

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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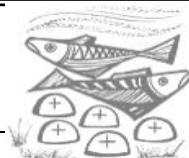
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**2nd AUGUST 2020**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass on p7, readings pxxx in the Parish Mass Book

The church has a hearing loop system



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE [WEBCAM](#)**

SUNDAY 2nd Eighteenth Sunday	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
	Mass: (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Tim Menezes: Silver Jubilee
Monday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Tuesday 4th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 5th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 6th <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	~	~	~
Friday 7th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 8th <i>St Dominic</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m.	Rose & Walter Roach RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 9th Nineteenth Sunday	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
	Mass: (Public)	9.00 a.m.	The Proctor Family

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## AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Virgin Mother, Mary Blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see His face!

## THIS SUNDAY

- **EIGHTEENTH 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 website that give background information and more detail relevant to this building.
- **Please use the parish web cam** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending in person. The webcam will continue in use.
- **GIVING TO THE PARISH:**  
**AT MASS:** There are **boxes for envelopes and other giving** in the church by **the font and the doors.** We cannot pass collecting bags round at this time.  
**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 give directly via the internet**, on 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.  
Offerings can also be put through the presbytery letter box, or saved each week to pass on to someone who attends or until you are able to return.

## THIS WEEK

- Attendance at Mass is permitted only under strict guidelines—see opposite.  
*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/>  
*Saturday*
- **PUBLIC MASS 5p.m.** a Vigil Mass for Sunday. These new Mass arrangements are here as long as they suit our needs and can be stewarded and cleaned afterwards. They are not—and cannot be—set in stone.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- **NINETEENTH SUNDAY: Public Mass at 9a.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. They may be particularly vulnerable or caring for some-

one who is. ***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/>

**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.

**SUNDAY MASSES: THREE WEEKS NOW**

Numbers at the 9am Mass have steadily increased. Last week we had only three more seats left. We are now in a position to have a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 5pm to increase our Sunday capacity. Experience has shown us that a Mass at 11am on Sunday would be difficult to do. Cleaning finishes usually by 1030am but mopping the floor leaves it wet and it does not dry in time for 11am. This creates a slip hazard which will become yet worse when the cooler autumn arrives.

**FRIDAY PUBLIC MASS IS RETURNING**

**On Friday 21 August at 9am** public Mass each Friday will return. Thank you to our five volunteers for this—please email Fr Stephen if you can join the list. There's no cleaning afterwards (it will kindly be done by the school caretaker) and needs just two stewards at a time.

**FLOWERS FOR CHURCH**

**Thank you** to those of you who have given flowers and also to those of you who have arrived with arrangements ready done. They're lovely! Fr Stephen takes no credit for anything that isn't in a vase! **Thank you**

**CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL**

**CAFOD** is rising to the challenge of helping people in developing countries cope with Coronavirus pandemic. Please visit their website for full details, [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk) There are lots of simple ideas for giving support.

**MARY'S MEALS**

The wonderful charity Mary's Meals feeds children all over the developing world at school. It continues to work during the pandemic. This brilliantly simple idea means that impoverished families may have their children fed **and** educated, education being a proven route out of poverty. And it's all run from a shed in Scotland! See <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

+ **AVE MARIA!** +

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

Last Week: £610. There are boxes for your giving by the font and the main doors.

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



## The Sunday Readings

Jesus was in constant demand. Despite seeking peace and quiet following the death of His cousin, John the Baptist, Jesus is followed by the crowds who are desperate for His teaching. So, quite generously, He provides not only food for the soul in His teaching, as well as care for the sick, but He provides food for the body as well. All this prefigures Jesus's greatest gift: His own Body and Blood which nourishes us both spiritually and physically. We do well always to reflect on the profound mystery of the Eucharist, Christ's giving of Himself for His people. The crowds were gasping for His presence: we have it in every tabernacle and at every Mass. Don't we need to pause for a moment and consider just what God offers us? We are called to be especially reverent at Mass. The altar is not a piece of furniture we can nip past like a sideboard: it is the place of sacrifice and the earthly throne of Christ our King. Likewise the tabernacle is the dwelling place of Christ on earth, which is why we genuflect in honour of His divine presence. In His limitless love, Christ provided for the crowd with astounding generosity. In His limitless love Christ provides for us His very Self. As St Paul tells us, this is a love that nothing can separate us from, not even death.

### GIVING ENVELOPES AND MORE

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 undercover. You can also ask for a Mass or indeed anything else.

### STEWARDS & CLEANERS NEEDED

**To be public, every Mass needs to be stewarded and the pews and floor area.** If you can help spread the load and increase the number of public Masses, please email [stmcov@gmail.com](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) to volunteer. **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.

### AUTUMN CHANGES IN THE DEANERY

Fr Harry Curtis is moving from St Joseph's to Cowley, and Fr Des Devenney is coming to St John Fisher. Please pray for priests and parishes

## 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 **face covering over nose and mouth** and stay 1.5m apart unless you are in the same household (**You should bring your own mask:** you will need it elsewhere by law and we have very limited stocks)
- ◆ Sanitise hands on entry and exit
- ◆ Follow signs and follow the stewards' directions. Please *do not insist on a particular seat*. We need to fill the church in sequence to see how many seats are left. We need to fill each pew to save cleaning. Our volunteers are grateful for your co-operation—it does help reduce their work.

**During Mass there can be NO—**

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

**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, with no grouping
- ◆ The church has to be thoroughly cleaned by our volunteers

**Please be patient and bear with us if things do not go as smoothly as they might. We shall get used to it all.**

We are responsible for doing our best to minimise the risk of spreading the corona virus. This is not just for us, but for the good of everyone whom we meet, in church or out.

**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:** Gerard, Noel Whelan, James Gilbride, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Parsons, Tony McCabe, Lucy Beale, Christopher Meehan, Frank Smith, Alan Dawson, Beryl Gill, Maria Watson, William Ryan, James Daly, Jodie Armstrong, John Reddan, Roland Veasey, David Gormal, Jan Wachowski, Mary Quirke, Sheila Sprawson, Carys Evans, Sarah Pyle, Tom Clinton, Margaret Flynn, Robert Ferris, Teresa Moon, Veronica Stevens, Anne Chandley, Evelyn Cassidy, Barbara Cullinane, James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Lily Scott, Joseph Doherty, Paul Wright, Winifred Ansell, Kathleen McSweeney, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufoy, Donald Rushworth, Caroline Kennedy, Fr Colin Doyle, Brigid Goollogly, James McCarron, Donald Holyland, Mary Jennings **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic, for carers and 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

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*I say, I say, I say...*

I got rid of my vacuum cleaner the other day—it was only collecting dust...



*Boom boom!*

**THE PARISH IS ONLINE...**

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**WEBSITE:** stmcov.org

**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 will be possible to make tentative arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. At the moment 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. *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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