

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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18th July 2021 *The Year of St Joseph* SIXTEENTH 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.	Fr Michael Gamble
SUNDAY 18th SIXTEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Rev Pat Jeary (B'day)
Monday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass Holy Hour	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Walsh Family, past & present
Tuesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 21st <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass: <i>Yr 6 present from the parish school</i>	9.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for the school year
Thursday 22nd St Mary Magdalene	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Sharron Miles (RIP)
Friday 23rd St Bridget	Public Mass	9.00 a.m..	Harry Mellon (RIP)
Saturday 24th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Michael Brooks (60th Anniv) / Mary Doran (RIP)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Michael McCarthy (RIP)
SUNDAY 25th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Jim Fulton (7th Anniv)

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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:

RESTRICTIONS FROM TOMORROW

The guidance from the Bishops has been made public. It is no surprise that it fully echoes the Government's call for caution and the scientific community's warning that the pandemic is not yet over. The Bishops write -

It is important to reiterate that... the general principles of continuing to create a safe environment in places of worship and their ancillary buildings are not abandoned.

It is therefore strongly recommended by the Bishops (listening to healthcare professionals and the Government) that **we continue to -**

- **Use face coverings**
- **Use hand sanitiser**
- **Ventilate the church building**
- **Use Track & Trace and stay distant**
- **Clean the church after weekend Masses**
- **Keep the existing unused pews to help with social distancing and cleaning** (Of course, if congregations get bigger, this will be reconsidered)

There is, therefore, very little that we should be changing in our routines to minimise Covid risk. Relaxing rules may be *legal* but not necessarily *safe* or *moral*. All of us would love to give up on Covid and the restrictions, but that is simply not sensible yet. All of us still have a duty to consider the health of others.

The Bishops furthermore recommend that changes to routines are made *slowly*— getting back to normal is a *process* and *not* a sudden event. So what will change first?

Gradually, according to the numbers of volunteers servers, music and tea and coffee will reappear. Congregational singing is not recommended yet.

From **Mon 19 July weekday public Masses** will resume. These will continue in the main church for the time being so that Masses may be shared with our online congregation and, with all that space, allow people to be as distanced as they wish. The weekday routine may vary a bit as we consider different possibilities.

On **Sunday 25 July, tea and coffee** will— *we hope*— be available after the 9.00am Mass.

Please remember that 'normality' will be difficult to reach until we have 'normal' numbers back at Masses. At present, something like only a third of pre-Covid attendance is happening. The summer holiday season is about to start. It would be unreasonable to expect all parish groups, events and societies to be as normal while so many people are absent. But if any group wants to re-establish itself, then please tell Fr Stephen and we can do our best to make that happen safely. Just because something isn't re-established soon

does **NOT** mean that it won't reappear later! First, there has to be both demand for something and volunteers to do it.

All of what we are doing will be under constant review: we simply don't know enough details about the future to map everything out precisely.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP

To help with establishing what is possible and when, a questionnaire has been circulated asking if people would soon like to resume the roles they had, or if they'd like to wait a bit. It also asks if anyone would like to take on something new. We start by circulating this in church because, obviously, those of you who come to Mass are prepared to be out and about, mixing with people. No one should feel any pressure whatever to make a commitment to doing something they'd rather not. Not every event or group is included on the questionnaire—for example, children's liturgy; this doesn't meet over the summer anyway, we don't have many children attending at present and so can be considered after the summer holidays.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS. Cleaning and stewarding have to continue. Please *don't forget* that they have kept us open! Please volunteer to join the team if you can. We'd hoped this could stop, but it has been a truly great example of parish commitment. The welcome provided has been brilliant too!

THE PIETY STALL

It is very hard to see how this can be opened safely just yet, in accordance with the Bishops' guidelines. It has no ventilation and is very cramped. For the time being, please see Fr Stephen if you need anything from it but please don't expect the full shopping experience! Like everything else, this will be kept under review.

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

- **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
- **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 enve-**

FINANCE: Main Collection: £471.00 Apostleship of the Sea: £136.50

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

JESUS is always moved by the needs of those who come to Him. Today, a vast crowd comes to see and hear Him. He has in fact gone off for what we might call today a retreat. But they will not leave Him alone. So, He teaches them. He doesn't send them away. He doesn't entertain them. They have come because of Him. We can easily forget that Jesus spent more time teaching than doing anything else. He teaches about God the Father, the Spirit, how to reach heaven, how to live as God wants, how to treat each other, how to pray...and so much else. Teaching in the Church today is so important. This is how the faith is handed on: not by 'lessons' as such, but by parents telling children, the quiet faithfulness of grandparents, the lives of the saints, the examples of ordinary Christians. We teach by our way of living, our attitudes and showing what's important to us. As Christians we are called to be like Christ, so we are called therefore to be teachers. We cannot hope to pass on the faith very effectively if we're not!

lopes 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

- **WEEK DAY MASSES** are now all public and said in the main church. To help with cleaning, only a certain number of pews will be available, but plenty to maintain any safe and comfortable social distancing you may need.
- **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP.** There will be a meeting of this parish group on **Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 8pm** on Zoom. Please email stm.iandpgroup@gmail.com to receive Zoom details if you would like to take part. The group's activities include LiveSimply, CAFOD, Fairtrade and cards for prisoners of conscience.
- **LIFE ON THE BREADLINE** this Photographic Exhibition is a challenging new free exhibition being shown in Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral till 28th July 2021. It features photographs from our Life on the Breadline grassroots case studies in three cities which challenge the way we think about people's experience of poverty in the UK and how Christians have responded to poverty during the 'age of austerity'. The photographs have been taken by the research team and by local residents, volunteers, and staff at the six case study projects. <https://breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk/events/photographic-exhibition/>

- **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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time, yr B. The availability of tea and coffee after Mass will be confirmed later.

NEWS THANK YOU

To the twenty or so volunteers who on Saturday morning gave the church a thorough clean. There's a little bit of sparkle back now! If anyone can volunteer to be part of a regular team, please indicate that on the parish questionnaire.

COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, click coventry.foodbank.org.uk There is a video here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-uagbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing> If you read this online, the blue links will take you directly to the websites.

← Be at least 1 metre apart →

COMING TO MASS STILL MEANS...

HANDS SANITISE HANDS
on entry and exit

FACE PLEASE 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

TRACK & TRACE paper or phone

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.

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

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 Cullinan, 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: Bernardette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Davis, Fr Liam O'Connor, Albert Bateman, Mary Wheatley, Nora Nolan, Bernard Swinden, Elizabeth Lenton, Ann Donoghue, Henryk Cerowski, Donna Lewis, Margaret Hinch, Maurice Cunningham, Lawrence O'Rourke, Mary Harshaw, Joan Flynn, Joan Imojah ***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 safe coming out of lockdown
- Peace in the world
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The lonely and the isolated

GET THE MASS 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

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!***

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk. Everyone who enters is asked **sanitise hands, wear a face covering and respect distance. Track & Trace details should be given** or the NHS smartphone app used

BAPTISMS

Baptism may be celebrated, please with precautions above. Please see one of the clergy after a weekend Mass.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be celebrated with the conditions described above. Please make an appointment with Fr Stephen: six months notice is best.

CONFESSION

It is available before 5pm Mass but always also by appointment if you'd prefer.

FUNERALS

Funerals may be celebrated, but please with the precautions above.

MASS

The Bishops, in line with guidance from the Government and scientists ask that we continue to

Sanitise hands

Cover mouth *AND* nose

Keep a distance—at least 1 metre

Use Track & Trace

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. ***Please contact Fr Stephen.***

***Pray for the end of the
Pandemic***

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on social media***

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