

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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11th April 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Deacon Pat Jeary, birthday
SUNDAY 11th 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 12th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Mass <i>Family Invitation only</i> Requiem Mass (Livestream)	12.30 p.m. 6.00pm	Ann Frances Power RIP Andrew Stewart RIP
Tuesday 13th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 14th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Requiem Mass (Livestream) Funeral <i>Family Invitation only</i>	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	HRH Prince Philip RIP Eileen Beirns RIP
Thursday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	John Lynskey RIP
Friday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Expo- sition	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Teresa O'Mahoney / Rena Blackwell RIP
Saturday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Paige Glenn RIP
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 18th 3rd Sunday of Easter	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Daniel Smith RIP

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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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 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 VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS.** We are here only because they have given up their time.

THIS WEEKEND CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

• **Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy**
This day was instituted by Pope St John Paul II to honour the Divine Mercy, the loving desire of God to forgive sinners. In the 1930s St Faustina was granted a series of vision in Krakow of the Divine Mercy and asked to encourage devotion to it. Jesus, I trust in You!

• **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday Mass** at the Margaret Roper Room *outside* door to church. **Giving envelopes are available at this time too.** Please give him a moment to arrive. Fr Stephen is also available by phone or email.

THIS WEEK

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

• **BOXES OF GIVING ENVELOPES** Now available from Fr Stephen after Mass at the outside MRR door, under the veranda.

NEXT WEEKEND

• **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second Collection:** Parish Development Fund

COMING SOON
VOLUNTEERS—STEWARDS & CLEANERS
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.

PARISH PLANNING: FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Whenever it is that we may return to a normal way of living again, it is clear that things will not be back to the same as they were. Things have already changed and we still have months to go. The fact that Fr Stephen was also given the parish of St Joseph the Worker last September has

changed things, for example. There are parishioners we have sadly lost. There are projects we need to review and revitalise such as the heating but much else in the church is in need of refurbishment - the lighting, the plumbing, the MRR. Change is usually at least uncomfortable for most people, but change also means progress and development. The diocese as a whole has been considering this, and so must we. How will we best continue to bear witness to the Gospel, nourish one another and serve the local community? No easy answers but questions we need to ponder, understanding both that change has come already and that more will follow. And also that by God's grace, we may be guided in all things!

TEAM STM CLERGY STEPPED OUT FOR CAFOD

The forty day CAFOD *Walk for Water* challenge taken on by Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo is over. **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 CAFOD. They have raised £3224 plus £600 given directly to CAFOD making a total **£3824**

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 to all our supporters!

THANKS DUE ... TO ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Whether with Easter greetings to the clergy, the Easter Offering, attending in person or online, your messages or a smile and a cheery word—thank you!

TO DEBBIE & OUR CROSS-MAKERS

The parish art project is done and displayed. Thank you all so much! It has generated a lot of interest on social media as those of you who follow the parish on Facebook or Twitter or both will have discovered..!

TO MALCOLM POLLARD

As announced last week, Malcolm has decided that the has come for him to step down from serving. Supported by Maureen, Malcolm has give many years of service to the parish. He has put up with many a priest at St Thomas More, and both they and the parish owe Malcolm many thanks.

DEACON PAT JEARY

As announced last week, Deacon Pat was recently mugged. He was physically unharmed but understandably shaken. He is recovering well at home and is grateful for the best wishes and gifts he has received.

HRH PRINCE PHILIP RIP

Please pray for his soul and for the Royal Family. Mass on Wednesday will be a requiem for him. May he rest in peace.

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

As far as the first disciples were concerned, the joy of the Resurrection takes time to sink in. After all, can this wonderful news be true? Unlike the others, Thomas doubts it: but then, faced with

Jesus standing before him he utters those words of worship that testify to Christ's divinity and His rising—'My Lord and my God!'. Today's Gospel speaks not only of the joy of knowing that the Lord is indeed alive, but also witnesses to God's love in other ways. Jesus is concerned to give us peace, He wants us to have it, deeply and wholly. Sin can ruin that peace by the damage it does to the sinner and the victim, as well as to our relationship with God. But in His mercy, Jesus gives His disciples the power to pronounce God's forgiveness. Let us seek this freely given mercy! The first step is of course to acknowledge that we need it and then, by placing our trust in the merciful Jesus, we may be sure that we receive it. After all, the risen body of Jesus carries the marks of love and mercy that were made by the nails and the spear. He becomes human that we might become like Him, He is wounded that we might be healed, He is imprisoned that we might be set free, He is condemned that we might be forgiven, He dies that we might have life, He rises that we might be immortal. *Jesus, I trust in You!*

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Divine Mercy is simply the greatest attribute of God—He **wants** to forgive sinners! He **wants** to show us His mercy! This we know through the Gospel and the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Jesus is the way in which God's forgiveness is offered to everyone, He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Constantly, we stand in need of God's forgiveness, and

constantly He stands ready to give it. There is nothing 'new-fangled' or odd in Divine Mercy for it is part of God Himself! As John-Paul II said 'Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God' .

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.

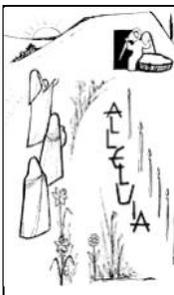


DO YOU KNOW ANYONE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD?

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.



In Eastertide, the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

**Regina coeli,
laetare, alleluia!**

**Quia quem meruisti
portare, alleluia!**

**Resurrexit, sicut
dixit, alleluia!**

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia
Has arisen as he said, alleluia.
Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let us pray...Amen

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Charlie Ellix, 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: Ellen Leonard, Ann Frances Power, Eileen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton, Kitty Budkiewicz, Mary Mills, Marian Kelly, Diane Sharpe

ANNIVERSARIES: Shelagh Freeborn, Lokadia Celtick, June Deegan, Patricia Phillips, Julietta Cooper, Edith Buckley, Derrick Corner, Theresa Brooks, Anne McNulty, Eileen Berry, Ray Cartwright, Bartholomew Brenan, Beatrice Spooner, Tony Leigh ***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...

FACEBOOK @StThosMore
TWITTER @StThosMore

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

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CONFESSION

Confession *is* possible if socially distanced or outside. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it.

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. *Contact Fr Stephen.*