

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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12th April 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass on p7, readings p251 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**

SUNDAY 12th Easter Sunday	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Joseph & Margaret Hussey (Anniv)
Monday 13th <i>Easter Monday</i>	Mass	10.00 a.m.	Ina Byrne
Tuesday 14th <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Rev A Timlin
Wednesday 15th <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Lynskey RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 16th <i>Easter Thursday</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	V Hedgecox & Deceased Family
Friday 17th <i>Easter Friday</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 18th <i>Easter Saturday</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Theresa Brooks RIP (22 Anniv)
SUNDAY 19th 2nd of EASTER <i>Divine Mercy</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Helen Shanley RIP (Anniv) / Daniel Smith RIP

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



THIS SUNDAY

- **EASTER SUNDAY: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
Despite the difficult circumstances, the risen Christ is present with us. Alleluia!
- **EASTER MASSES** Mass will include the renewal of baptismal vows. Join in at home if you're able to watch! 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!***
- **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 REGINA COELI is sung instead of the Angelus** in the Easter season.

THIS WEEK:

All Masses are livestreamed over the internet. All other regular events are postponed until further notice.

NEXT WEEKEND

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Divine Mercy Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY SHEET

Now available online with this news sheet .

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, three or four times a week
- 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. 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. We have viewers in many places, even as far afield as Canada!

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 represented the veiling done throughout the church at this time. Things changed through Holy Week and Easter as you saw. Well, at least as much as Fr Stephen can do by himself!

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.

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

At the Vigil Mass, the readings tell of God's loving care for humanity. We hear how the Israelites escaped the slavery of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. We hear how God has rescued all his faithful people by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. At our baptisms we are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus—hence the emphasis on the waters of baptism at Easter, even at this time when we cannot be sprinkled with it—and by the waters of baptism we escape sin and death. The Israelites' escape from the slavery of hard labour took place through water. Our escape from sin and death takes place through water too—the waters of baptism. Easter is about Christ's victory over our sin and death that we may be truly free, living as God's adopted sons and daughters made His in our baptism.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



A Happy
and a
Blessed
Easter
to you all!

From

Fr Stephen and all at the Presbytery
Deacon Leo and family,
and Deacon Pat

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Thank you for your email greetings, cards and offering.

May God bless you all!

THE EASTERTIDE ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

REGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!
Rquia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

*[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia
Has arisen as He said, alleluia.
Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]*

**V. Rejoice and be glad O virgin
Mary,
alleluia**

**R. For the Lord is risen indeed,
alleluia.**

Let us pray...Amen



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!

EASTER FLOWERS

There can be no skilled flower arranging this year as our arrangers cannot come to church to create the displays. Fr Stephen has had a go with what flowers he can get hold of. The normal, beautiful flowers will return when we all do! The spring blossoms are nature's return to life, the annual reminder of Christ's resurrection. *Alleluia!*

THE PARISH HAS 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.

Something to pray and to do!

THANK YOU TO THE 'INVISIBLE' CONGREGATION!

THANK YOU to everyone who followed Holy Week online and will be watching on Sundays. The number of encouraging emails and tweets from near and far was very heartening. It is **wonderful** that in these challenging times we are still drawing together, for while churches may have to shut the Church never does. The Church, the community of people, goes on in faith, driven by the love of God. We may or may not be on the internet, but we are all one.

ALLELUIA!

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Catherine & Peter Brookes, 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: Karen Pollard, Norman Arnold, Fr David Sanders OP, Elizabeth Carr, Patrick King, Jim Ball, Michael Brydon, Oliver Muldoon, Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Bob Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: June Deegan, Thomas Kane, Patricia Phillips, Julie Cooper, Teresa Griffin, Edith Buckley, Derrick Corner, Theresa Brooks, Anne McNulty, Mary Lambe, Leonard Pearson, Helen Aspel, Lucinda Celtic, Barty Brennan, Hugh Murray, Beatrice Spooner, Tony Leigh, Arrack Sawmy, Rose Pallett, John Hanlon, Thomas Rhodes, Audrey Culligan, Maisie Taylor

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

CORONAVIRUS AND ALL NEWS OF THE PARISH
visit the website
stmcov.org

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APPEAL FOR TOILETRIES: soap, shampoo, tooth paste and brushes, combs, deodorant, all needed by UHCW patients who now can have no visitors. Organised by a local nurse: leave items in the Presbytery porch. **Thank you.**

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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.

Contact Fr Stephen.

DON'T ASSUME HE ALREADY KNOWS BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!

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