

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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21st November 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY World Youth Sunday**

*Readings Year B The church has a hearing loop system*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	Confession <b>Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	Suzanne & John Hammond (Sick)
<b>SUNDAY 21st</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> National Youth Sunday	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Maureen Price (Anniv)
Monday 22nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Mass & Exposition	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Harold Webster (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Livestream Public Mass at <a href="#">SJW</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 24th <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Comp</i>	Livestream Public Mass at <a href="#">SJW</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Thursday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Livestream Public Mass at <a href="#">SJW</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass & Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Emrys Evans (Anniv)
Saturday 27th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd of Hussey & Merrick families
	Confession <b>Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	The Holy Souls
<b>SUNDAY 28th</b> First Sunday of Advent	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv)

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**NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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

## VENTILATION & COVID SAFETY LATEST

Thanks to the use of a carbon dioxide meter, we now know that we may shut a few more windows and keep the doors closed. This will continue to be monitored to keep ventilation as draught free as possible. We shall also try the heating in the hope that it will make some difference, although our building is far from easy to heat even with everything shut!

Stewards are now no longer asked to wear aprons but are now identifiable by a blue lanyard and a card attached that says *Steward*.

Please continue to make the small sacrifices of wearing a face covering, gelling hands and not getting too 'up close and personal' with people not in your household.

Covid has not gone away, so *please—*  
**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR COVID JABS!** Doing all these things cares for us all. It can't be right not to reduce risks for others when we so easily can by doing such simple things ourselves.

## 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

### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Year B —

**National Youth Sunday** The Rainbows and Brownies will attend the 5.00 p.m. Mass for their Annual parade and additionally an award for Guiding long service will be made.

**Please pray for Mandy Crilly** who will be received in to the Church, confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 5pm Mass this weekend. Welcome in to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

**Second Collection:** Catholic Youth Service  
**Advent Walk with Me** booklets and calendars are available today.

## SOUL REASON AT 25...

**CONGRATULATIONS to Soul Reason.** The 9 a.m. music group is marking 25 years together at the end of this month, but have decided to postpone their celebration until next summer. We look forward to a celebration free of Covid concerns and with lots and lots of people.

## Readers this week...

**Sat** Mary Wilson **Sun** Maureen Porter

## Next Week...

**Sat** Louise Poole **Sun** Noreen Thornhill

## TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Volunteers needed to make tea and coffee. See Janet Ward if you can help after 5pm. Sat. and Claire Rutter if you can help after 9am Sun. 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, but diocesan rules

concerning halls continue to be very strict.

**REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED** The traditional box for names of the departed is in the sanctuary. Please use your own paper to list the names and do not include any money. If you wish for a Mass to be said please use an intention envelope and hand to Fr Stephen. A Mass will be offered for the souls of all those whose names are placed in the box.

## NEWS THIS WEEK

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

16 Pilgrims are off to Our Lady's Shrine on Monday. All parishioners but especially the sick and the departed of the parish will be prayed for at the Shrine. **If you have a particular intention you would like left with Our Lady, please put in a sealed envelope and give to Fr Stephen** who will place it in the petitions box at the Shrine for you.

The Masses booked to be said in the parish this week will be offered by Fr Stephen at the Shrine at the noon Mass. On **Tuesday** for the **Holy Souls**, on **Wednesday** for **Charles Cullinane RIP** and on **Thursday** for **Margaret Stone RIP**. Pilgrims will be at the **Shrine 12 noon Mass** each day which may be **live streamed** [here](#)

## RED WEDNESDAY

**This Wednesday, 24 November** is the annual day remembering persecuted Christians around the world. Please pray for them and for persecution to end. The charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has much information on this continuing suffering inflicted in violation of human rights. Details [here](#)

## THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM: LATEST

The room is open for tea and coffee after the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass. **The MRR is now open to use by parish groups (but still is not for hire by outside organisations).** Please contact Amanda (as on the front page) to arrange use **BUT please be aware of these points—**

- The room must be cleaned before *and* after use
- Windows must be open and ventilation maintained
- A Risk Assessment must be completed by your group.
- The full guidelines outlined in the *Hirer's Pack* must be agreed to, and a risk assessment carried out by users.
- No more than 25 people may be in the room. Guidance for the use of halls remains, for some reason not explained to us, stricter than for the use of churches.

## NEXT WEEKEND

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Second Collection:** Poor Parishes

## HONOURING SUNDAY

The Bishops met during the past week and on Friday issued a statement you may find [here](#)

**FINANCE: Main Collection: £486.00 Standing Orders for Oct: £1662.33**

**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

**PILATE THE JUDGE** finds himself trying someone who claims to be a king, but who has no earthly army, wealth or power. Jesus Christ, the Son of Man whom Daniel saw coming in glory: Jesus Christ the Eternal

Word through whom all things were made:

Jesus Christ Son of Mary born in the poverty of a stable— this same man is now on trial for his life. Yet it is by reigning on the Cross, the Tree of Life, that Jesus shows his power over sin and death, proclaiming God's love. Satan, father of lies, would have us deny this, but Jesus comes to bear witness to the truth and all who are on the side of truth listen to his voice.

*Jesus our King, help us listen. Jesus our King, help us enthroned you in our hearts!*

called *Honouring Sunday*. While it does not reinstate the Sunday obligation yet, it does ask us to honour Sundays and to challenge ourselves about any Sunday routines that may include other things but not attendance at Mass. It is a document of hope and encouragement: please have a look.

### COVENTRY CRIB

The blessing of the Crib takes place on Advent Sunday in **Broadgate** at **4pm**, a public event at which we are all welcome.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**This will re-start on 1st Sunday of Advent at 9:00am Mass.** Children aged 3+ to 11 (Nursery to Yr 6) inclusive.

Volunteers to be Children Liturgists are very welcome, please contact Deacon Leo.

It can't **yet** be the same as it was as the JP11 room remains a store room. So, with one room and a limit of 25 people in total (children, helpers and parents) it's set to go. **We thank** our leaders, supportive parents and of course children too.

### NEWS

#### THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH

First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, most of which will be on the diocesan website [here](#). This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that in due course as we organise things in the parish, everyone may be well informed. After Christmas, we shall be meeting to engage with this process but there will be other ways too so that not being able to attend meetings is no barrier. There are two talks on Zoom from Fr Jan Novotnik and Dr Mary McCaughey [here](#).

#### DIOCESAN MAGAZINE: THE SOWER

Paper copies should arrive for next weekend but the online version can be seen [here](#)

#### COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL: MEETINGS

Classes have begun on **Saturdays at 4pm** in the **Margaret Roper Room**. The children and their parents will thus be able to attend both the class

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

**COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION** Meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in the Library at Christ the King Church.

**THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE** is looking to appoint a senior advisor from SLT recruitment and training. Details [here](#)

#### BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Friday 10 December, 12.30-2.30pm. Please let Fr Stephen know if you would like to go. Tea, coffee, refreshments, quizzes, bingo and festive cheer.

#### THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Association, which aims to encourage an informed laity are engaged with the Church, welcomes new members. Coventry has a local Circle. See [www.newman.org.uk/Home.html](http://www.newman.org.uk/Home.html)

#### 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>

#### SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH

**Alison Cullinane** has decided to step down from safeguarding duties after many years of service to the parish. **We thank Alison** for her work in this vital area. Claire Rutter continues as safeguarding rep as before.

#### THIS NEWS SHEET

The news sheet will be changing for Advent so that there will be a single news sheet for both parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker. It may be a few weeks before we find the best format: **please bear with us! It is hard to find a format that will please everyone.**

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

#### PRAY FOR THE HOLY SOULS

## YARNBOMBING FOR ADVENT

### JUST A WEEK TO GO...

Lots of wonderful creative items have arrived to make a splash for Advent in yarn through knitting, weaving, crocheting, creating... The features outside the doors of the church and the surrounding area can be transformed. It will show everyone that we are very much active and mark the changing Church's season as Advent arrives. 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.

**THANK YOU** for the parcels of items that have already been coming in, from far and wide!

Items may be brought to church or left in the **presbytery porch**.

### **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Steve Fowler, Suzanne Hammond, 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 Reddan, 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:** Catherine Etheridge, David Amess, Rose Green, Marian Mullens

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Mitchell, Eric Tough, Bridget Flanagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Maureen Price, Mary D'Arcy, Lauren Preece, Dolores Deeley, Patricia Pickett, Charles Cullinane, Kathleen Beard, Thomas Daly, Marjorie Woodward, James Blackwell, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, Rita Cartwright, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty, Raymond Kinsella, Mary O'Kane, Elizabeth Duggan **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- The end of the pandemic and all working for that, and for those affected by it.
- The departed in this their month
- Young people



### **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 readings.

## **GIVING TO THE PARISH**

**There are collecting boxes by the church doors for use instead of the 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**

**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.**

### **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 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—

**Ventilate the church well**

**Sanitise hands**

**Cover mouth AND nose**

**Keep a distance—at least 1 metre**

**Have our Covid jabs**

*We have a Christian duty of care to one another and to all who come to church.*

### **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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**TWITTER @StThosMore**