

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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1st August 2021 *The Year of St Joseph* EIGHTEENTH 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 1st Aug EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Lisa Horton (Sick)
Monday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	No Mass Holy Hour of Exposition	6.30pm	~
Tuesday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 4th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Thursday 5th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 6th <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Paul Wright (40th Anniv)
SUNDAY 8th NINETEENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Theo Ward-Wright

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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 NOW

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)

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 news about Covid seems to be encouraging but it eeds to stay that way for a few weeks yet before we may be certain.

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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE IF YOU CAN HELP

Thanks to those who have! Offers will be co-ordinated once August is over. There have been very many positive and helpful comments and suggestions. 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.

Once the summer holidays are over, and the Covid news is clearer we shall move forward bit by bit. We are happy to try to facilitate the return of parish groups as soon as members are ready.

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's been a truly great example of parish commitment and of giving a warm welcome.
Thank you!

FINANCE: Main Collection: 18th and 25th July (2 weeks) £682.00

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 PIETY STALL

It is very hard to see how this can be opened safely just yet. Like everything else, this will be kept under review. Once we have volunteers *and* can open safely be assured that it will return.

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

- **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
- **TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9AM MASS.** The availability of tea and coffee after Mass will be confirmed. To be at our safest, we can accommodate no more than 25 people in the MRR at socially distanced tables. You are welcome go outside if dry. We shall be keeping the way in which we queue and serve under review according to demand and Covid circumstances.
- **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

- **THERE ARE CHANGES** to the usual routine this week. See front page.

NEXT WEEKEND

NINETEENTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time, yr B. COMING SOON

Once the holiday season is over, our **9am musicians** are working to bring music back to the Mass. There will be occasional 'tasters' before that, holiday commitments permitting.

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 15 AUGUST

The great summer celebration of Our Lady's place in heaven falls on a Sunday this year. This great feast speaks to us of so many things to celebrate—Our Lady herself of course, but also motherhood, the Incarnation and the hope of heaven that God our Father extends to all who would follow His Son. None followed better than Mary!

NEWS

NEW EPISCOPAL VICAR

Bishop Kenny, our area Bishop, retired earlier this year. The process of replacing Bishops can be a long one, so in the meanwhile Archbishop Bernard



The Sunday Readings
IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus makes a great promise to us. The crowds have seen the great miracle of Jesus feeding the them with just a few loaves and fishes. They want to see more, but can not begin to guess how much more Jesus has to give them. They want to know how to work for God, and Jesus tells them to do that is to believe in Him whom He has sent. So, they wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that He is the one they should believe in. God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. That was a sign to be believed in. So Jesus promises yet more, that He Himself is the Bread of Life, that He is all the food we need to travel not though the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. He calls us to focus on Him, to enjoy a life-giving relationship with Him who is the Bread of Life.

has appointed Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, parish priest of Henley-on-Thames, as his Episcopal Vicar for Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry.

DID YOU SEE CLIVE & STELLA ON TV?
 If you missed our very own Clive and Stella on Songs of Praise last Sunday, you may 'catch up' on the BBC iPlayer online. They and their family talked about faith, loss and the Andrew Robinson young People's Trust very well indeed. It's well worth a look.

VIEWING FIGURES FOR THE WEBCAM
 The new webcam website lets us see viewing figures and which countries viewers come from. During the week of 17-24 May, **833** computers, smartphones and tablets connected to the parish webcam (more than one viewer may be watching over the same computer, of course), **425** viewing on Saturday and Sunday Viewers came from not only the UK, but also Ireland, Singapore, Poland, Norway, the US, Canada, Greece and Australia. We pray for our congregation beyond the church walls, and, of course, *with* them at every Mass.

THE ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT) STM FOOTBALL TEAM
ARYPT STM FC are recruiting new players for our senior football team. We play in the Coventry & District Church Football League and train every week on Whitley Common. Applicants must be 16 or older to join our young and enthusiastic team, so if you or any member of your family are interested please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715 394428. I look forward to hearing from you.
Beatrice Upham, Chairman ARYPT STM FC

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-uaqbEr4wGln3SIWk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing> If you read this online, the blue links will take you directly to the websites.

THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE
 Once the summer is over we should be hearing more about this and will find out how to be involved. Keep up to date with what's happening on the diocesan website. Everyone will be invited to contribute to discerning the vision. Click [here](#)

YOUNG CHRISTIAN CLIMATE NETWORK
 The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) has begun a relay pilgrimage from the G7 summit in St Ives to Glasgow, where world leaders will meet in November for important climate negotiations at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). The YCCN Relay arrives in Coventry on Saturday 21st August. To sign up for any offer of support, please visit the website, where details of the route can also be found. Click this link <https://www.yccn.uk>

PLEASE... 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

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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.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maura Bibby, 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: Fr John Burns, George Wooltorton, Bernardette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES: Hilda Waters, John Parsons, Anthony McCabe, Joseph Meehan, Beryl Gill, Maria Watson, John Reddan, David Gormal, Thomas Clinton, Veronica Stevens, Anne Chandley, Evelyn Cassidy, Joseph Doherty, Paul Wright, Winifred Ansell, Kathleen McSweeney, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufoy, Donald Rushworth *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
- 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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