i>Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here)</i>	<i>10.00 a.m.</i>	~
Wednesday 17th St Patrick	Mass (Livestream) Stations of the Cross (L/S)	9.00 a.m. 9.45 a.m.	Bernard & Mollie Swinden RIP
Thursday 18th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Tony & Cathy Mayne RIP
Friday 19th St Joseph	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Joan Ward RIP
Saturday 20th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	William & Edna Horton RIP
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Oliver Muldoon RIP
SUNDAY 21st FIFTH of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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LENT: spring time for the soul

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, pinch the metal strip tight 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. 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

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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

• **ST PATRICK'S DAY Mass (livestream) 9am** followed by **Stations of the Cross 9.45am**

FRIDAY

• **ST JOSEPH'S DAY Public Mass 9am**, followed by 30 min Exposition. St Joseph, the quiet

man of the Gospels is perhaps a model of all those who, though this pandemic, have quietly got on giving their best—nurses, care workers, good neighbours, teachers and everyone whose untrumpeted service has given so much...

NEXT WEEKEND

• **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Lent moves into its solemn phase as the celebration of the Passion and Death of Christ draws near.

COMING SOON

• **CONFESSION IN CHURCH Saturday 27 March 10am-12 noon.** Thanks to volunteers we are able to offer this socially distanced opportunity. There will be a one way system in use. Confessions will be heard by the Sacred Heart statue. You will be asked to leave the church immediately after confession and make your penance after leaving. This is to make sure the one way system is maintained and make seating and cleaning afterwards simple.

• **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** In a nutshell, all the celebrations of Holy Week will be much shorter than usual. We are able to have a congregation present but things will **not** be normal. **Palm Sunday:** Mass begins in church, no procession. **Holy Thursday:** no foot washing, no procession to an altar of repose (all at high altar), no extended watch. **Good Friday:** no individual veneration of the Cross—to be done altogether from our places. **Easter Vigil:** begins in church, no fire, minimal readings, no sprinkling with Holy Water. **Please be aware of these changes. A booking system will be in use for Holy Week and Easter**, just as there was for Christmas. *Details soon.*

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 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/leat-study-2021/> and listen to the

fourth part whenever it 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 continues.

There is also a reading form 'The Imitation of Christ' before Livestream-only Masses

FINANCE... Main Collection: Not known at time of printing **CAFOD Second Collectioon** £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

The ancient Israelites had many opportunities to draw close to God. The Law, the prophets and the consecration of the Temple has all been God's gift to them as a revelation of who He is. But the stubborn still ignored Him, and went their own way of sinfulness and idolatry. So He sends His only Son to call his people back to Him. Jesus is, of course, God's ultimate revelation of Himself. By coming among us as one of us, He gets as close to us as is humanly possible. And Jesus brings the message of salvation. To look upon Him, to know Him brings healing. Just as the dreadful snakebites in the desert were cured by the sight of a bronze serpent lifted up for all to see, so the dreadful curse of death will be cured by the raising up of Christ on the Cross.

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>

TOTALS AS OF THURSDAY
of Fr Stephen's and Dcn Leo's efforts
 Steps so far: 492,693, or 246 miles
 Funds raised so far: £1,334.00

Thank you for your support! There are updates posted on the parish **Twitter** feed and **FaceBook** accounts. Please follow the parish if you use these!

WEEK OF PRAYER: DEMENTIA SUFFERERS

Please pray for all afflicted by this disease and for their carers.

LENT ART PROJECT NOW ON

We aim to create a colour co-ordinated banner of crosses 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. See stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=115

Updates and ideas on the parish Twitter and FaceBook accounts

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...

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WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)

IRISH CHILDHOOD IN COVENTRY Annie 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 envelopes have arrived and are being processed for distribution. Your number may well be different this time.

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*

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Gertrude McGoldrick, Theresa Chamley, Nicholas Jarram, Fintan McHugh, Thomas Wainwright, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Di Cioccio, Thomas McCrea, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan, Gerald Carney, Michael Brydon, Donald Meacham, Christopher McHale **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Dementia sufferers and their carers
- The end of the pandemic and all working for that and for those affected by it
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Dementia sufferers and their carers
- Our mothers, living and departed

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.*