

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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26th SEPTEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST *Readings Year B There is a hearing loop*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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



	Confession Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Oliver Muldoon (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 26th</b> TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Ints of Catherine McKenzie
Monday 27th <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Fr Michael Crumpton RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Public Livestream Mass at <a href="#">SJW</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 29th <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kitty Budkiewicz RIP (B'day)
Thursday 30th <i>St Jerome</i>	Mass Reception of Kitty Norris RIP	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Groden Family, deceased
Friday 1st Oct <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	Funeral Mass	9.30 a.m.	Kathleen 'Kitty' Norris RIP
Saturday 2nd <i>Guardian Angels</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	Confession Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Macaria Mendoza RIP
<b>SUNDAY 3rd</b> TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Peter, Aaron & Sian Hughes

## 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 if you can!* →

## 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

Please remember that up to **FOUR people** may sit socially distanced in the central long pews and up to **THREE** socially distanced at the sides.

+ **Numbers Attending.** The **5pm Mass** continues to have 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 con-**

**tact 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-SIXTH SUNDAY** of the Year, year B

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Father Hudson's Care

**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 to 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 2nd October

### THIS WEEK

**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. Please give up a meal this Friday and contribute to the needs of others.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY** of the Year, year B

**SECOND COLLECTION:** CAFOD Harvest collection

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

**FINANCE: Main Collection: £482.50 Catholic Evangelisation: £84.50**

**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 generosity of God is not to be confined by His followers! The absent elders in the first reading still receive their share of the Holy Spirit and when some complain Moses points out how wonderful it would be if all God's people were so filled with the Spirit. Likewise, in the Gospel, the disciples are cross when some they do not know are casting out devils in Jesus's name. Jesus, far from condemning, utters the memorable words "He who is not against me is for me". We do well not to seek problems and animosity where there are none. All who seek God with a sincere heart are obviously not against Him. They might not be the same as us, but that is worlds away from being opposed to us. Jesus calls us to see the good in others and to be open to seeing His Spirit at work in them. That is **not** to say that all beliefs are of the same value: simply that those who are not against us are for us and it may suit God to work in ways we would never guess.

### 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.

### 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.

### YARNBOMBING FOR ADVENT...

We plan to make a splash for Advent in yarn through knitting, weaving, crocheting, creating... The features outside the doors and the surrounding area can be transformed. See the *What's On* page of the website for details [here](#). Jude D, Mary H or Claire R are the people to speak to.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: THE HOUSEBOUND

If you are now **back at Sunday Mass and** would be prepared to take the Blessed Sacrament to people **at home** please tell Fr Stephen. There will be a 'refresher' session (including Covid hygiene) here on Sat 9 Oct 11am for ministers of both STM and SJW.

### ADVENT SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER

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

### PARISH WALKING GROUP

Sunday 10 October at 2.30pm a group will leave church for an hour or so round memorial park. Please join!

### 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-uagbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing>

### THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE AND POPE FRANCIS'S CALL FOR SYNODS

Pope Francis will launch this process on the weekend of 8/9 October (see [www.synod.va](http://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](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

### 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 £195.00 all in, excluding transport. It may not be economical to book a coach.

### 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—and this really should not need saying—that coming to Mass is a vital part of any meaningful preparation for Communion.

### THANK YOU—MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Claire and Mary thank everyone who supported their coffee and cakes event last Thursday. Over £1300 has been raised and still counting...

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Helen Ryan, Joseph Ijoma, Eileen Norris, Sylvia Jenkins, Sidney Hayes, Helen Martin, Gerry Donegan, Neil Illston, Arthur Upham, Thomas Higgins, Maud Grace, Terence Duffy, Nellie McCann *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*

- Respect for creation
- The end of the pandemic and all working for that, and for those affected by it.
- A reverence for God's Word in Scripture
- Thanksgiving for our food and those who produce it and transport it.



### GET THE MASS READINGS ON YOUR SMART PHONE

Simply scan this QR code on your phone with a bar code reader app and be taken straight to the day's readings.

### WEBCAM VIEWS

Last week 675 devices tuned in from 8 countries.

### 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.

### 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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