

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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10th OCTOBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prisoners' Sunday Readings Year B The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	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
Monday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass followed by Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Tony Armstrong RIP (B'day Anniv)
Tuesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Public Livestream Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 13th <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Nora Donovan RIP
Thursday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Theresa Fagan RIP
Friday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	Mass followed by Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Brian Spinks RIP
Saturday 16th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Bernie McCarthy RIP
	Confession Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17th TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter, Aaron & Sian Hughes (Anniv)

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OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

← Pray safe, stay safe... Be at least 1 metre apart if you can! →

COVID SAFETY AND COMMON SENSE...

There are now, as we know, no legally enforced requirements to wear face coverings or stay apart in church. The emphasis is now on us as individuals being sensible and being respectful of others and their needs.

We are asked to be as considerate **as we can be in keeping everyone safe** and that means, as the Bishops request, asking people to continue to sanitise hands, track and trace, wear face coverings, and where possible, maintain distance from others not in your household.

Numbers coming at present allow us to be more spaced than before but we can accommodate more people by allowing people to sit closer and by removing some of the red ribbons. **Now, no one needs to be turned away!** So, therefore, **your coming does NOT mean that someone else can't.**

You will find more masks, space, sanitiser and ventilation in most churches than almost any other indoor space at the moment.

If you are still hesitant about returning, why not try a weekday Mass which, being in the main church and with a weekday sized congregation means enormous amounts of space between everyone..

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.**

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B **PRISONERS' SUNDAY** Please remember in your prayers prisoners and their families and the work of the Catholic charity **PACT** is helping to resettle offenders. Many lose contact with friends and family, or of course lose jobs or homes because of their imprisonment and need support to regain a sense of worth, and help with housing.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Volunteers needed to make tea and coffee. See Claire Rutter if you can help after 9am and see Janet Ward if you can help after 5pm.

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 de-

mand and Covid circumstances.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

TODAY (Sunday 10th) at 2.30pm a group will leave church for an hour or so round memorial park. Please join! We hope to explore a variety of walks of varying demands and in various places over the coming months.

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/

FRIDAYS October Rosary in Coventry. All are invited to pray the Rosary with Our Lady of Coventry, by the statue given to the people of Coventry by the Catholic Church. This is in Priory Gardens near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate at **1.40pm** every Friday in October. Please invite others to come—all welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B
The Launch of the SYNDAL Process in the diocese.

NEWS

CAFOD AND CLIMATE CHANGE HARVEST DAY COLLECTION

We raised a healthy £671.00 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 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.

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*

FINANCE: Main Collection: £1815 (2 weeks) CAFOD: £671.00

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

In the first reading, the author has asked God for wisdom—not knowledge, or know-how, or shrewdness but **wisdom**. This can be described as the ability to see things as God sees them, instinctively knowing not only what is right but what is important and why. Given this, the author prizes it above everything else since he can now see as God himself sees, a radical new vision beyond our ordinary human understanding. And so Jesus, continuing his call to love in the extreme, sees that absolutely nothing must come between us and the Gospel. The young man was unable to liberate himself for God's service by abandoning his riches. Yet today, people everywhere are held back from commitment by clinging to their own plans, or free time, or possessions or comforts or energies and will not give them in God's service. May God give us this wisdom to see what is important and what keeps us from following Jesus, and may we not be like the man in the Gospel but offer what we are and what we have in his service.



page of the website for details [here](#). Jude D, Mary H or Claire R are the people to speak to.

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

Pope Francis will launch this process this weekend **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.

The prayer for the Synodal process is one used at all great gatherings in the Church for centuries, perhaps most famously at Vatican II. It is by St Isidore of Seville, the brilliant mind of the 6-7th centuries and is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit—

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life and do not stray from the way of truth and what is

right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen**

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On 22 October, St John Paul II's day, parliament will be debating the possibility of legalising assisted dying. This worrying development in ceasing to care for the dying would be a profound change. The Bishops invite us to make a Novena to St John Paul, the great prophet of human life – its worth, dignity and divine origin—and there are details [here](#).

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.

ADVENT SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER

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

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER

The Catholic Universe news paper is to return as a digital, website based publication. See universecatholicweekly.co.uk The first digital edition is available free. A year's subscription direct to your computer, tablet or smart phone is £20, but have a look at the free first edition.

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

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>

PIGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM MON 22 NOV-THU 25 NOV FOR ABOUT £200 LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

There will be a pilgrimage to England's National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk for a three days 22-25 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.

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 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: Ralph O'Donnell, Macaria Mendoza, Alice Kenny, Kathleen 'Kitty' Norris
ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Loughran, Margaret Sumner, Charles Addison, Kit Roberts, Martin Owens, Keith McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Anna Downey, Maria Darby, Mary McCormack, Malcolm Shanley, Ann Leigh, Margaret Chambers, Winifred Sadler, Teresa Brown, Joan Sharry, Ivor Rouzel, Patrick Walsh, Margaret McHugh, John Comer, Patricia Arnett, Peter Dargan, Anthony Armstrong-
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- Prisoners and their families
- The preparations for 2023 Synod of Bishops
- The end of the pandemic and all working for that, and for those affected by 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

Over the last week **833** devices watched from **8** 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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