

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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5th April 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass on p7, readings p176 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**CORONAVIRUS: ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES**

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| SUNDAY 5th Palm Sunday | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Laurence Kelly RIP (Anniv) |
| Monday 6th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Sheila O'Driscoll RIP |
| Tuesday 7th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> | Mass | 6.30 p.m. | Private Intention (Jenkins) |
| Wednesday 8th <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Frank Dolan RIP |
| Thursday 9th Maundy Thursday | Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch before the Blessed Sacrament | 7.00 p.m. | Tony Leigh RIP (Anniv) |
| Friday 10th Good Friday | Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross | 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | ~ |
| Saturday 11th Holy Saturday | | | |
| | Vigil Mass of Easter | 8.30 p.m. | The People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 12th Easter Sunday | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Joseph & Margaret Hussey (Anniv) |

PARISH CONTACTS

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HOLY



WEEK

THIS SUNDAY

- **PALM SUNDAY: HOLY WEEK BEGINS** Mass will be live streamed at 9.00am Without a congregation present, Mass follows the Third form given in your Missal: there is no procession and no blessing of palms. **BUT TODAY please put some greenery in your window or over your door to announce today to the world.** In mediaeval times, before the easy importing of palms, people carried pussy willow.
- **THE BISHOPS' CURRENT GUIDELINES ON THE CORONAVIRUS MEAN CHANGES TO MASS AND PARISH ROUTINES.** *There can be no public Masses or any other act of worship for the time being. Please make use of the parish webcam [here](#) to watch and hear Masses and Exposition*
- **THE ANGELUS** will be recited before Mass.

THIS WEEK:

All events (except Masses and services livestreamed) postponed until further notice
HOLY WEEK.

Times of Masses and Liturgies are on the front on this sheet
NEXT WEEKEND

- **GOOD FRIDAY:** the collection would be for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land...
- **EASTER SUNDAY:** the collection would be the Easter Offering...

Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY SHEET

Now available online with this news sheet from the parish website.

EASTER DUTY

The usual obligation to make a confession and communion has been removed for this year.

GIVING TO THE PARISH

Do not worry that it is impossible for you to bring your giving to church each week. **Do not worry** that your envelopes will run out soon—the new ones are ready in church for everyone's return. These are exceptional times. If you would like to pay by direct debit, there is a link to a form from the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part and post to the Presbytery. **Thank you to parishioners who have sent their offertory direct to the Presbytery. In some cases, very generously.**

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T MEET

It sounds so odd, but **the best way in which we may care for and protect one another at the moment really is to stay at home and not meet.** In this way we make sure that the virus is not spread and so we protect the vulnerable, the elderly and the frail most especially but in fact we help everyone. Let's not pass infection on.

While the restrictions apply... If you have the internet...

- The parish news sheet will go up every week on the parish web site as usual. Please print off a copy **if you can safely get it to a parishioner** who has no internet or email a copy to anyone who has difficulty with IT
- Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page is updated regularly
- The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows **every** Mass and other worship in church as it happens.
- Our **Twitter account** provides news about not only the parish but wider events to. And sometimes even something light hearted. @StThosMore **Facebook** too @StThosMore
- Do email Fr Stephen with any comments or suggestions or requests for help for yourself or others, and prayer intentions.

If you do not have the internet...

- Please unite yourself in prayer with the worship that is still going on here
- Remember that you can always phone—others may be in touch with you—like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar here daily.

WEBCAM PROBLEMS?

The webcam is provided by a specialist firm, MCN Media. The demand for their services is very high at the moment, unsurprisingly. Last Sunday's Mass was not recorded properly although it went out live with no problems. Apologies for that. Please email Fr Stephen if you have problems viewing. In the meanwhile, people have expressed gratitude for the camera which, when given to the parish by a generous parishioner, we had no idea would be so needed as it is now.

THE PEWS LOOK LESS EMPTY WITH PICTURES AND PHOTOS

Please email a **photo or drawing of you and your family (child's work especially welcome)** to help fill the now empty pews.

Reclaim on that happy day when we meet next!

THE SANCTUARY IN CHURCH

As far as possible it reflects the seasons and feasts we celebrate, for the benefit of webcam viewers. So, the veiled statue of Our Lady represents the veiling done throughout the church at this time. Things will change through Holy Week as you will see.

THE PARISH HAS JUST CREATED A FACEBOOK PAGE @StThosMore

Please bear with us as we begin to discover the art of a good page...

You will see there videos going up for children as

Fr Stephen talks about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday. If they help, keep on

Something to pray and to do!

FINANCE... Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort.

Last week- Main Collection: to be announced at future date after restrictions end.

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish ('18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966)



The Sunday Readings

TODAY is a day of contrasts as we mark the start of Christ's Passion. We begin with the crowds hailing Jesus as He rides into Jerusalem. But His coming to

Jerusalem can end in only one thing: His death. His mission is to be accomplished by betrayal, rejection, pain and death. All this He submits to, meekly, without complaint for our sakes. Those rejoicing crowds shouting 'Hosanna!' become the hate filled mob yelling 'Crucify Him!'. How often we rejoice in Jesus Christ and then turn aside from Him to sin. We too are complicit in these double-standards, but we rejoice that in Christ's sacrifice we find the way to be reconciled with God the Father and each other, that our sins may be forgiven.

We leave Mass today having heard of that loving sacrifice, knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son. Reflect on that love, rejoice in that love, thank Him for it and look forward to the glory that His resurrection promises all who would believe and trust in Him.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

All the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter will be on the webcam. All of them this year will have no human congregation and so will be celebrated differently to usual. All liturgy is a re-presentation, *not* a re-creation, of the saving events we celebrate. The fact that there can be no palm procession today, for example, in no way changes what we are celebrating and the gift of God's grace at work in us. Each day, reflect on what this great week means. Read the day's Mass readings of course and there are other suggestions about what to do at home in *italics* below.

- Palm Sunday 9am Mass -

We mark the beginning of Christ's Passion as He enters Jerusalem and so His death becomes inevitable. Mass begins with the Third form of the Entrance (as in any Missal), without procession and the blessing of Palms. All

else is as usual. *At home: please put some greenery over your door or in a window to mark today. Read St Matthew's Passion if you did not join in with a Mass.*

Mon 9am Mass, Tue 6.30pm, Wed 9am - Maundy Thursday 7pm Mass & Watch - Christ demonstrates His ministry of loving service by washing the disciples feet and celebrating the Last Supper. Tomorrow that service will culminate in the offering of His broken Body on the Cross. The foot washing (optional even in normal circumstances) is omitted, and there is no procession of the Blessed Sacrament. It is to be adored in the tabernacle tonight. The sanctuary is stripped and left bare as Jesus's arrest and suffering begin. *At home, read John 13,1-15. Make an often used or seen space in your home as bare as possible, ready to fill again on Easter day. If you live with others, make a special care of cooking and serving one another. Have a crucifix ready for tomorrow.*

- Good Friday 3pm -

Today we thank God for our salvation, made by Jesus, the Divine Carpenter, on the wood of the Cross. St John's passion is read. There is no procession of the Cross through church, but it is to be venerated. *At home, use a crucifix of your own and venerate that after reading the passion. Keep it in a prominent place today.*

- Easter Vigil Sat 8.30pm -

Christ is Risen! *Create a paschal candle for your own at home. Rejoice! Light it each day as a sign of resurrection hope as we pray for an end to the pandemic, for its victims and for healthcare workers.*

- Easter Day 9am -

Mass will include the renewal of baptismal vows. **Join in!** May the risen Christ bless us all! The eggs bought for servers and children will be kept for our first day back together, a day to look forward to indeed. **It *will* come!**

DO YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED HELP?

We have volunteers, thanks to the SVP, ready to help anyone vulnerable or self isolating who needs shopping or prescriptions or anything else collected. We can make a friendly phone call too, but of course in order to stop the spread of coronavirus, we can't go into peoples' homes.

There is a list of local firms running a delivery service of meals or groceries or both linked on our [coronavirus page](#) on parish website.

This list comes from a local GP surgery.
Do ask for help if you need it.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Fr Michael Stack, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Linda McKenna, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, Cynthia Welton, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John & Jeanne Gould, Joanne Bazen, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz and all those who are ill.

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Norman Arnold, Fr David Sanders OP, Elizabeth Carr, Patrick King, Jim Ball, Michael Brydon, Oliver Muldoon, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila O'Driscoll, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Commins, John Gallacher, Simone Tiler, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper, Annie Clay, Francis Mullen, Harriet Byatt, Mary Smith, Larry Kelly, Michael Powell, Norman Adams, Hugh Berri-
rill, Sybill Pearson, Andrew Jarram, John McGeachan, Averil Budden, Stella Bourke, Kitty Molyneux, Kathleen Bloore, Cuth Myatt, Peggy Pimlott, Kevin Mountford, Marguerite Twigger, Patricia Keating, Joseph McSorley, Shelagn Freeborn
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- The victims of Coronavirus, for all medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic.
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- A good keeping of Holy Week

OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!

CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH

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visit the website



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BAPTISMS

Until the restrictions imposed on us due to the coronavirus outbreak are lifted it is simply impossible to celebrate or to make arrangements for baptisms, except in danger of death.

WEDDINGS

It will be possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. What happens later this year remains to be seen, however.

CONFESSION

Confession is now difficult to make due to social distancing rules. The obligation of making one's Easter Duties has been lifted this year.

FUNERALS

It is allowed to hold a *small* funeral service in the crematorium or at the grave side. Requiem Masses have to be postponed until public worship in church resumes.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies remains available: the sick and dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised.

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