

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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26th JULY 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass on p7, readings p117 in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM
WELCOME BACK TO MASS WITH A CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 26th Seventeenth Sunday	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Jim Fulton RIP (Anniv)
Monday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	6.00 p.m.	Rev Peter Hammersley RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Andrew McGuire RIP
Wednesday 29th <i>St Martha</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Dean Carey
Thursday 30th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Neil McHugh RIP
Saturday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Tom Forde RIP
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 2nd Eighteenth Sunday	Mass: (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Timothy Menezes (Silver Jubilee)

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JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

GLORY BE TO JESUS, WHO IN BITTER PAINS,

POURED FOR ME THE LIFE BLOOD FROM HIS SACRED VEINS

IF YOU'VE PICKED THIS UP IN CHURCH PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU. NOTHING SHOULD BE LEFT IN PEWS.

THIS SUNDAY

- **17TH SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m. WELCOME!** Please bear with the changes and the stewards' instructions. Catholics are as prone to the virus as any other group and like every other group we must be responsible in following guidelines not just to keep ourselves safe but the wider community as well. *Please take note of the points on the opposite page.* There are three documents on the Corona Virus page of the parish we site that give background information.
- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition **if you are not attending in person.** The webcam will continue
- **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.*

THIS WEEK

CHANGES TO THE PATTERN OF MASSES

In these changing and challenging times it is impossible to know beforehand the demand for public Masses and the total availability of stewards to make them possible.

Everything is under constant review, therefore, and a sustainable solid routine has yet to be discovered. After these two weeks we have found out several things. The demand for Mass is very much centred on Sunday and is increasing at the moment. Although we have a good number of stewards and cleaners their availability does not permit the number of weekday Masses we began with. Cleaning after every Mass is very demanding and time consuming. We will have to steward and clean after baptisms and funerals once they return in addition to any other Masses.

Therefore, we have no option but to reduce the number of public Masses. They will return once we can steward and clean after them, don't worry.

The first change: there will be **public Mass on Saturdays at 5pm** which will be a **Vigil Mass of the Sunday.** We have discovered that Mass at 11am would not leave time for the floor to dry safely after 9.00am

The second change: there will be no public Masses on Mondays or Fridays for the time being. Holidays have made this necessary.

Possible growth: would anyone volunteer to steward a *Friday 9.00am Mass from 21 August?* Thanks to the school this would **not involve cleaning:** the caretaker will kindly fog the church on Fridays. Contact Fr Stephen if you can help. I know this will disappoint some of you, and I apologise for that. But we can only do what's possible. The situation **will be kept under review.** We will also have to clean after baptisms and funerals as they occur too. Just as there is no obligation for anyone to be at Mass so there is no obligation for anyone to steward or clean. There is no right or wrong number of people in a congregation nor right or wrong number of stewards. **We must all do only what we feel safe doing, given our state of health.**

I thank all our stewards.

Thursday

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

Saturday

- **PUBLIC MASS 5.00 p.m. which is a Vigil Mass for Sunday.** *This is a change to routine* **NEXT SUNDAY**
- **18TH SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS AT 9.00 a.m. COMING SOON**

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T ALL MEET...

It is of course still the case that many people should not be attending indoor gatherings. **No-one is in any way obliged to attend Mass at the moment.**

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

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.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Thank you to those of you who have left flowers—both bought and home grown - in the Presbytery porch for use in church. Please keep them coming. **Thank you!**

***PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU:
NO ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT ON THE PEWS***

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

Giving last week: **£790.00**

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966



The Sunday Readings

SOLOMON, King in succession to his great father David, is offered anything he wants by God. He chooses not riches, nor fame, nor military might, but wisdom. For him, this is the greatest gift of all because in order to govern the Israelite people well, he seeks to know the difference between good and evil. All else follows from this gift of wisdom. "I don't know what to do for the best!" is what people say so often in so many difficult situations. Wisdom tells us exactly what to do for the best! In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the value of the Kingdom of God. Being part of that is worth more than anything else, for it contains all we'll ever need—not riches or fame but the true wisdom of knowing God face to face.

THE PARISH ART PROJECT

You can see the completed Holy Spirit banner made up of all your feathers hanging in the sanctuary. It's on the webcam and on the parish Facebook page in more detail. Thank you to Debbie and Annemarie, and all our feather makes for such a lovely creation.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Fr Stephen will be at the outside door by the MRR to hand out boxes of envelopes. He will be wearing gloves to do so, and be socially distanced behind a table and hopes that any queue forms 1.5m apart. You can also ask for a Mass or indeed anything else.

STEWARDS & CLEANERS

To be public, every Mass needs to be stewarded and the pews and floor area used in church need to be cleaned afterwards. We now have four teams for the Saturday night/Sunday. From 21 August we hope to add Friday 9am Mass to the weekly routine. Three volunteers so far—another three and that would be alternate weeks and with no cleaning afterwards—the school kindly fogs us. **THANK YOU!**

VOTIVE CANDLES

We have not yet found a way of safely allowing the lighting of votive candles. Issues of crowding, and repeated touching of items by different people make this a difficult challenge to meet. Hand sanitiser is flammable, so using that near flames is clearly unwise. If you wish to have a candle lit for you please speak to Fr Stephen or Dcn Leo

MGR TIMOTHY MENEZES

Mgr Tim, parish priest here 2004-11 has just celebrated 25 years of priesthood (and a birthday with a '0' at the end). He offered a special Mass at the Cathedral where he is the Dean. It can be seen here <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/recordings/7074> and starts 16 minutes into the recording. **We congratulate Fr Tim and pray for him.**

WELCOME!

PUBLIC MASS RESUMES

Thanks to volunteer stewards & cleaners, we are able to be open for Mass

How wonderful to be back! This is most definitely **NOT** a return to normal, however welcome a return to Mass clearly is.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT EVERY MASS THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE TO APPLY:

The Congregation MUST -

- ◆ Wear a covering over **nose and mouth** and stay 1.5m apart unless you are in the same household (**You should bring your own face covering:** you need it in the shops and many other places by law and we have very few).
- ◆ Sanitise hands on entry and exit
- ◆ Follow signs and follow the stewards' directions. We need to fill from the front to make it obvious when the church is full and to minimise cleaning.

During Mass there can be NO...

- ◆ Readers, servers, musicians nor Eucharistic ministers
- ◆ Children's liturgy nor Holy Water
- ◆ Collection bags nor Offertory procession
- ◆ Physical sign of peace
- ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books nor singing
- ◆ Votive candles used

At Holy Communion, PLEASE DO...

- ◆ Follow stewards' directions
- ◆ Queue in single file only, move forward not back
- ◆ Receive in silence, hands outstretched
- ◆ Step to the side, remove mask, consume, mask on

Please take no chances in coming IF...

- ◆ You have a serious health condition
- ◆ You feel ill
- ◆ You have a sick family member at home
- ◆ You have any cold or flu-like symptoms
- ◆ You think you have been exposed to Covid-19

Afterwards...

- ◆ Please leave as stewards direct you, no grouping
- ◆ The church has to be thoroughly cleaned



PRAY
SAFE

FACE COVERING & 1.5M

STAY
SAFE

**WE MUST
SANITISE
HANDS,
WEAR A FACE
COVERING
OVER NOSE & MOUTH,
STAY
1.5M APART**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Pauline Cullinane, Christian Billebault, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Mary D'Arcy, 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, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: James Gilbride, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

ANNIVERSARIES: Daisy O'Flanagan, Mary Baker, Michael Crampsie, Margaret Synnott, Iris Gamble, Margaret O'Brien, Rosie Harris, James Fulton, Mary Banholzer, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy, Jean Langeveld, Gerry Harland, Martin Brennan, Daphne Berrill, John Piazzon, Baby Thomas Mellon, Jean Kinsella, Leon Kinsella, Trudi Somers, Jack Gerrard, Ellen Hayward, Gertrude Somers, Sheila Coyle, Sheila Devlin, Ludmila Cerowski, Eileen Barnett, Emma Bower, Hilda Waters **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 our leaders
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- For a safe return to public worship and for those who cannot yet return

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



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I say, I say, I say...

Man in pub: Take my advice, never go on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I did and I'll never do it again..!



Boom boom!

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

ARRANGING A



BAPTISMS

A simple baptism, with limited numbers present and all restrictions followed, is now possible, but only by arrangement.

WEDDINGS

It is possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. Current rules mean no more than 30 people may attend

CONFESSION

Confession is possible if socially distanced.

FUNERALS

It is now possible to hold a *small* funeral service or Mass in church, as long as all guidelines for the pandemic are complied with.

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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