

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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12th SEPTEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EDUCATION SUNDAY 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.	The People of Afghanistan
SUNDAY 12th TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Tony & Sheila Colby RIP (Anniv)
Monday 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Reception into Church	6.00 p.m.	~
Tuesday 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Funeral Mass	12.00 noon	Jim Clayton RIP
Wednesday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Thursday 16th <i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Saturday 18th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Price (RIP) / Trevor Dixon (RIP)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Nora Addison (RIP)
SUNDAY 19th TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Fahy Family (Anniv)

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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

LAST WEEK LOTS AT 9AM MASS

It was encouraging to see so many people at Mass last Sunday morning, reaching our current capacity. If congregations continue to grow we shall of course be reviewing what we do in church. At the moment, all precautions are recommendations rather than legal requirements, so we do have a certain freedom of action while still being sensible. The **single biggest safety factor** is that we are a **large and well ventilated building.**

VENTILATION

It is almost impossible to catch Covid-19 outside in the open air. Scientific advice is clear that ventilation of inside spaces is therefore necessary. It seems therefore, that **church windows and doors should remain open indefinitely.** Please bear this in mind when selecting your autumnal wardrobe!

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B
SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Fund

Today is **EDUCATION SUNDAY** and we are asked to pray for all involved in Catholic education, staff, pupils, students, governors and parents, as well as those who plan and shape Catholic Education in the dioceses and wider Church. We pray of course for our own parish school and all connected with it.

CITY OF CULTURE FAITH EVENT

This weekend is the time of faith based events in the city, when places of worship of all faiths have been marking the weekend. The city centre's Catholic Churches have joined in the special events.

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. Please speak to Janet Ward on 07802413887 if you can help on Saturdays after the 5.00pm Mass.

THIS WEEK

THE FUNERAL OF JIM CLAYTON RIP

Takes place this Tuesday at 12 noon. Please pray for Jim, and for Dianne and all their family.

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPT

Justice & Peace Group meeting at **7.00 p.m.** Email stm.jandpgrp@gmail.com to receive Zoom details if you would like to take part. The group's activities include LiveSimply, CAFOD, Fairtrade and cards for prisoners of conscience.

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B

This is **HOME MISSION SUNDAY** and so the **SECOND COLLECTION** is for Catholic Evangelisation

NEWS

CAFOD IS RESPONDING

to multiple emergencies across the world
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.** We are working first at opening it to parish groups. The guidance is strict and detailed. When it becomes available to parish groups we shall be explaining what this actually means in terms of numbers allowed and cleaning routines needed. **An announcement will be made in due course once the parish has completed the necessary paperwork and had it approved.** It is likely that numbers in the room will be restricted to a maximum of 25 and that windows and doors will

FINANCE: Main Collection: Sundays 29th Aug & 5th Sept: £1118.50

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

THE READING FROM ISAIAH

today is about the one known as the 'suffering servant', a figure of Christ in the pages of the Old Testament. It is easy to see this if we read it and think of Our Lord on His way up Calvary, bearing His cross, the suffering and sins of all the world, and the hatred of so many in the crowd. And so in the Gospel today we hear Jesus talk about just that: that He will have to take up His cross and lay down His life. He does so in response to Peter's answer to His question 'Who do you say I am?'. This is the one question everyone will have to answer in this world or the next. Peter, recognising who Jesus is, cannot believe that He will have to suffer. But having renounced His place in Heaven to come to earth, it is inevitable that Jesus should meet suffering. And what dreadful suffering it will be—the Cross. But what awesome life giving consequence it has!

have to be open, in addition to users cleaning before **AND** after each use.

CLIMATE ACTION MEETING

16 Sept 7pm, an online diocesan Climate Change meeting to work at what we can do to play our parts in halting climate change. See the diocesan website [here](#)

DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

from **22 September** the Charis Diocesan Renewal Group will be leading an online *Life in the Spirit* course. Details of how to be involved are [here](#) on the diocesan website.

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, with guided tours of the school available before and after.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2021

Friday 1 Oct with the annual second collection at the **Sunday Masses on 2/3 Oct**. The theme is the Climate Crisis and helping those whose livelihoods are most threatened by climate change.

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.

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 Duff stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com

SOUL REASON AT 25...

The 9am music group will be celebrating 25 years together at the end of November and plan to mark this important anniversary with former members of the group also present.

ADVENT SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

The Bishops are considering reinstating the Sunday Obligation on this day. See [here](#)

PARISH WALKING GROUP

It has been suggested that we might form a walking group and enjoy weekend walks in company. If you'd like to be part of this, please speak to a member of the Justice & Peace Group or email 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. 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

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-uaqbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing>

THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

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. Please pray for this process.

KATHLEEN NORRIS RIP

Kitty died last weekend, with her family round her, after a time of illness. Please pray for her and for her family.

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Let us honour her by not running from others' sorrows, by putting empathy into action, by praying daily for someone who is suffering



Pray for those in sorrow, O sorrowful Mother!

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: Alice Kenny, Kathleen 'Kitty' Norris, Nuala Scarisbrick, Fr Bengt-Ove Jakobsson CHS, Jim Clayton

ANNIVERSARIES: Mabel Barnacle, Dorothy Redmond, Isabella Quinn, Nora Smethurst, Ruth Waters, Jenny Lavelle, Violet Foulkes, Noel Bryan
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- All involved in Catholic education
- The end of the pandemic and all working for that, and for those affected by it.
- A reverence for God's Word in Scripture
- The people of Afghanistan
- 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 VIEWS Last week **670 devices** from **13 countries** tuned in to St Thomas More.
May 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 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.

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

Ventilate the church well

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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