

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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21st March 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	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
Monday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Peter McDermott RIP
Tuesday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Day of Covid Reflection</i>	Public Mass	6.00pm	Those affected by the pandemic: sick, carers, isolated, the departed
Wednesday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Stations of the Cross (L/S)	9.00 a.m. 9.45 a.m.	Maisie Taylor RIP
Thursday 25th Annunciation of the Lord	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Mary Mills RIP
Friday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Funeral Mass <i>Attendance by family invitation only</i>	9.30 a.m.	Kitty Budkiewicz RIP
Saturday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Confession in church	9.00 a.m. 10-noon	Terry Brooks RIP (100th birthday)
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Mary Webster RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 28th PALM SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Wooderson RIP (Anniv)

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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

• **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** the season enters its solemn final weeks as we draw close to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Today, everything in church is veiled. The next object we shall see is the Cross, in all its shocking brutality, on Good Friday.

• **5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS for Sunday** . 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.

TUESDAY

• **The National Day of Reflection for Covid-19** The Bishop has asked for churches prayerfully to join in this to mark the beginning of lockdown last year, and all those who have suffered, their carers and the departed. We shall be open

for a **6pm public Mass** for that intention.

THURSDAY

• Please pray for **Mary Mills:** her funeral service takes place at Canley Crematorium, Thursday

FRIDAY

• **Friday's Mass** this week is the **Funeral Mass of Kitty Budkiewicz**, a longstanding and faithful member of the parish. Please pray for her and for her late husband Sylvester, and for her family. Numbers at Funeral masses are strictly limited to 30: please attend by invitation of the family only.

NEXT WEEKEND

• **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. The confessionals cannot be used, so confession will be in the front corners of the church. 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.

• **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.** Mass begins in church. Palms will be blessed but there can be no procession.

COMING SOON

• **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** In a nutshell, all the celebrations of Holy Week will all be much shorter than usual. We are able to have a congregation present but things will *not* be normal. **Holy Thursday 7.30pm:** no foot washing, no procession to an altar of repose (all at high altar), no extended watch. **Good Friday 3.00pm:** no individual veneration of the Cross—to be done altogether from our places. **Easter Vigil 7.30pm:** 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. *Please book online if you intend to come through the parish website or in writing or by phone*

LENT 2021:

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://>

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 readings today speak of the great covenant that God is to make with His people, signed, as it were, in His Blood, spilt when, lifted up on the cross, Jesus endures the

Passion for love of us. Today, Jesus points us firmly towards what is to happen, and although His followers did not grasp what He meant when He said it, they finally saw exactly how wonderful His love is on the Cross. That Blood is the new covenant of love: God wants to bestow forgiveness and eternal life on all who would believe in Him. He expresses that love perfectly: I love you enough to die for you.

O, who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/ and listen to the **fifth** 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 from 'The Imitation of Christ' before Livestream-only Masses

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> Palm Sunday is the final and fortieth day.

TOTALS AS OF THURSDAY

of Fr Stephen's and Dcn Leo's efforts

Steps so far: 653,129, or 327 miles

Funds raised so far: £1,759

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!

BOXES OF GIVING ENVELOPES

Now available from Fr Stephen after Mass at the outside MRR door, under the veranda.

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*

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

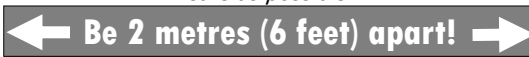
over mouth **AND** nose

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

and stay 2 metres 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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WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)

LENT ART PROJECT LAST CALL!

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

Please get your crosses to Debbie or to the Presbytery very soon!

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. *Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Fr Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, Kitty Budkiewicz, Mary Mills, Diane Sharpe, Mary Kelly, Fr Oliver Kemp, Saverio Franco Berlen, Canon Giles Goward

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Kelly, Jan Aston, Francis Hargreaves, Jeffrey Blackwell, Jack Robinson, Ellen-Mary Errington, Brenda Cleaver, Leslie Morton-Blake, Patrick Kenny, John Burns, Anthony Horrell, Brian Kavanagh, Mary Falconer, Pierre Stockman, Eileen McKenna, Kevin Bills, Kate Ryan, John Griffin *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*

- 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

FOLLOW THE PARISH ON...

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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 your 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 be celebrated with strict limits on numbers, as well the conditions described above.

WEDDINGS

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CONFESSION

Confession *is* possible if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it. Confession in church on Saturday 27 March, 10am-noon.

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 remains 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.