

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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21st JUNE 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass on p7, readings p94 in the 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 PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES FOR THE TIME BEING**

SUNDAY 21st Twelfth Sunday	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Clare & Frank Cunningham
Monday 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m. 7.00-8.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Andrew Robinson RIP (b'day) and deceased family members
Wednesday 24th <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Marie & Harry Law RIP
Thursday 25th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass Church Open for Prayer	9.00 a.m. 11.00-1.00 p.m.	Ben Freeman RIP (4th Anniv)/ Breda Gleeson RIP
Saturday 27th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass followed by Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30a.m.	Geraldine Haverty RIP
SUNDAY 28th Ss PETER & PAUL	Mass	9.00 a.m.	Marie Shepherd RIP

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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

- **TWELFTH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time, year A. Second Collection:** Day for Life
- **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.**
Monday
- **ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY**, our patron saint. We ask his prayers and God's blessing on our parish, its people and our school. Mass will be livestreamed at 9am and also recorded. At 11am the church will open for two hours so that visitors may come for private, silent prayer.
Wednesday
- **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST.** If you have ever wondered why the Church holds every stage of human life to be precious, listen to the readings for today's feast,
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

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL: Second collection: Peter's Pence

Sunday Readers' Rota

No readers until Mass returns to normal

COMING SOON

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/>

TWITTER: @StThosMore

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, 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.

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. 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.

OPEN HEAVEN: PRAYING FOR THE CITY OF COVENTRY

This is a prayer initiative of the city's Christian churches in praying for the people of Coventry. We can do this by walking along our own street and as we walk, pray for the intentions of every person living there, in particular pray that they may feel a part of God's Kingdom. You could do this as an individual or with a member of your household. Between all the churches it is hoped that we will cover every street in Coventry during the month of June.

Please go to the *Open Heaven* website

<https://www.openheavencoventry.org/>

You will find a street map indicating those streets not yet covered. You will be asked to sign indicating your intention of the street you promise to cover. If you are housebound, you can still offer to pray from your home.

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

Do not be afraid. These words of Jesus spoken to the Apostles were much quoted by Pope John Paul II for they are wonderful words. Amid the pain and suffering of the world, the rejection of the Gospel and hostility to the

teachings of Christ, Jesus can still say 'Do not be afraid' to us. Jesus knows all about suffering, and yet He can still speak these words. Are they empty comfort? No, for they are said by the Lord Himself and they are spoken out of an understanding of reality. The reality is this: life on earth contains good things and bad, pleasure and pain, sin and self-sacrifice, and one day it will end. But Jesus has overcome the bad, the pain and the sin and out of the Father's great love He offers that victory to us. '...there is no need to be afraid...' for all those good things point to God's great and eternal goodness.

Jesus says: "**You are worth more than hundreds of sparrows**"



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

THANK YOU

To all those who have and will be working to open the church on Monday and Friday.

OPENING FOR MASS..?

There is **no** indication of when we shall be open for Mass with a congregation or what conditions will be imposed for that. Judging from what we have had to do to be open for private prayer, there will be yet further detailed preparation.

THE REOPENING OF THIS CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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 18 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 don't be inconvenienced by that
- * 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

STEWARDSHIP 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 stewardship 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*

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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: Bernard Dolan, John Purdie, Julie Connoll, Bridget McCarthy, Hugh McQuade, Alan Richards, Alban Avery, Beryl Turner, Shaun McDaid, William Grogan, Marie Law, Eddie Price, Anthony Brown, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Czerwowski, Sally Donoghue, Breda Gleeson, Edith Palmer, Ida Whittaker, Ben Freeman, John Niro, Kazimierz Galatowicz, Brenda Day, James Walsh, Geraldine Haverty, James Rees, Patrick Fox, Dulcie Glowacki, Eddie Walsh **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 discrimination

I say, I say, I say...

Did you hear about the man who had a racing snail? He took the shell off to make it more aerodynamic but it only became more sluggish...



Boom, boom!

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

If anyone has an abundance of flowers in the garden or would like to give a bunch to church, please do—just leave them in the Presbytery porch. Fr Stephen's getting stale in his selecting and arranging blooms!

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

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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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