

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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19th SEPTEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOME MISSION SUNDAY Readings Year B *The church has a hearing loop*



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	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)
Monday 20th <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Margaret Murphy (RIP) (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 21st <i>St Matthew</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 22nd <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Hallinan (RIP)
Thursday 23rd <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kay Farrelly (Sick)
Friday 24th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Deirde Courtney & Family
Saturday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Gerry Campbell
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Oliver Muldoon (RIP)
SUNDAY 26th TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Catherine McKenzie

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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

RESTRICTIONS EASING IN CHURCH

+ Numbers Attending. The **5pm Mass** continues to have plenty of space. The **9am Mass** has been full or almost full a couple of times now.

When this happens next, ribbons will be removed from pews in the centre at the back to allow extra capacity. This is in line with current guidance.

Please maintain sensible spacing however. Ribbons will not be removed from the side aisles yet. The **single biggest safety factor** is that we are a **large and well ventilated** building.

+ Holy Water It is still not advisable to store Holy Water in church for general use and collection **BUT** if you bring your own sealed container of water it can of course be blessed for you.

+ Music and Singing We now have music at alternate Sunday 9am Masses. While congregational singing may take place if people are using face coverings, we need to be sure that people are happy with that before we re-introduce this.

+ Church Opening The main church is open for about half an hour before and after Masses. It may be possible to have the side chapel open during the day again soon, but for private prayer only, due to its small size and lack of open space.

VENTILATION

It is almost impossible to catch Covid-19 outside in the open air. Scientific advice is clear that ventilation of inside spaces is absolutely 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. ***Please contact* Fr Stephen** by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. *Please don't hesitate to be in touch.*

THIS WEEKEND

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B

This is **HOME MISSION SUNDAY** and so the **SECOND COLLECTION** is for Catholic Evangelisation
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 will begin on 2 October

THIS WEEK

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 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.

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B
SECOND COLLECTION: Father Hudson's Care

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**

FINANCE: Main Collection: £323.00 Parish Dev Fund: £140.00 Standing Orders Aug: £1481.33
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 first reading speaks of the suffering of the good, who are made to suffer by the bad.

This should remind us of Jesus and by extension of any good Christian who, in standing up for what is right, is ridiculed or scoffed at. So much of what Christians believe is seen by the world as irrelevant or out of date. Being 'old-fashioned' can hardly be a sin in itself! If chastity, honesty, patience and sacrifice are mocked simply for being behind the times then isn't it the times that are wrong?

In defending what is right, we must never rely on ourselves alone, puff up our own egos and lord it over others. In the Gospel, Jesus does not criticise the ambition to be first, but states what being first means. A servant: trusting, childlike, in the power of God. Children, in their innocence, can teach grown ups many things. They, in their weakness, simplicity and trust show where we must follow if we are to be right in our relationship with God.

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

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2021

Friday 1st Oct with the annual second collection at the **Sunday Masses on 2nd/3rd Oct**. The theme is the Climate Crisis and helping those 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.

SOUL REASON AT 25...

The 9 a.m. 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 28th 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

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 AND POPE FRANCIS'S CALL FOR SYNODS

Pope Francis will launch this process on the week-end of 8/9 October (see www.synod.va). The Archbishop will introduce our part in this global initiative at St Chad's on 17 October (See the Archdiocese of Birmingham website for details). Keep up to date with what's happening on the diocesan website. Click [here](#). Everyone will be invited to contribute to discerning the vision. 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.

DEACON LEO: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that Dcn Leo now has a new email address, following the diocese's introduction of official email addresses for all its clergy and staff. It is now - dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

KATHLEEN NORRIS RIP

Kitty died two weeks ago, with her family round her, after a time of illness. Please pray for her and for her family. Her funeral Mass will be on Friday 1 October.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We hope to have a pilgrimage to England's National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk for a few days in the week beginning 22 Nov. Our Lady appeared here in 1061 and the shrine was of international importance until destroyed by King Henry VIII. Catholic devotion persevered and by 1935 the first national pilgrimage since the reformation had happened under Cardinal Vaughan. If you are interested please contact Fr Stephen by email or a written note to indicate that and state how many you're booking, type of room requested (single, double, twin, en suite or not), any dietary needs or physical limitations with stairs. The cost will be about £

FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Classes will begin after half term. Please email Fr Stephen with the names and ages of the children. Please remember that coming to Mass is a vital part of meaningful preparation for Communion.

IF YOU VIEW THIS NEWS SHEET OVER THE INTERNET ALL THE LINKS TO WEBSITES IN BLUE ARE LIVE—JUST CLICK ON THEM

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: Margaret Murphy, Sylvia Harland, Catherine Ford, Frances Pearce, Marjorie Kelly, John Harrison, Lauren Cook-Robinson, Andrew Flynn, Mary Burke, William Long, Mary Daly, Charles Berry, John Brian, Helen Purdie *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

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**

**Please follow the Parish
on social media**

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