

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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4th July 2021 *The Year of St Joseph* FOURTEENTH 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.	Quiana (Birthday)
SUNDAY 4th FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ursula Pearson RIP
Monday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Johanna Thomas RIP
Tuesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Charles Berry RIP
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Confirmation Mass <i>Family & sponsors only</i> (Livestream)	7.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
Friday 9th <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong & comps</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Half an hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Saturday 10th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Winnie O'Dermott RIP
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Tommie McGovern RIP
SUNDAY 11th FIFTEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Jane Harrington

JULY—MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

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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'

PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU SIT TO MAXIMISE AVAILABLE SEATS

- **THREE DISTANCED PEOPLE ON A SHORT PEW** By the walls
- **FOUR DISTANCED PEOPLE ON A LONG PEW** in the centre
- **DO NOT SIT ON THE END OF A PEW IF THERE IS SPACE IN ITS CENTRE** Otherwise you block anyone else using it because they mustn't get closer to you than 1m. One metre is a yard or three and a half times the width of this sheet.
- **TRACK & TRACE SAVE TIME** by either bringing a slip of paper with you with your name and phone number on it to leave in the box at the door OR use your smartphone to read the venue code on the door.
- **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.
- Do **NOT** sit at the end of a pew if there's space in the middle—you block others from using the seating space.
- **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.

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 communi-

cants with this news, but *please don't hesitate to be in touch*. The lists may be out of date.

THIS WEEKEND

- **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Fund
- **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>
- **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 Saturday night & 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 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!**

NEXT WEEKEND

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION: Apostleship of the Sea COMING SOON CONFIRMATION MASS

Please pray for the children in Yr6 of the school preparing for their Confirmation on this Thursday 8 July. Priority has to be given to close family members and sponsors, so this cannot, under Covid restrictions, be a public Mass. We all wish so very much that this did not have to be. But the power of the Holy Spirit cannot be restricted!

CHURCH CLEANING SESSION

Saturday 17 July at 10am. Dusters and Mr Sheen, mops and buckets provided. Or bring your own favourite from home bring a thermos too.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

The parish is now using the diocesan email system as we are required to do. Messages sent to the old address are forwarded for the time being, so no messages will be lost. The new address is stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk please update records.

COVENTRY FOOD BANK—NEWS

A small group of parishioners saw at first hand the wonderful work of Coventry Food Bank when they visited last week. The Justice & Peace Group is considering how we might help. The Foodbank operates of a warehouse called the Halo Centre, working closely with Hope Coventry. For more information use the link coventry.foodbank.org.uk

FINANCE: Main Collection: £478.50 Peter's Pence: £137.50

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

'HE CAME TO HIS OWN domain and his own people did not accept him". These words from the very start of John's

Gospel must have been written with incidents in mind such as Mark describes in his gospel today. Jesus visits His home town, and, as He always did throughout His ministry, taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But his hearers are blinded, as it were, by their familiarity with Him. This is a carpenter! We know His family, their background, their characters. We've walked the same streets, bought and sold in the same market... For them, Jesus is nothing new. Even though His teaching and His miracles are, they cannot see beyond what they already know about Him. And so, lacking faith in the true Jesus, they see few miracles. We need to be surprised by the wonder of who Jesus is and let Him thus work wonders among us. There should be no familiarity, no ready made assumptions about what Jesus wants to reveal to us and where He wants to lead us. Jesus has the answers, not us!

There is a video here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-uaqBEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing> If you read this online, the blue links will take you directly to the websites.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Both events have now taken place. Please pray for the children and their families at this joyful time, but a time still under Covid restrictions. The love and grace of God cannot be restricted!

THE FUTURE POST-PANDEMIC...?

There is truly a lot for us to be pondering and praying about as a parish now. All being well, in three weeks' time we shall be celebrating Mass largely free of restrictions. It is very, very unlikely, however, that everything will suddenly snap back to how it was. How quickly are you planning to return to Mass if you haven't yet? Are you able and willing to take up any responsibility or ministry that you had? Or indeed, take up a new one? We shall, like every parish, have to grow back into our post-pandemic 'normal' and we cannot know for certain just yet what that will be. Next, we need to set this in the context of unfolding God's plan for the diocese, of working to create missionary disciples. What hinders and what helps us to do that? As some of the resources of the diocese are stretched and their deployment is reconsidered, what might that mean? This all

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? COVENTRY FOODBANK

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 <https://carriersofhope.org.uk/support-us/> to see the ways in which we may help refugees and others in need during this time of pandemic.

← **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.

coincides with Pope Francis's call for diocesan synods to take place world-wide and the four topics we need to consider as outlined by the Archbishop, that the Holy Spirit may lead us forward. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our parishes, our diocese and the Church. There is so much opportunity for positive change, if we let Him guide us. Today's Gospel sees Jesus doubted by those in His hometown, familiar with His youth. May we never find ourselves resisting the challenges God gives to us, for in meeting them we advance in the way that can only bring us closer to Him. **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!**

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: Stephen Connolly, Victor Brown, Pauline McCormick, Elizabeth McCarthy, Winifred Adams, Lilian 'Marg' Stubbs, Eleanor Cox, Julie O'Sullivan, Maureen Davison, Dr Desmond Atherton, Evelyn Hemming *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.
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The lonely and the isolated
- The children who are to be confirmed this week

FACEBOOK & TWITTER @StThosMore

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 up to a maximum of 30, as well the conditions described above.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be celebrated with strict the conditions described above up to the Covid capacity of the church which is 84.

CONFESSION

Confession *is* available if socially distanced or outside. It is available before 5pm Mass but always also by appointment if you'd prefer.

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***