

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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22nd August 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.	Betty Commins RIP
SUNDAY 22nd TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joseph Kendall RIP
Monday 23rd <i>St John Wall</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Josephine Cottrell RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 24th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Margaret & Michael Higgins RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 26th <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Intentions of Marie Arnold
Friday 27th <i>St Monica</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Dave Laffey RIP / Phil Gibbons RIP
Saturday 28th <i>St Augustine</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	In thanksgiving
SUNDAY 29th TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Jeanne Gould 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!* →

CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES...

For the time being, we are still strongly urged by the Bishops to keep everyone safe and to -

- Use face coverings and 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)

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

FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS:8 NATIONAL AND LOCAL

We pray that the Covid situation continues to improve so that things may continue to 'open up'.

- * **Return of the Sunday Obligation** The Bishops plan to reintroduce the Obligation to be at Sunday Mass on Advent Sunday. This is a big step, but reflects the improving Covid conditions and points us again to the fact that Sunday *is still* the Lord's day, our day, the day of Resurrection, and the Lord calls us to celebrate His love and mercy, and to receive them, at Mass.
- * **Returning to Normal** A very large part of returning to normal is the congregation returning. It cannot be 'normal' without our people at Mass. The church is well ventilated, allows for safe social distancing, has gallons of sanitiser, the loos are open, and there are spare seats at Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am (especially Saturday). Please try a weekday Mass at first—it couldn't be much safer in the main church! Our stewards and cleaners are brilliant.
- * **Music at 9am.** Beginning at the end of this month our musicians will be providing a little music on alternate Sundays. We are not yet at the point of reintroducing congregational singing and do not yet have a date to do so.
- * **Refreshments after Masses** Tea and Coffee after the 9am has returned and there are plans to offer that after the 5pm too in the autumn. Please speak to Janet Ward on 07802413887 if you can help on Saturdays after the Mass.

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY of the Year, year B TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9AM MASS

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

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY of the Year, year B NEWS

CAFOD IS RESPONDING

to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in **Haiti** to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in **Afghanistan**, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, **South Sudan** and north-east **Nigeria**. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

The room is open for tea and coffee after the 9am Mass only, and soon for after the 5pm Mass too. The guidelines for the use of halls are very prescriptive with serious responsibilities on both the parish **and** any group who hires the room.

WEBCAM LIVESTREAMING NUMBERS

Over the last week, 882 devices in seven countries. May God bless our internet congregation!

ANNUAL 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

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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

We live in an age where choice is held in high regard, whether its schools, sexuality, gender, morals, or even choosing our own 'truth', choice is held to be everyone's right. And yet there is of

course a fundamental choice, a choice between choosing right or wrong.

In the first reading, Joshua presents the Israelites with a choice: follow God or don't. They choose to follow God.

Jesus finishes His teaching in today's Gospel about His Flesh and Blood. To accept it or reject it are of course the only choices. And some choose to reject it. But Peter, speaking for the Twelve, can see that in rejecting this He would reject the teaching of God Himself.

To reject some of what Jesus says is to undermine all of it. Being a Christian won't always be easy, but it will always be right. In rejecting the teaching of Jesus, Peter can see that there is no-one else who can take His place. Who else can we turn to except Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

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.*

FIRST FRIDAY NOON MASS

From **Friday 3 September**, we shall return to our former practice of having the **Mass on First Fridays at 12 noon**. It is hoped that this time will be both convenient for many and provide an opportunity for those of you yet to return to Sunday Mass to be at Mass in the safest setting of our big church with a small weekday congregation. After all, we could get 50 people in it with only two on each pew. Massive social distance!

MARCH FOR LIFE ON 4 SEPTEMBER

Fr Stephen Fawcett of Corpus Christi Church and Vivien McDonald are going on the March for Life 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 at viv_mcdonald@hotmail.com

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On 8 September, Our Lady's Birthday, St Joseph's celebrates 40 years of its current building. Under normal circumstances we would of course be encouraging *everyone* to come! But St Joseph's is a small church and has a total capacity in Covid times of just 60 and priority for seats must naturally be given to St Joseph's parishioners. Please pray for our partner parish that day but please do not expect to be able to get into the church to do that! Pray from home, but do please pray! We

shall be **looking at developing our partnership over the autumn** as—we hope—Covid declines.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING Thursday 23 Sept.

Guests can attend a talk by Mr Billings, the Head, at 6pm or at 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 & 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 and to register a place at Mass.

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!

Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st Oct.

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-uagbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sqmskz6-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. Much of the shaping of the vision is driven by the need to replace some of the work done by a diminishing number of priests by lay people assuming the administration of parishes themselves. The clergy are meeting in three groups across the diocese this autumn to explore Pope Francis's call for a more synodal Church. 'Synod', from the Greek, originally meant walking together and became used as a name for a meeting where, walking together, Christians discern God's will.

MARIA ASSUMPTA EST!

← Be at least 1 metre apart →

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Ida Meier, Elizabeth Commins, Jack Gaught, Cynthia Phillips, Trevor Gregory, Vincent Swords, Janet McGawley, Thomas Ward, Molly Needham, Joseph Kendall, Tina Lague, Mary Canning, Anthony Dodd, Michael O'Sullivan, Pauline Twigger, Margaret James, Anne Whitters, Mabel Fulham, Eugene Twomey, Michael Kelly *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 and of Haiti
- 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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