

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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8th August 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time

Readings Year B DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	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
Monday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>	No Mass	~	~
Tuesday 10th <i>St Lawrence</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 11th <i>St Clare</i>	Mass at SJW click	~	~
Thursday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW click	~	~
Friday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Jim Jackson (Mem Mass)
Saturday 14th <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Connolly (Sick)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Tom Bennett (RIP)
SUNDAY 15th ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Sheila & Brian Ashurst

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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 GUIDELINES

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.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE IF YOU CAN HELP

Thanks to those who have! Offers will be coordinated 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

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

- **NINETEENTH 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.

- **THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME FR PETER CONLEY** who will celebrate the Sunday Masses (Vigil and morning). Fr Peter is the assistant priest at St Joseph the Worker and the assistant chaplain at Warwick University. He is known to many of you.

THIS WEEK

- **WEEK DAY MASSES** are now all public and said in the main church. There are no stewards at weekday Masses now: we trust you to keep to Covid guidelines!

NEXT WEEKEND

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

THE ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT) ST THOMAS MORE FOOTBALL TEAM

ARYPT STM FC are recruiting new players for our senior football team. We play in the Coventry and District Church Football League and train every week on Whitley Common.

Applicants must be 16 years of age or over to join our young and enthusiastic team, so if you or any member of your family are interested please do

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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

ELIJAH is dejected and depressed: nothing has gone right and he feels he might as well give up. Give up life, even. God has other plans for His chosen prophet, however.

God provides food to give Elijah strength and courage, so that the journey might not be too long for him. Jesus, God the Son, does the same for us. He bids us eat and drink the Bread of life, to be refreshed by the living bread which is of course Himself. Our journey to the House of the Father is one marked by human sins, failures, false starts and foolish detours. Yet we are called by the Father to make that journey and lest it become too long for us, Jesus Himself provides us with food for that journey: His Word and His very Self—the Bread of Life, His flesh given in the form of bread. Not only is Jesus our Guide and our Leader, our inspiration and our companion but He is also our sustenance. How very much therefore, does He wish us to reach His Father's house, and it is Our Lady's arrival there that we celebrate on the Assumption. As one who lived in perfect accord with God's will, it is surely right that she should reach heaven without sharing in the consequences of sin. After all, as His Mother, it is she who began a relationship with Her Saviour before He was even born.

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](https://www.foodbank.org.uk) 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.

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>

FROM POPE FRANCIS

'A danger, which is always lurking for us... letting ourselves get caught up in the frenzy of doing, falling into the trap of activism, where the most important thing is the results we obtain and feeling that we are the absolute protagonists. How often this happens in the Church too: we are busy, we rush, we think that everything depends on us and, in the end, we risk neglecting Jesus'.
Pope Francis 18 July 2021

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

LORD, SLOW ME DOWN: allow me to notice you in your creation and in the people that I meet. Help me to remember that rest is part of your plan for all people and that nothing lasting is created without wisdom, patience and time. Keep me from hurrying past what matters and do not let me be so busy that I use your gift of time without remembering you who gave it to me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

← 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.

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 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: Fr John Burns, George Wooltorton, Bernardette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES: Brigid Goollogly, James McCarron, Donald Holyland, Rita Bloxham, Agnes Davies, Maurice O'Donoghue, Roger Murray, Georgina Taylor, James Walsh, John O'Kane, Gerald Clark, Michael Hammond, James Jackson, Arthur Thornhill, Norah Addison, Philip Fitzpatrick, Catherine Hawthorne, Patricia Daines, Helen Wright, Peter Travers *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

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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