

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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16th May 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
7th SUNDAY of EASTER *Communications Sunday*
Readings Year B

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE [WEBCAM](#)

	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Viv Bateson MBE
SUNDAY 16th 7th SUNDAY of EASTER	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Martin Ward (RIP Anniv)
Monday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00am 6.30 p.m.	Ints of Norah & Peter Fitzgerald
Tuesday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 19th <i>St Dunstan, Bp</i>	Requiem Mass (Livestream) <i>Attendance by invitation 60 max</i>	11.00 a.m.	John Reagan
Thursday 20th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Bernadette Armstrong (Sick)
Friday 21st <i>Easter feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Sylvester Budkiewicz (RIP)
Saturday 22nd <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Courtney family
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Saverio Berlen (RIP)
SUNDAY 23rd PENTECOST	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Rosemary Hassman RIP

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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

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

COVID LATEST: MAY 17 IN CHURCH IT'S STILL COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER MOUTH & NOSE, SANITISE AND BE SOCIALLY DISTANT

THE CHANGES BEING MADE ON MONDAY make very little difference yet to what we can do in church. More commercial businesses can be open, just as we have been allowed to be for months, and more relaxed rules apply to meeting indoors in private homes. Pray for an end to the pandemic, that the way out of lockdown may be both safe and lasting.

FUNERALS may now have as many people attend as the building's official Covid capacity allows. In our case, that is only **60 people**. Please do not make the mistake that numbers are unlimited: they are **not!** **Priority must still be given to families' wishes about who attends.**

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!

- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Communications
- **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

- **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 all those who have given flowers!**

NEXT WEEKEND

- **PENTECOST:** the Holy Spirit descends to pour out His gifts that the Church might be empowered to witness to the world.

COMING SOON

THE POPE'S NEW BOOK 'LET US DREAM'

There will be three 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 worldwide 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.

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 due course.

PARISH LOCKDOWN 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...

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.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS

As the COVID restrictions about going into private homes ease, it becomes possible to offer Communion once more to the housebound who ordinarily received it. If you are housebound and feel—perhaps after chatting to your family—that you are ready to receive Communion at home again, please contact Fr Stephen. He can of course offer confession and the sacrament of the sick. It is only sensible that basic precautions should remain in place. Vaccination, sanitiser, ventilation, distance and a face covering keep us safe and Fr Stephen is anxious that everyone is as safe as possible. You may or may not feel the time is right: that is entirely up to you. In due course, once we have received guidance and everyone feels safe enough, the ministry of lay extraordinary ministers can resume.

READERS AT MASS, AND MORE..?

We are working towards having readers return to Mass. Kris Pears, who co-ordinates the readers'

FINANCE... Main Collections and donations: Main 2/5 = £434.45 & 9/5 = £331.00
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

NOW, the Church is waiting. Rejoicing at the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord and the great hope of eternal life these hold out, the Apostles wait in prayer for the promised Holy Spirit. Soon, in fulfilment of Christ's promise, they are to be empowered to take the message and teaching of Christ out into the world. Soon, therefore, the Holy Spirit is to burst into their lives that they may give glory to Christ and witness to His name. As the overshadowing of Mary by the Holy Spirit meant the gift of the Word made flesh to the world, so the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost gives the Apostles power to preach the Word to the world. May the Spirit burst into our lives too. May we witness to the joy of the Gospel of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus. And may the Holy Spirit lead all Christians into the unity of the single Truth that is the Gospel of Christ, that the Word may be heard and the world may believe.

rota, will be in contact. Thank you to our readers Please feel under no obligation to read: the decision is yours of course. We are thinking about the gradual return of servers too although this is a little more complex. Musicians are awaiting the freedom to lead us all in singing once more.

SUNDAY 6PM MASS

Through no deliberate decision, but rather a series of Covid-related events, it is unlikely that this will return. You might remember that when we appealed for volunteers for the return of public Mass only one out of the 30 volunteered for Sunday at 6pm. It was thus impossible to bring it back then. Many volunteers were prepared to help with a Saturday vigil Mass, and so that came into being. Six months later, Fr Stephen was asked to become parish priest at St Joseph the Worker, which had almost identical Mass times to St Thomas More. St Joseph's moved its 9am to 10.45am. It would be hard to ask them to move their 5pm too. At the moment, however, there are not enough volunteers there to make a Sunday evening Mass possible either.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Maiden, yet a Mother, daughter of thy Son,
High above all other, lowlier is none;
Thou the consummation planned by God's
decree,
When our lost creation nobler rose in thee!

COMING TO MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC STILL MEANS

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

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.

← **Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart!** →



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

OPENING THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM..?

The MRR was successfully used by the council for the 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, as restrictions ease.

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

Q. What do you call a dinosaur who's crashed his car? **Ans.** Tyrannosaurus wrecks...!



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: Martin Ward, James Fawcett, Hazel James, Luke Jackson, Michael Morley, Mary Bowen, May Lamb, John Chambers, Christina Hannon, Paul Carr, Mary Neal, James Phee, Ann Lovelock *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
- Peace and justice between Israel and Gaza
- 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 GUIDELINES

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 the Covid capacity of the building, 60 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.

Pray for the end of the Pandemic