

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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10th May 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER:

Mass on p7, readings p265 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY—AVE MARIA!



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**CORONAVIRUS: ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
THERE IS NO PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES FOR THE TIME BEING**

SUNDAY 10th 5th of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Cornelius Donaghue RIP
Monday 11th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Jack Bailey RIP
Tuesday 12th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Bishop Leo McCartie RIP
Wednesday 13th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Colby
Thursday 14th St Matthias, Ap	~	~	~
Friday 15th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Patrick Higgins RIP
Saturday 16th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 17th 6th of EASTER	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Tony Leigh RIP / Martin Ward RIP

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



THIS SUNDAY

- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- **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.

Tuesday

BISHOP LEO McCARTIE'S FUNERAL will be livestreamed from Northampton cathedral at 12.30pm before his burial. Please pray for him.

Thursday

MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK
Every Thursday at 7pm a Mass from a different Catholic Cathedral will be offered by one of our bishops. They will all be livestreamed. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

NEXT SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Second Collection: Catholic Communications
Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

COMING SOON

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MASS 24 MAY 2020

The Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass to mark what would have been the start of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at 3.00pm. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page of the diocesan website gives details of the online pilgrimage we may make together during that week.

PENTECOST RETREAT ONLINE 29-31 MAY

Come All Who Thirst

To register click Eventbrite link www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146 Amazing prayer, worship and services lined up for you and some very exciting speakers and musicians booked, including the Sion Community. You are welcome to contact **Justine Gaffney** on 07551096269 if you have any questions, help with using Zoom software etc.

EASTER REFLECTIONS FROM ST CHAD'S
St Chad's Cathedral has produced a booklet of reflections, prayer and Bible notes for the Easter season. See www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

GIVING TO THE PARISH: NOW ONLINE

It is now possible to donate online, via the diocesan website. Go to—
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work

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)

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 card details. You can donate 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. It is of course possible to put donations in the presbytery letter box, or save them week by week until we return.**

WHENEVER & HOWEVER LOCKDOWN ENDS WE SHALL BE BACK!

As talk of changing the restrictions placed on us begins, we may be sure that there will not be a sudden return to how things were before the virus outbreak. When churches reopen, there are going to be some restriction still in force. In Germany churches have re-opened, but no more than 50 people may be present, there is no singing, social distancing must be observed and so on. Will that apply here? Will the vulnerable and elderly still be asked to stay at home? These are questions we cannot yet answer, even though the same thing may be asked about shops, holidays, restaurants, workplaces and of course schools. We have to wait and see as we do what we can to keep one another safe. Pray for an end to this pandemic and a quick *and* safe return to church.

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, but in fact we help everyone.

If you have the internet...

- **Please use it to stay in touch with the parish.** This newsletter is posted every week. Please print copies off for any parishioners you can safely get them to who don't have the internet.

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. Follow the parish Twitter @StThosMore and the Facebook page @StThosMore.

Do email Fr Stephen, write or phone!

If you do not have the internet...

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Every day, Fr Stephen lights a candle at Our Lady's shrine for the intentions of all parishioners. If you have a particular intention you wish to be prayed for at that time, please tell Fr Stephen.



The Sunday Readings

JESUS SPEAKS to His Apostles in this Gospel not long before His death. They will soon see that all He taught them is true. He speaks of preparing a place (a room, even) for each of us in the

Father's house. This is at the heart of the Easter Gospel. We are invited by the Father to live with Him for ever. And the One that brings us that invitation, that supplies the travel directions and gets the room ready for us is none other than the Son! More than that, the Father is so keen for us to be with Him that only our own wilfulness can stop us: even death is no barrier to life with Him.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY These include permanent deacons, so please pray for our own **Deacon Leo** and his family, and for **Deacon Pat**, now in retirement.

SVP REGIONAL APPEAL:

A family of six children in Coventry, being looked after by their grand parents, requires clothing, toiletries, nappies, books, toys for teenage boys aged 14 and 16/girl aged 12yrs and for 4 and 5 year old boy/girl as well as an 18 month old girl.

Please contact Caroline Duignan directly with offers of help using email address carolineduignan62@gmail.com Thank you.

ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS

If there are any wedding anniversaries, birthdays of particular importance or other joyful events we can share and celebrate, Fr Stephen will happily mention them during the notices at Sunday Mass. Just let him know by phone, post or email

THANK YOU

for your encouraging messages and notes. They are much appreciated in these times. *Fr Stephen*

THE EASTERTIDE ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

REGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!
Quia 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

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

See Pope Francis's letter for May 2020 at <https://tinyurl.com/y9cb3ofj>

which contains two beautiful prayers for these challenging times. **AVE MARIA!**



❖ SUPPORT CARRIERS OF HOPE ❖

We have had collection boxes in the church porch for **Carriers of Hope** for many years and they are very grateful for the support we give to refugees and asylum seekers in the local area. Each year, around this time, our parish is **Donor of the Week**, when we make an extra special attempt to support them. Because of the pandemic, currently they would like cash donations instead of items. If you would like to support them then **please visit their website** <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/donation/>

Live Simply in solidarity with those in poverty.

THE PARISH PROJECT



As we look forward to the day we shall be able to return to church, whenever it will be, Annmarie and Debbie have created an idea for a project we may begin at home and then see completed when we meet again. Full details and ideas are on the 'Parish and Coronavirus' page of the website, stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=268. There is also a link from the Facebook page. We are asked to create a feather, no larger than A4 size (A5 ideal) in any medium (paper, card, fabric, wool—whatever) that can then be used to create an image of the Holy Spirit. Do look at the details on the parish website. Please print off for any friend, relative or neighbour without internet access that you can safely get a copy to. We want everybody to have the opportunity to be included. Get creating—as the Spirit moves you! Some lovely examples have already been made.



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.

**Email: stmcov@gmail.com
or ring 024 7641 1900**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Baby Theo, Catherine 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: Fr Andrew Kenny, Fr David Duggan, Brendon Cunningham, Patrick Higgins, Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Andrew Kenny, Peter Brookes, Brenda Davies, Fr Tim Burke, Karen Pollard

ANNIVERSARIES: James Phillips, Margaret Pyle, Edwin Chandley, Thomas & Susan Cassidy, Rose Harvey, Eugene O'Malley, Margaret Whitehouse, Thomas McGee, Sarah Gillespie, Margaret Hills, Maria Rodrigo, Harold Poole, Lilian Brennan, Charlie Edwards, Michael Ruddy, Jeanie Mead, Winona Chattaway, Mary Ford, Thomas Bird, Michael Barnett, Bill Thompson, Martin Ward **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, for wisdom to be given to our leaders deciding how to ease lockdown
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those whose well being and safety are threatened by having to stay at home



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

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The coronavirus restrictions have made things very difficult for Catholic newspapers as no one is in any churches to buy them.

Catholic Herald

This publication is now monthly and may be subscribed to online via its website

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/>

The Catholic Times and The Universe

These will be combining for the time being.

Order by phone 0161 820 5722 or online

<https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/>

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

FACEBOOK: @StThosMore

TWITTER: @StThosMore

WEBSITE: stmconv.org

WEBCAM: via 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.

Contact Fr Stephen.

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

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