

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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24th May 2020

**SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER:**

Mass on p7, readings p275 in Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system

**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH—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**

<b>SUNDAY 24th 7th of EASTER</b>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	John Minehane
Monday 25th <i>St Bede</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Holy Hour & Benediction	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> 10.30-11.00 am	Isabel Margaret Kay
Tuesday 26th <i>St Philip Neri</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
Wednesday 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Richard & Gloria Atkinson 40th Wedding Anniv
Thursday 28th <i>Easter feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 29th <i>The Solemnity of Dedication</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Saturday 30th <i>Easter feria</i>	Mass <i>followed by</i> Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Mgr Paul Watson RIP
<b>SUNDAY 31st PENTECOST</b>	Mass	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Brian Matthews RIP (Anniv)

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



## THIS SUNDAY

- **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Second Collection:** Catholic Communications
- **THE REGINA COELI** is sung instead of the Angelus in the Easter season.

- **MASSES WITH A CONGREGATION ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.** *There can be no public Masses or other acts of worship for the time being. Please use the parish web cam [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition*

- **GIVING TO THE PARISH: NOW ONLINE**  
You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form from the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part and post to the Presbytery.

**It is also now possible to donate 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 card details. **Thank you to parishioners who have sent their offertory direct to the Presbytery. In some cases, very generously.** Offerings can be put through the presbytery letter box, or saved each week until we return.

- **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MASS 3.00pm LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CATHEDRAL**  
The Archbishop celebrates Mass for what would have been the start of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Lourdes Pilgrimage page of the diocesan website gives details of the online pilgrimage we may make during this week.

### THIS WEEK

- **All Masses are livestreamed on internet. Thursday**
- **MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK**  
Every Thursday at 7pm Mass from a Catholic Cathedral offered by a bishops. All livestreamed. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

### NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** which marks the completion of the saving mysteries of Easter and the last day of the Easter Season. **National Rosary Rally**—see opposite.

### Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass in public resumes

### COMING SOON

**PENTECOST RETREAT ONLINE 29-31 MAY**  
**Come All Who Thirst** See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146> Please do contact **Justine Gaffney** on 07551096269 if you have any questions, help with using Zoom software etc.

### WHENEVER LOCKDOWN ENDS...

There is now discussion about churches being opened. It looks very likely that this will be a

phased reopening beginning at some point with **private prayer only**, under restrictions of social distancing and hygiene. Whenever this becomes possible and at the moment we cannot know, it will be widely publicised. 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.** So we do **not** spread the virus.

**IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET, we are on...**

**WEBSITE:** <https://stmcov.org/>

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**FACEBOOK:** @StThosMore

This newsletter is posted every week. Please print copies off for any parishioners you can safely get them to who have no internet.

Our dedicated [Parish & Coronavirus](#) website page is updated regularly.

The parish [webcam](#) is on and shows **every** Mass and other worship in church as it happens.

**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 and, like all parishioners you're remembered at the altar daily. Please ask someone you know with the internet to let you have a notice sheet.

### 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.

### 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 TO PARISHIONERS

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

FOLLOW US  
ON FACEBOOK



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ON TWITTER

### ❖ 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, 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** [www.carriersofhope.org.uk/donation/](http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/donation/)  
*Live Simply in solidarity with those in poverty.*

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

Regular collections cannot be taken: **see above for how to give by standing order or online.**  
**In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966**



## The Sunday Readings

**N**ow, the Church is waiting. Rejoicing at the resurrection and ascension of the Lord and the great hope of eternal life they hold out, the Apostles wait in prayer. Soon, in fulfilment of Christ's promise, they are to be empowered to take the message and teaching of Christ out into the world. Soon, therefore, the Holy Spirit is to burst into their lives that they may give glory to Christ and witness to His name. May they Spirit burst into our lives. May we witness to the joy of the Gospel of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus.

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL) APPEAL

This ecumenical charity, of which Archbishop Bernard is a patron, is working hard to support Christians suffering in the Holy Land. Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on Pilgrimage and Tourism, as well as on the health of the local population. We are asked help our Christian brothers and sisters through the work of FHL which has secured match funding of £100,000 if it can raise £100,000 itself. The charity is nearly there but must have raised its share by Pentecost see [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge)

**O** MARY, conceived without sin, pray for us sinners who have recourse to thee!

### THE PARISH ART 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](http://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.**

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or ring 024 7641 1900**

### NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY NEXT SUNDAY

- ◆ To pray for an end to the pandemic
  - ◆ To answer Pope Francis's call to pray the rosary
- All the diocese of Scotland, England and Wales are taking part in a rosary rally throughout next Sunday from 9am-9pm. **The Birmingham Archdiocese is asked to pray from 10-11am** (together with Nottingham diocese and the Ukrainian catholic Eparchy). Please find the time to pray the rosary as a group or as individuals as Mary's Month of May comes to an end. May Mary be a Mother to us all at this time of need.

**O** HOLY ANGEL at my side,  
Go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,  
Where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the Altar Throne.

At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraph's love,  
My Jesus hidden in the Host,  
Come down from Heaven above.

Then pray for those I dearly love,  
And those who cause me grief,  
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,  
And suffering souls relieve.

And when the priest Communion takes,  
Oh, bring my Lord to me,  
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,  
And I His temple be.

Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,  
May mankind's sins efface;  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,  
The pledge of every grace. Amen

### TO ONE'S GUARDIAN ANGEL WHEN NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

*Sent in by a  
parishioner*



### 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 David Duggan, Fr Andrew Kenny, Patrick Higgins, Fr Tim Burke, Brendon Cunningham, Anne Doherty, Bishop Leo McCartie, Peter Brookes, Brenda Davies, Karen Pollard **ANNIVERSARIES:** Esther Flanagan, Edward Browne, Georgine Bruell, Daniel Yorath, Michael Kitson, Andrew Rothwell, Mary Harris, Maureen McCormack, Dave King, Cliff Jones, Nora O'Sullivan, June Keenan, Tom Bailey, Johanna Quirke, Mary Butler, Grace Murphy, Jack Swales, Doris Swales, Patrick McElvenney, Miriam McGuinness **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
- Come, Holy Spirit!

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

### THE EASTERTIDE ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

**R**EGINA COELI, laetare, alleluia!  
**Re**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

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**WEBCAM:** via website

## ARRANGING A

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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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*on the front of this sheet*