

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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28th March 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

PALM SUNDAY

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	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)
Monday 29th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Patrick Kenny RIP
Tuesday 30th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Sarah & John Lyle RIP
Wednesday 31st <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	Funeral Service <i>by invitation</i> Mass (Livestream) Stations of the Cross (L/S)	9.45 a.m. 12 noon 12.45 p.m.	Marian Kelly RIP Joan Theaker
Thursday 1st April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Public Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30 p.m.	The Rt Rev Mgr Thomas Gavin RIP (Birthday)
Friday 2nd <i>Good Friday</i>	Public Liturgy of the Day	3.00 p.m.	~
Saturday 3rd <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	~
	Public Easter Vigil Mass	7.30 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4th EASTER SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Sr Isobel Herd SND RIP

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THIS IS HOLY WEEK

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

• **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.**

Mass begins in church. Palms will be blessed but there can be no procession. The Passion will be read in the short form, and we are asked to point out that the Bishop's Holy Week guidelines state that the congregation is not to recite the crowd's part.

• **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.

THURSDAY

• **Holy Thursday 7.30pm:** Alas, there may no foot washing, no procession to an altar of repose (everything takes place at the high altar), no extended watch. *Please book a place online, in writing or by phone if you intend to come.*

FRIDAY

• **Good Friday 3.00pm:** no individual veneration of the Cross—to be done altogether from our

places. **Collection:** The Holy Places of Palestine, in aid of their upkeep. *Please book online, in writing or by phone if you intend to come.*

NEXT WEEKEND

• **Easter Vigil 7.30pm:** this begins in church, and cannot include the fire outside. There has to be 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**

• **Easter Sunday. Mass at 9.00am** *Please book online, in writing or over the phone if you intend to come.* The Collection today forms the Easter Offering, which is a gift to parish priests.

COMING SOON

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 12.45am Following noon 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/lent-study-2021/> sixth 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 STEPPED OUT

The forty day CAFOD *Walk for Water* challenge is taken on by Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo ends today. **Thank you for your support!** Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo took up the challenge to walk 10,000 steps (five miles) a day for forty days to raise money for this cause.

TOTALS SO FAR

So far, Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo walked over 800,000 Steps or 800 miles and have **raised £2274.** It is still possible to make a donation either online at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/stm-clergy/> or in a labelled envelope dropped in the collection boxes or through the Presbytery letter box. **Thank you so much!**

BOXES OF GIVING ENVELOPES

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

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

Today is a day of contrasts. We begin with the crowds hailing Jesus as king as He rides into Jerusalem. 'Hosanna!' they shout. But then His mission is to be accomplished by betrayal, rejection, pain and death. The 'Hosannas' become 'Crucify Him!'; the joyful palms become clenched fists and the Cross. All this He submits to, meekly, without complaint for our sakes. We leave Mass today having heard of that loving sacrifice, knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son. Reflect on that love, rejoice in that love, thank Him for it and look forward to the glory that His resurrection promises us.



PARISH ART PROJECT EASTER 2021
If you've made a cross please hand it in!

POPE BENEDICT on PALM SUNDAY in 2012

Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!", and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift, that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died and rose for us. The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their coats before the Lord. Before Christ – the Fathers said – we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration. As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, Saint Andrew, Bishop of Crete: "So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ..."

*Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King;
then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry...*

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.

← **Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart!** →

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](#)

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: Joan Theaker, 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: Eileen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton, Kitty Budkiewicz, Mary Mills, Marian Kelly, Diane Sharpe

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Phillips, Kathleen McMenamin, Patrick King, Ronald Stokes, Seamus O'Malley, Bernadette Seale, Mary Webster, Thomas Norris, John Wooderson, Andrew Brogan, Gordon Baker, Isobel Collins, Kevin Price, Joseph Lees, Michael Ward, Jan Zaparaniuk **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
- Peace in the world

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. If you've used the NHS app then your phone can already read this code. When it does, you'll go straight to the day's readings

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

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

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.