

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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18th April 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

Readings Year B

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

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| | Public Vigil Mass | 5.00 p.m. | The People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 18th 2nd Sunday of Easter | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Daniel Smith RIP |
| Monday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i> | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Tuesday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i> | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Wednesday 21st <i>Easter Feria</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Joan Thacker |
| Thursday 22nd <i>Easter Feria</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | John & Bridget Cooney RIP |
| Friday 23rd St George M | Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition | 9.00 a.m. | Maisie Taylor RIP |
| Saturday 24th <i>Easter Feria</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Joseph & Margaret Hussey |
| | Public Vigil Mass | 5.00 p.m. | Peter Brooks RIP (1st Anniv) |
| SUNDAY 25th 4th Sunday of Easter <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | The People of the Parish |

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! →

**COVID LATEST
STILL THINK: HANDS—FACE—SPACE
IT IS STILL 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, lower than the top of the face covering. 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!
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. **Although restrictions are easing**, social distancing continues which has a very great impact on what we do in church. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS.** Please **don't forget** that we are here only because they have given up their time.

**THIS WEEKEND
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**



- **Third Sunday of Easter. Second Collection:** Parish Development
- **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.

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

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.
- **FLOWERS** If anyone would like to donate flowers or arrangements for church, that would be lovely. Please leave in the presbytery porch at your convenience. **Thank you.**

NEXT WEEKEND

- **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Good Shepherd Sunday.** This is a day of prayer throughout the world for vocations. Pray that we may have more priests, deacons and religious and that all of us may live out our vocation in faithfulness to God's call. **Second Collection:** Clergy Training 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. Parish groups, organisations and ministries have all been dormant for a year. They will not all suddenly re-appear together, and when they do it might be in a different form, and possibly on a smaller scale to begin with.

It will take planning and work to bring the MRR safely back into use. We don't know for sure yet how many people it will be allowed to accommodate at first. We are fortunate in that, because it is to be used by the council for elections on 6 May, the council will clean it thoroughly. Change is usually at least uncomfortable for most of us, but change can also mean 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 AND CAFOD

Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo raised £3224 *plus* £600 given directly to CAFOD making a total of **£3824.00.** *Thank you so much to our supporters!*

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FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH.

You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website

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

PETER IS PREACHING to the people about the risen Christ. He does not shrink from reminding them that they shouted for Barabas to be freed and for the innocent Christ to be killed. After all, God

has foretold the suffering of His Son through the prophets. Neither does Peter shrink from telling them what to do next: repent and turn to God so that their sins may be wiped out. This is essentially what Jesus Himself says in today's gospel. The disciples are confused by Christ's resurrection to begin with. He needs to help them understand both by showing His wounds and explaining the teaching of the prophets. Not only that, but in continuing Jesus's command to take bread and break it they find that He is known and present through this great sacrament of the Altar. And then the results of this: the preaching of repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name. Which is what Peter is doing in the first reading.

for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, tel 01926 512980 or email

POPE BENEDICT ON AN EASTER TRADITION...

"In the Baroque period the liturgy used to include the *risus paschalis*, the Easter laughter. The Easter homily had to contain a story that made people laugh, so that the church resounded with a joyful laughter. That may be a somewhat superficial form of Christian joy. But is there not something very beautiful and appropriate about laughter becoming a liturgical symbol? And is it not a tonic when we still hear, in the play of cherub and ornament in Baroque churches, that laughter which testified to the freedom of the redeemed? And is it not a sign of an Easter faith when Haydn remarked, concerning his church compositions, that he felt a particular joy when thinking of God: 'As I came to utter the words of supplication, I could not suppress my joy but loosed the reins of my elated spirits and wrote "allegro" over the Miserere, and so on?'"

**So, in accord with Easter joy...
I say, I say, I say...**

I couldn't believe my roadmender flatmate was a thief, but when the police turned up at our place, all the signs were there..!



Boom, boom!

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, 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 John Kearns, Eileen Connolly, HRH Prince Philip, Ellen Leonard, Ann Frances Power, Ellen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton, Kitty Budkiewicz, Mary Mills, Marian Kelly, Diane Sharpe

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Rhoden, Audrey Culligan, Maisie Taylor, Patrick Tracey, Thomas Kane, Theresa Poole, Kenneth Pickett, Margaret McFadden, Mary Crowe, Renato Paolone, Vincent Rutter, Grace Cairns, Joan Boguslawski, Barry McElvenney, Frederick Woodward, Thomas McGinty, John Shepherd, Cora Meehan, Cecil Mancini, Margaret Kane, Mary Baimbridge **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

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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!

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 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.*

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