

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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9th May 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

**6th SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Readings Year B*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM** AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

	<b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.00 p.m.</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 9th</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Clare Cunningham
Monday 10th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00am 6.30 p.m.	Eileen Connolly RIP
Tuesday 11th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) at <a href="#">SJW</a>	9.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 12th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Thomas & Rose Clarke RIP
Thursday 13th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Public Mass (	9.00 a.m.	Jean Gould RIP
Friday 14th <i>St Matthias</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Norman Arnold RIP
Saturday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Simondene Nana Dorothee RIP
	<b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.00 p.m.</b>	Thanksgiving for Viv Bateman
<b>SUNDAY 16th</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Martin Ward RIP

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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!**

**•SIXTH 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**

- THURSDAY: ASCENSION DAY** There will be a public Mass at 9am. Pupils from the parish school and from Bishop Ullathorne will be joining us. The Lord returns to His Father and the Apostles begin nine days of prayer in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

**•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 to those who have given flowers so far.**

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**•SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Communications COMING SOON**

**THE POPE'S NEW BOOK 'LET US DREAM'**

We intend to have study sessions next month 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,

**NOTICE BOARDS IN CHURCH**

You will see that the notice boards have been cleared in preparation for the return of a more familiar normality. The boards' contents were no longer up to date and had suffered from damp. We look forward to their being restocked and the relaxation of social distancing so that we can gather round them to keep up to date. The Justice & Peace Group and the bereavement Group, who had boards in church, will be keeping us informed of renewed activity in the coming months.

**PARISH LOKDOWN ART PROJECTS**

The previous banners are safely stored and will reappear once social distancing rules cease. We cannot at the moment create displays in church that would encourage people to gather too closely. It shouldn't be too long now...

**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 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](#)

**FINANCE... Main Collections and donations: 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 great command of Jesus is to love. To love God and to love one another. After all, Jesus's ministry is all about that: and demonstrated most fully by His dying on the cross.

"Greater love has no man", He said, "than to lay down his life for his friends". We are thus declared His friends and the objects of His love. Love is to be the hall-mark of the Christian because love is the hall mark of Christ. If we could only grasp the depth of that love. And if we could only realise that if Jesus loves us enough to die for us, then who are we to look at our fellow human beings without love? If God can love them, so should we!

### 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.

### READERS AT MASS, AND MORE..?

We are working towards having readers return to Mass. Kris Pears, who co-ordinates the readers' rota, will be in contact. Thank you to our readers Please feel under no obligation to read: decision is yours of course. We are thinking about the gradual return of servers too although this is a little more complex. Watch this space...

### MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Mother of God's living Word,  
Glorifying Christ your Lord;  
Full of joy, God's people sing,  
Grateful for your mothering!



### COMING TO MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC...

**HANDS: SANITISE HANDS**  
on entry and exit

**FACE: WEAR A FACE COVERING**  
over mouth **AND** nose

**SPACE: 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](http://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 out 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

### OPENING THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM..?

The MRR was successfully used by the council for Thursday's election, with the council totally responsible for all cleaning and risk assessment. We are assessing what we have to do to meet health and safety legislation and cleaning rules.

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

**Q.** What washes up on tiny beaches?

**Ans.** Microwaves of course...!



*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, 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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Anderson, George Dutton, Wilfred Day, Sarah Morton, Mollie O'Connor, Stephen Foster, Edwin Chandley, Margaret Pyle, Rose Harvey, Eugene O'Malley, Sheila Kelly, Lillian Brennan, Charles Edwards, Jeannie Mead, Winona Chattaway, Bill Thompson ***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
- Those elected to serve last Thursday

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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](http://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.*