

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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3rd OCTOBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Climate Change Sunday Readings Year B The church has 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.	Macaria Mendoza RIP
SUNDAY 3rd TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter, Aaron & Sian Hughes
Monday 4th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass followed by Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Fr Oliver Kemp RIP
Tuesday 5th <i>St Faustina</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mr & Mrs Connelly
Thursday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd of the Grady Family
Friday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass followed by Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Canon Sean McTernan RIP
Saturday 9th <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	O'Dwyer Family
	Confession Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10th TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Charlie Addison RIP (Anniv)/ Mr & Mrs Cunningham

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OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY!

← 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.*

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** usually has 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.

+ **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. Therefore, **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-SEVENTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B

CLIMATE CHANGE SUNDAY We pray for the protection of creation and all those who suffer because of climate change.

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Collection **This is a Mass with music today:** we thank our musicians and singers for their work in preparing and leading music today.

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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

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.

THIS WEEK

ONLINE DAILY ROSARY FOR OCTOBER organised by the national Shrine of Our Lady from various churches. See

www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/09/28/rosary-refuge-october-2021/

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B
PARISH WALKING GROUP

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

NEWS

CAFOD AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Thank you for your support of CAFOD, bringing hope, support and life to the world's poorest, this year especially those affected by climate change

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 and after the 5pm Mass now 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.** 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2021

Sat 9 October, 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.

FINANCE: Main Collection: Not known at time of printing

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 love of God for humanity is quite plainly shown by God Himself. Out of His own choice He creates us. But He goes on to love us further by providing others for us to love to be loved by. The animals are not enough: He creates humans as one race in two sexes, so that there may be a unique and special relationship of love, commitment and self-giving between a man and a woman. This relationship is marriage. It is willed by God that a man and woman might live in love, exclusively delighting in each other, pledged to each other for life and out of their love to share in God's loving work of creation—they have children. They become 'one flesh' in both their romantic and physical love. Sex is a sign of this love, and is therefore its place is within marriage. Sex is one of the greatest givings that one person can ever give of him or herself: love of husband and wife is a relationship blessed and grace-filled by the sacrament of marriage. There can be no better setting for the raising of children. Of course, not everyone is called to married life: Christian tradition amply reflects this in the call to chastity for all (and to be plain, to live as husband and wife without being married is thus sinful). Not everyone enjoys a happy marriage. But this is not to detract from the uniqueness of marriage, which Jesus seeks to celebrate. It is a divine institution, reflected in the very nature of creation. St Paul will go on to use marriage as a picture of Christ's love for His Church: deep, unending and life giving. What higher status can marriage have? What better gift than grace could God bestow on a man and a woman in love with each other?

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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](#)

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). **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. Click [here](#). Everyone will be invited to contribute to discerning the vision. Much of the shaping of the vision in the Archdiocese 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. We also have over 1,000 buildings and need to move forward mindful of our need to care for creation.

+ + 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.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER

The **Catholic Universe** news paper is to return as a digital, website based publication. See universitycatholicweekly.co.uk

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Association, which aims to encourage an informed laity who are engaged with the Church, welcomes new members. There is a local Circle of members in Coventry who enjoy lectures and discussion. See www.newman.org.uk/Home.html

PRIMARY HEAD TEACHER VACANCY

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Coventry, a school that is part of The Holy Cross Catholic MAC, is seeking a new head teacher. See www.hcmac.co.uk/?pid=15&vacid=26

THANK YOU—MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Claire and Mary thank everyone who supported their coffee and cakes event. £1352 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Care!

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-uagbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing>

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

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 Thea, 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: Bridget Mitchell, John Carroll, James Holton, Danny Bedding, Agnes McGroarty, Robert McGhee, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Ian Reilly, Elizabeth Hayes, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Thomas Gaughan, John Donaldson *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*

- The work of CAFOD and those it helps
- 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 Synodal process at it beings in Rome

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

Over the last week **905** devices watched from **10** countries. *God bless all who worship with us*

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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