

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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23rd May 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

PENTECOST

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. | Saverio Berlen (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 23rd PENTECOST | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Rosemary Hassman RIP |
| Monday 24th <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> | Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition | 9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. | Mr Daly (Sick) |
| Tuesday 25th <i>St Bede</i> | Mass (Livestream) at SJW | 10.00 a.m. | ~ |
| Wednesday 26th <i>St Philip Neri</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Theresa Baldwin (RIP) |
| Thursday 27th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Priest</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Alfred Brennan (RIP) |
| Friday 28th <i>Feria</i> | Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition Wedding Service | 9.00 a.m. 12 noon | Luke Robinson (Anniv) / Anna Atkins and family Christopher & Charlotte |
| Saturday 29th <i>Solemnity of Dedication</i> | Mass (Livestream) | 9.00 a.m. | Maud Maher (RIP) |
| | Confession Public Vigil Mass | 4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m. | Brian Jordan (RIP) |
| SUNDAY 30th THE HOLY TRINITY | Public Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Intentions of Langford Family |

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COME HOLY SPRIT, OUR HEARTS INSPIRE!

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

← Pray safe, stay safe... *Be at least 1 metre apart!* →

COVID LATEST: BISHOPS' GUIDELINES FOR ENGLAND & WALES IN CHURCH IT'S STILL COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER MOUTH & NOSE, SANITISE AND BE SOCIALLY DISTANT, AND USE 'TRACK AND TRACE'

The Bishops have now issued guidance for the specific issues faced by churches. Although restrictions are still in place, we may make these positive changes

- Our social distance is now 1 metre plus (as it was originally when we first reopened). Three people may now sit on the short pews and four on the long.
- Stewards do not need to show you to your place: please maintain distance of more than 1 metre (a yard) from those not in your household. Stewards will still direct Communion.
- Bidding prayers are now permitted
- *The Body of Christ* and *Amen* may now be said individually at Holy Communion
- Votive candles may be lit (to prevent crowding, the stands have been moved as you can see)
- At funerals, holy water, pall and the Christian symbols may again be used on the coffin. Total numbers allowed to attend is the Covid capacity of the building, which, with our reduced social distance, is now 84.
- Confession may return to well-ventilated confessionals (ours are, they have fans). From next week Confession before the Saturday 5pm Mass

THESE CHANGES ARE A STEP FORWARD and are a consequence of the reduced levels of infection in society. This has happened only because of vaccination and the following of previous guidelines. The pandemic is not over yet: pray that the good news continues and that it will be soon.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS. Cleaning and stewarding have to continue. 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

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Communion may now be brought to the housebound routinely as before. Ventilation, sanitiser, face coverings and distance are still strongly recommended. **Please contact Fr Stephen** by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. He is trying to make contact with all home communicants with this news, but *please don't hesitate to be in touch*. The lists may be out of date.

COVID & MUSIC AT MASS

Congregational singing is still not allowed and

other singing only if it is 'essential'. We await further developments which we hope will be made clear in preparation for the final stage on the ending of restrictions on 21 June. In the meanwhile, Steve and Debbie are planning some online warming up. Watch this space...

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

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

- **HOLY TRINITY:** we celebrate the mystery at the heart of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Church Flowers

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 have boards in church, will be keeping us informed of renewed activity in due course.

FINANCE: Main £394.00 Catholic Communications £118.50

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

Like the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost means that nothing will be the same again. Not only has God in Jesus shown His love by dying for us, shown us eternal life by rising again and offered us a place in heaven by going back there Himself in His human flesh, but today He does even more. He pours out the gifts of the Spirit on his Church so that it has the power and abilities it needs to make Him known to all the world, to know and love him and to serve the needs of all mankind. The Spirit breaks down barriers—whether that is the confusion of language, the distance between sinful humans and perfect God, our own reluctance to witness to the Gospel, or the barriers put up by much else besides. God has called us, marked us and equipped us with the Holy Spirit. Now we have to respond!



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 closely.

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.

The final Easter laughter...
Risus Paschalis... I say, I say, I say

Q. What do you call a psychic midget who's escaped from prison?

Ans. A small medium at large..!
Boom, boom!



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 more than 1 metre 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.

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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

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on His promised word:
From on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being, manifest through wind and flame.

AVE MARIA

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Lynsey Moore, 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. **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: Maureen McCormack, Michael Kitson, Mary Harris, Clifford Jones, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan, Thomas Bailey, Luke Robinson, John Swales **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 1 metre 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. Maximum of 30.

CONFESSION

Confession *is* available if socially distanced or outside. From Saturday 29 May it is available before 5pm Mass

FUNERALS

As well as the conditions given above, currently **no more than the Covid capacity of the building, 84 people**, may be present.

MASS

It remains vital that public Masses are celebrated with **everyone** obeying the guidelines of

Sanitising hands

Covering mouth AND nose

Keeping distance—at least 1 metre

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and to wider society.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Holy Communion can be brought to the housebound. 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