

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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13th June 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13th ELEVENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Almari O'Shea (RIP)
Monday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Caroline Fitzpatrick & Donor's Intentions
Tuesday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Anne Kenny (Sick)
Thursday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Kitty Roberts (RIP)
Friday 18th <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Half an hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Vanessa Cox (RIP) / Jeanne Gould (RIP)
Saturday 19th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Terry Brooks (20th Anniv)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	June Jenson (RIP)
SUNDAY 20th TWELFTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Zafiri Karveli (Anniv)

JUNE—MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

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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'

- Our **social distance** is now **1 metre plus**. **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)
- **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). There is now Confession before the Saturday 5pm Mass **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.

THIS WEEKEND

- **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
PASTORAL LETTER This weekend we will hear **Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter**, introducing the **Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan**. There will be changes to the structures, institutions and agencies of the Archdiocese over the next few years. These changes are not yet decided. This has to happen in response to changing patterns of population, the reduction in the number of priests and the decrease in Mass attendance. For example, the number of parishes, churches and schools has remained

unchanged in Coventry for decades. And yet the numbers of priests and Catholic lay people have much reduced. In 1970 there were 20 curates in the city—more than the total number of priests today, only one of whom is a curate! A process of consultation will begin this year, made particularly appropriate by Pope Francis's recent call for the next full Synod of Bishops in Rome to have been informed by local, national and continental Synods. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass. It is up to us all make this time of challenge an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work creatively in this diocese, to best serve God and neighbour.

• 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

- **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. **Thank you to all those who have given and arranged flowers!**

TUESDAY

DIGITAL JAM'N'CAKE Debbie, Steve and our 9am Mass musicians are getting ready for the return of music to worship and are keen to encourage us. **Tuesday at 7.30pm** they will be leading singing **over the internet via the parish webcam**, beaming it all straight to your home. Please join in at home to warm up for singing at the 9am Mass in due course. **This event had to be postponed from last week—sorry.**

WEDNESDAY

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP will meet on **Weds 16th June at 8pm on Zoom**. Please email stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com for Zoom details if you would like to take part. The group's activities include LiveSimply, CAFOD, Fairtrade and cards for prisoners of conscience.

THURSDAY

THE POPE'S NEW BOOK 'LET US DREAM'

A Zoom discussion group led by Fr Peter and Fr Stephen, to which all parishioners from STM and SJW are invited, will be held on **Thursdays 17, 24 June and 1 July** at 7pm for about 45 minutes. Please email stmcov@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

NEXT WEEKEND

TWELFTH SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: Day for Life

FINANCE: Main Collection: £1165.45 (2 weeks)

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 recurring theme in this week's readings is trees. God, in the reading from Ezekiel, speaks of His power and might through the idea of causing new trees to grow from old, the diseased to be healed and the luscious to become dried up. Jesus's parable is a much more famous passage. God's kingdom can be compared to a growing seed: how it grows, how fast it grows and what it grows into we cannot control, or understand, but grow it does. Jesus underlines the silent power of God here. His kingdom cannot be thwarted. Yes, the sinfulness of those both inside and outside the Church can be a real obstacle to its growth. Persecution can do much to harm it. But, regardless, with the slow but sure growth that Jesus compares to a seed, grow and survive it does. How can it be otherwise, for as Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come..."?



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.

PARISH LIVESTREAM: MINOR CHANGE
 MCN media have now redesigned their web pages and online facilities. The old web link will take you to their website but to go **directly** to our camera please now use <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-thomas-more-church-coventry>

ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY 22 JUNE
 Even if the pandemic restrictions are not relaxed further, it will still be possible for us to have a simple **Bring Your Own Picnic** celebration after the evening Mass. We should be able to use chairs from the MRR and have a toilet available. It would be good to make this first step towards a social event. Simple and modest it may be, but it will be the first social since March 2020 We begin early for those of you interested in the football.

ST OSBURG'S EMERGENCY APPEAL
 St Osburg's church is in great need of repairing the church guttering. The parish—the mother church of Coventry—is appealing for any help, great or small. Cheques may be made payable to 'St Osburg's Church' and donations sent direct or via Fr Stephen.

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.

THANK YOU!
 How come parishioners know my secrets?! I had a birthday last week, reaching a particular milestone. Thank you for your kindnesses in greetings, cards and gifts. God bless *Fr Stephen*

← **Be at least 1 metre apart** →

THE ANGELUS
WE OFFER THIS FOR VOCATIONS
 The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...
 Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Hail Mary...
 And the Word was made Flesh:
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...
 Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
 Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART
O Sacred Heart! Our home lies deep in Thee;
on earth Thou art an exile's rest,
in heave'n the glory of the blest,
O Sacred Heart!

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Martin Smith, Ian Rogers, Peter Carvell, Lynsey Moore, 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: Bernadette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns
ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Anderson, Violet Norris, Elizabeth Garry, James Casey, Terrence Brooks, Edward Prior, Katherine Nerney, Herbert Vincent, Elizabeth Walls, Brian Donovan, Michael Ryan *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.
- Our leaders making difficult decisions about lockdown and for scientists advising them
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The leaders of the G7

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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 should 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