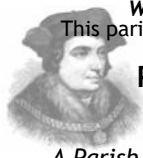


ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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2nd May 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Christine & Thomas Duignan
SUNDAY 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter Charman
Monday 3rd <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	Live Stream Mass at SJW	10.00am	~
Tuesday 4th <i>English Martyrs</i>	Mass (Livestream) <i>Day of Prayer for the victims of Abuse</i>	9.00 a.m.	Stephen Cole RIP (Birthday)
Wednesday 5th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Funeral Mass <i>Invitation only</i>	9.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	The People of the Parish Thomas Maxwell RIP
Thursday 6th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Tom Falconer RIP
Friday 7th <i>Easter feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Canon Jonathan Veasey
Saturday 8th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Fr Sunday Evaristus
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9th 6th Sunday of Easter	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Clare Cunningham

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED THIS SHEET IN CHURCH, PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY!

← Pray safe, stay safe... Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart! →

COVID LATEST: WE MUST STILL THINK IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE.

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. **If you can volunteer**, please speak to Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen

THIS WEEKEND

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

• **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

• **DAILY MASS READINGS BY SMARTPHONE**

On the back page of this sheet is a QR code, easily read by smartphones, that takes you to *Universalis*, a website with daily Mass readings.

• **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 of course also available by phone, email or in person.

THIS WEEK

• **TUESDAY** day of prayer for the victims of abuse

• **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC**

Pope Francis has called for the Rosary in May.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

• **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

COMING SOON

VOLUNTEERS—STEWARDS & CLEANERS

If you feel able to volunteer to steward and clean as the virus infection comes down, please speak to Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen.

THE POPE'S NEW BOOK 'LET US DREAM'

We intend to have study sessions between the two parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker of Pope Francis's short book describing his hopes for the post-pandemic world. He hopes for a time of peace and justice, a new time of positive change and great hope. The book is available free online or as a slim hardback.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN MAY

The Pope has again asked for an organised world-wide praying of the Rosary to end the pandemic. It will involve 30 of the world's Marian shrines and began on Sat 1 May at Walsingham. Please offer a

rosary in union with the Pope and the Church for this intention. Knock on 10 May, Fatima 13, Lourdes 18 May. Details on our website

THE VERY REV CANON JONATHAN VEASEY

Fr Jonathan, who served here from 1995 to 2004, and then became parish priest of St John Vianney, has been made a Canon of the Cathedral. His installation, quite possibly with the other new canons, has yet to be announced. We offer our congratulations and prayers. Fr Gerry Murray and Fr Paul Fitzpatrick are also new canons.

NEW RECTOR OF OSCOTT COLLEGE

Fr Mike Dolman, currently the diocesan vocations Director will become the new rector of Oscott on 1st July. Until that time, he remains in his current post and the college's vice-rector, Fr Paul Keane, remains acting rector. Please pray for Fr Mike as he prepares to begin his new role. Pray for the staff and students of Oscott.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Don't forget that you may apply for a postal vote if you would prefer not to vote in person at the moment—you do **not** have to be ill or incapacitated. The first public use of the Margaret Roper Room (MRR) will be this Thursday as a polling station for local elections. The room should be cleaned by the council and used by their staff following all relevant restrictions. Please pray for all who will be elected that they may serve us with integrity, compassion and wisdom.

JOHN REGAN RIP

Please pray for John, who has died in hospital after a long illness, and for Margaret his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

AFTER THE PANDEMIC—

A STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS

The Catholic Bishops of England & Wales, at their regular Low Week meeting, have given some thought to our moving beyond the pandemic. The full statement is worth reading. This is an extract.

SUNDAY MASS: *encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.*

In the time to come we can do no better than to rekindle in our hearts, foster and encourage, a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord and the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a gift so deeply appreciated in these times of lockdown. We need to begin by fostering this in ourselves. For the Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation of our lives.

The invitation to Sunday Mass resonates all the more deeply when we consider, as Pope St John

FINANCE... Main Collections and donations for April: £3225.00

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 conversion of St Paul unsurprisingly caused mixed reactions among the disciples. How could such a feared persecutor of the Church suddenly be trusted as a fellow Christian? St Barnabas vouches for him, and Paul is finally accepted and begins his unique ministry of travelling, writing, preaching and healing. His conversion is recognised as being real. Jesus in the Gospel speaks of the need to remain in Him. He likens Himself to a vine and His faithful to its branches. This expresses the depth and the power of the relationship that He calls us to. Paul's life bore much Christian fruit because he made his home in Christ and grew, as it were, as a branch of the vine of Christ. Despite at first attempting to destroy that very vine, Paul's conversion is authentic. He is in Christ, and for the glory of the Father, bore much fruit. That is our vocation too.

Paul II reminds us in the Encyclical Letter Dies Domini, that the Sabbath rest is nothing if not a call to remember the gift of God's Creation... Pope St John Paul II spoke of our amazement at the gift of the Mass and the abiding Presence of our Blessed Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. Herein lies our treasure, enriching our relationship with Jesus and bringing together every aspect of our life and mission. This is such an important focus for our task in the coming months.

See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> [here](#)
PRACTICALITIES & THE PANDEMIC'S END

Once we may return to more normal routines, there will be things to find out and things to do. The Bishops have called us to place the Sunday Mass at the centre of our lives and there are practicalities we need to address to help with that.. We shall need to clean the church thoroughly. Although it has been kept covid safe, parts of it have been unused for over a year. Much needs dusting, polishing and sprucing up. A call for volunteers will be made in due course. Our ministries of welcome, readers and servers will begin again. Our groups and meetings too. But of course we do not yet know for sure quite how church restrictions will be eased and how many people would want to return to things just yet. We are considering all this and will keep you informed. Please begin to think about what you might do.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Hail thou star of ocean, portal of the sky,
 Ever Virgin Mother of the Lord most high.
 Oh, by Gabriel's AVE uttered long ago,
 EVA's name reversing, 'stablish peace below.



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

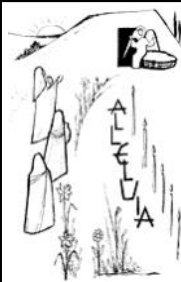


DO YOU KNOW ANYONE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD?

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

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Rjsus Paschalis... *I say, I say, I say*

Have you heard about the latest corduroy pillows...? They're making headlines..!



Boom, boom!

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: John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns, Eileen Connolly, HRH Prince Philip, Ellen Leonard, Ann Frances Power, Ellen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Corkery, Paula Tew, Rina McGeachan, Clare Mancini, Margaret O'Shea, Catherine Meacham, Mary Fury, James McGinty, Thomas Hope, Eileen O'Brien, Matthew Reilly, Gladys Donaldson, Rosemary Dodd **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. Pray especially for India and its suffering people
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture

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GIVING TO THE PARISH

There are collecting boxes by the church doors for use instead of offertory bags

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* available 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.*