

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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29th August 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*  
**TWENTY-SECOND 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 <b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	In thanksgiving
<b>SUNDAY 29th</b> TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Jeanne Gould RIP
Monday 30th <i>(Bank Holiday)</i> <i>St Margaret Clitherow</i>	Public Mass	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Curley Family's Intentions
Tuesday 31st <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW <a href="#">click</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 1st Sept <i>World Day of Prayer for Creation</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Martha & Family
Thursday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 3rd <b>St Gregory the Great</b>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	Edward Spillane RIP
Saturday 4th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mary Kelly RIP
	Confession <b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 5th</b> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Kathleen Budkiewicz RIP

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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...

This parish is following the guidelines of the **Bishops' Conference of England & Wales** which **strongly recommends** that congregations:

- **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 commitment and of giving a warm welcome

### FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS: 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.
- \* **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, enormous church. If many are staying away because they do not feel safe, then it will be hard to relax Covid guidelines any more. People's reactions to the guidelines vary: we must respect those who are still feeling very cautious.
- \* **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 introducing congregational singing.
- \* **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 communicants with this news, but *please don't hesitate to*

*be in touch.* The lists may be out of date.

### JIM CLAYTON RIP

We are saddened by the death of Jim Clayton last Monday, at the age of 91. He had been unwell but things happened quickly. He was anointed and died at home surrounded by members of his family. Please pray for Diane, and for all Jim's family. *May he rest in peace.*

### THIS WEEKEND

#### 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.

### THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY** is the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.**

**FRIDAY First Friday; Mass at 12 noon** followed by half an hour of exposition.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**TWENTY-THIRD 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.

#### CARRIERS OF HOPE

**Carriers of Hope** are responding to the needs of refugees in Coventry—including from Afghanistan. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking [here](#). They have been instrumental in setting up a Coventry clothes bank as needs have risen.

#### THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

The room is open for tea and coffee after the 9am Mass only, and we plan for after the 5pm Mass too. *The room is currently not for hire.*

#### NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Fr Jeremy Howard, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, the diocesan shrine of Our Lady has been appointed the director of the dioc-

**FINANCE: Main Collection:** Total collected for the weeks of 1, 8, 15 & 22 August: £2,359.00

**Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times**  
**In 2020 parish running costs £1316 a week '19 £1571 '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966**



## The Sunday Readings

When Moses returned from the top of the mountain with the Law for God's people, he offered it to them so that they may have the Lord near to them. By keeping this law, they would be wise and holy. But, as time went on, the Law grew, as it were, bloated by the additions and commentary of many other people. Some of it wise, of course, but some of it not. So, when Jesus comes from the Father, we find in Him the living embodiment of all that the Father gives us as the way to return to Him. This means that in wanting to draw near to the Father, we follow not a set of rules but a person—Jesus! There is nothing man made about Him! No-one can add to or take away from Jesus: He is the definitive divine revelation. We are called not to be legalistic about following God, obsessed with rules and regulations, but loving. Loving by following Jesus's example and giving ourselves to a relationship and not to a rule book. A happy marriage or a true friendship doesn't need a book of rules: and the same should be true of those who seek a loving relationship with God.

esan pilgrimage to Lourdes in succession to the late Canon Gerry Breen. It is hoped that the pilgrimage will return next May.

### MARCH FOR LIFE ON 4 SEPTEMBER

**March for Life** is an annual act of witness to the worth and innocence of all unborn children—male and female, healthy or sick, wanted or unwanted. See <https://www.facebook.com/MarchForLifeUK> 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](http://www.nationalexpress.com), and also let Vivien know at [viv\\_mcdonald@hotmail.com](mailto: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 very small church and has a total capacity in Covid times of just 65 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 and we are free to gather. We shall in time be considering one, shared news sheet, a shared website and of course much else.

### CITY OF CULTURE FAITH WEEKEND 10-12 SEPTEMBER

There are various events planned for this weekend in the City of Culture calendar. We are asked

to keep all our churches open on Saturday 11 September. We shall manage this for a time after the morning Mass and before the evening Mass.

### MACMILLAN FUND RAISING DAY THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

10am till late. All welcome at 192 Kenpas Highway. Claire & Mary

### 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 BIG FOOD PACK: 11-17 OCTOBER

32 teams packing 285,000 meals to feed 16,000 children in Zimbabwe. 11-17 October 2021. A team of 10 can pack 5000 meals in two hours. <https://fth.org.uk/big-food-pack/>

To join the parish team or for more information, contact Kevin Duffy [stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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](http://coventry.foodbank.org.uk)

There is a video here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-uaqbEr4wGln3SIWk42sqmskz6-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](http://here).

✠ **MARIA ASSUMPTA EST!** ✠

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### **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:** Jim Clayton, Jill Kelly, Fr John Burns, George Wooltorton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nora Neary, Ken Gamble, Anthony Gill, Frank Craven, Joseph Richards, Robert Harvey, Barbara Rees, Lucy Beale, Sheila Colby, Elizabeth Clark, Carys Evans, Francesco Niro  
*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
- A respect for creation and for its care

### **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

### **WEBCAM LIVESTREAMING NUMBERS**

Over the last week, **892** devices in **eight** countries tuned into the webcam.

*God bless our internet congregation!*

### **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](http://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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