

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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14th JUNE 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Mass on p7, readings p83 in the Parish Mass Book



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

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| SUNDAY 14th CORPUS CHRISTI | Mass, followed by <i>Exposition till 11.00</i> | 9.00 a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| Monday 15th <i>Feria (Wk 11 Ord'ry Time)</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m.. | Norman Arnold RIP |
| Tuesday 16th <i>Feria</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Anne Kenney |
| Wednesday 17th <i>Feria</i> | Mass Holy Hour & Benediction | 9.00 a.m. 7.00-8.00 p.m. | Thomas & Mary Armstrong RIP |
| Thursday 18th <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i> | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Friday 19th <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Luke Robinson RIP |
| Saturday 20th <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> | Mass followed by Holy Hour & Benediction | 9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m. | Maisie Taylor RIP |
| SUNDAY 21st TWELFTH SUNDAY | Mass | 9.00 a.m. | Clare & Frank Cunningham |

PARISH CONTACTS

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JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

O SWEET HEART OF JESUS, WE IMPLORE,
MAKE US LOVE THEE MORE AND MORE!



THIS SUNDAY

- **CORPUS CHRISTI:** the celebration of the presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. There will be a time of Exposition after Mass
- **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 webcam [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 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.

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/>
- **PRAYER 2020:** Pray at home each 20th of the month at 2020, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

NEXT SUNDAY

TWELFTH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time, year A.
Second Collection: Day for Life
Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass returns to normal

COMING SOON

REOPENING OF CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

All being well, we shall reopen for private prayer on Monday 22 June, St Thomas More's Day, from 11am-1pm. See details opposite.

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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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, which is also recorded for viewing later.

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 before Our Lady's 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 items of good news, Fr Stephen will happily mention them during the notices at Sunday Mass. Just let him know by phone, post or email

SCHOOLS

Please pray for schools and especially our parish school as they open in very different circumstances to usual. For pupils, staff, parents and governors. For all young people who have had their education and exams disrupted.

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

for your encouraging messages, phone calls and notes. They are much appreciated in these difficult times. If you feel like ringing, please do.

Fr Stephen

THE PARISH ART PROJECT



If you have any completed feathers, please return them by putting them in an envelope and posting through the Presbytery letter box. Debbie is beginning to work on the Holy Spirit banner. There is no deadline yet, so please don't worry—there is still time to create your feathers. Full details are here stmcov.org/wp/?page_id=268 on the parish website. 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. Get creating—as the Spirit moves you! Some lovely examples have already been made.

**Blessed be Jesus Christ
in the most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar!**



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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

In the first reading Moses calls the people of Israel to remember just what God has done for them. Not only had He chosen them and led them out of slavery in Egypt but He guided them through all their journey in the desert to then promised land and fed them with manna from heaven, a food they had never known before. The link

with our own life of faith is not hard to spot: God has chosen us too and made us holy by our baptism. He leads us through life to the promised land of heaven and in the meantime He feeds us with food we have never known before—the Body and Blood of Christ Himself.

St Paul, in the second reading speaks of unity and communion in the Body and Blood of Christ. For Catholics, sharing in the Blessed Sacrament at Mass is a way of showing our communion with each other, which a reason why non-Catholics are not ordinarily permitted to receive this sacrament: we receive it because we agree (are in communion) about what it is. Not bread or wine. Not a symbol. But Flesh and Blood in the form of bread and wine.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks bluntly to His hearers. To share in the fullness of life that He comes to bring, He offers us His Body and Blood, broken and poured out on the altar of the cross, and present now on the altars of our churches. Only by faith in Him and in the power of His sacrifice of Himself are we to come to the life He wishes to give us. It is by the sacrifice of the Mass that we might receive this great sacrament, so never forget that even if you don't or can't make your Communion you are still obeying Christ's command to 'Do this in memory of me' whenever you participate in Mass and offering with the whole Church, the one true sacrifice for sin.



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

THE REOPENING OF THIS CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Good news! After a great deal of work so far and recognising that we still have a little more to do, at a meeting of the parish clergy, Health & Safety Representative and the parish Administrator on Friday, it was clear that we should be ready to open on

**St Thomas More's Day
MONDAY 22 JUNE 11am-1pm**
and on

Mondays 11.00am - 1.00pm

Fridays 11.00am-1.00pm

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO PRAY IN THESE TIMES

This can only happen, however, while certain strict and non-negotiable conditions are fully met. Keeping to these instructions is vital if we are to be allowed to remain open, and therefore -

- * Social distancing of 2 metres must be maintained - some pews will not be usable
 - * A maximum capacity of 25 people at a time
 - * Hand sanitiser must be used on entry and exit
 - * The indicated one way system of moving round the church must be followed
 - * The toilets **cannot** be used
 - * The sanctuary and nearby corners of the church, and side aisles cannot be entered
 - * It will not be possible to light votive candles
 - * Prayer is private and therefore silent: there can be no form of Mass, service or rosary said aloud
 - * Anyone suffering from any cold or flu symptoms must not enter the building
 - * Two stewards must be on duty at all times
 - * Any pews used must be cleaned before the church opens the next time
 - * Doors and windows must be open to promote good ventilation
 - * There must be no eating or drinking in the church
 - * Visitors are advised to use a face covering
- You are most welcome if you wish to come!*** But please be aware that...

- * the windows and doors must be open so you may need a coat if it's not warm
- * - the toilets cannot be used so please bear that in mind
- * - social distancing will mean that only one person at a time may queue to enter in the porch, so you may need a mac and umbrella if it is raining

STEWARDED AND CLEANING

We shall need volunteers to steward and clean. There is no expectation of any existing cleaners or wardens to volunteer: we are not allowed to accept kind offers of help from anyone over 70 or anyone who is vulnerable or who lives with a vulnerable person. Those who have volunteered will soon receive information by email about what the duties of stewarding and cleaning are - nothing too difficult but in summary making sure that everything is done as hygienically and safely as possible. If you wish to volunteer, email stmcov@gmail.com to offer your services. *Thank you*

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Helen Chadwick, Mary D'Arcy, Alan Rushton, 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. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Patricia, Files, Rev Peter Hammersley, Luke Robinson, Richard Norris, Fr David Duggan, Fr Andrew Kenny

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Pickersgill, Violet Norris, Mary Turner, Elizabeth Garry, James Casey, Terence Brooks, Edward Prior, Kath Nerney, Mary Armstrong, Herbert Vincent, Elizabeth Walls, Fr John Gannon, Michael Ryan, Elizabeth Ferguson, Shay Ledwidge **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
- An end to all racial disclination

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

will take place online at various churches across the Archdiocese
Thurs 11– Fri 19 June 8.00pm



Follow link at

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena>

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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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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