

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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15th August 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Readings Year B The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	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
Monday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Walter & Rose Roach RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Cooney RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Trevor Dixon RIP (2nd Anniv)
Friday 20th <i>St Bernard</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Caroline Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Saturday 21st <i>St Pius X</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Betty Commins RIP
SUNDAY 22nd TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Kendall RIP

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IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED THIS SHEET IN CHURCH, PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU!

← 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** -

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

All of us would love to give up on Covid and the restrictions, but that is simply not sensible yet.

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

Thanks to those of you who have completed a questionnaire. Offers of help will be co-ordinated once August is over. There have been very many positive and helpful comments and suggestions. 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.

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

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!

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 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY of the Year, year B

NEWS

ELLIE & JOSEPH—CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for Ellie and Joe who were married here on Saturday. May God bless them in their married life.

THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

The room is open only for tea and coffee after the 9am Mass. The guidelines for the use of halls are very prescriptive with serious responsibilities on both the parish **and** any group who hires the room. We are looking at how we can meet these.

NEW PARISH PRIEST AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Fr Stephen Fawcett is now parish priest of Corpus Christi and St Anne's, in succession to Fr David Gnosill who has moved to Codsall.

DIOCESAN NOVENA FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI 18-26 August

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

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

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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

TODAY'S GREAT FEAST of Our Lady has a separate Vigil Mass with its own readings. Do take a moment to read the scripture given for both Masses, to deepen your appreciation of Our Lady through Holy Scripture. All the readings speak about the same thing: the uniqueness of Our Lady and her rightful place in heaven.

King David prepares a special place for the Ark of God, the 'box' where God dwelt among His people. The Israelites rejoice. Our Lady was the first dwelling place of God made flesh: we rejoice before her. St Paul speaks of the end of death's sting and victory, because Jesus's resurrection shows that death is not the end. Our Lady's Assumption places her, like Christ, among the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. It is the Christian hope that all God's faithful will also be the fruits of Jesus's resurrection, just like His Blessed Mother. A woman in the crowd shouts at Jesus how happy must be the womb that bore him. True of course, but Jesus replies that happier still are those that hear and keep the word of God. Keeping the word of God is exactly what Mary did. It is her faithfulness to God that makes possible her Mothering of God. In that way, we can all be like Mary—not in our physical mothering of Jesus because that's already been done, but in hearing and keeping of God's word. Through Mary and her faithfulness, God has done wonderful things for her, and, praise God, for us too.

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>

MARCH FOR LIFE ON 4 SEPTEMBER

Fr Stephen Fawcett and Vivien McDonald are going there via National Express coach, leaving Coventry centre bus station at 7.30am and returning on the 5pm coach. It costs £5.80 return. If you would like to travel with them, please buy your ticket from www.nationalexpress.com, and also let Vivien know viv_mcdonald@hotmail.com

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING Thursday 23 Sept.

Guests can attend a talk by Mr Billings, the head, at 6pm or 6.45pm. There will also be the opportunity to tour the school guided by our students. Bishop Ullathorne staff and students look forward to welcoming all who wish to attend.

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 not hesitate to contact me on 07715 394428. I look forward to hearing from you.

Beatrice Upham, Chairman ARYPT STM FC

ANNUAL DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2021

Sat 9 October, 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th, every 5 years, and every year over 60) please email Lianne.Pap.marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet.

You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know!

The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

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-uagbEr4wGin3SIWkk42samskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing>

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

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.

MARY, assumed into heaven at the end of your earthly life, pray for us that as you care for us on earth we may join you to praise God in heaven!

AVE MARIA!



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

ANNIVERSARIES: John Waters, Valerie Johnson, Douglas Moore, Mary Zapaniuk, Margaret Rooney, Elizabeth Storey, Michael O'Sullivan, Nancy Clifford, Winifred Macdonald, Isabella Boyle, Teresa Niro, Trevor Dixon, Rosalind Stretton, Frederick Lee, Henry Cavanagh *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 people of Afghanistan
- The victims of the Plymouth killings, their families and all affected by this tragedy

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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