

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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9th AUGUST 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 9th Nineteenth Sunday	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The Proctor Family
Monday 10th <i>St Lawrence</i>	Requiem Mass (live stream)	9.00 a.m.	Cathy Blackwell RIP
Tuesday 11th <i>St Clare</i>	Requiem Mass (live stream) Funeral Service	9.00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	James Gilbride RIP
Wednesday 12th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 13th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 14th <i>St Maxillian Mary Kolbe</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 15th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m.	Jim Jackson RIP
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Nora Addison RIP (Anniv) / Arthur Thornhill RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 16th Assumption of BVM	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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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

- **NINETEENTH 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 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 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 be put through the presbytery letter box, passed on to someone who attends or kept until you are able to return.

THIS WEEK

- Attendance at Mass is now permitted **BUT** 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

- **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Public Vigil Mass 5.00 p.m. Saturday and Public Mass 9 a.m. Sunday.**

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 someone 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: FOUR WEEKS NOW

Total numbers are now likely to be affected by such holidays as people manage this year. Last week's first Vigil Mass had nearly thirty present and the morning continues to be nearly at capacity.

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 done by the school caretaker) and needs just two stewards at a time.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers: please continue as you are able **Thank you**

DENIS MENEZES RIP

As announced last week, please pray for the soul and family of Denis Menezes, Mgr Tim's father, who died peacefully last Saturday.

BEIRUT: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Last week's catastrophic explosion has had an enormous and terrible impact on the people of Beirut. Emergency help of £226,000 is to be rushed out to Beirut by **Aid to the Church in Need** (ACN) in the wake of the huge explosion. The Christian zone of Beirut was 'completely devastated', with at least 10 churches destroyed, 300,000 people homeless and many others suffering, with livelihoods 'totally destroyed' by the blast. ACN works with our suffering—and especially persecuted—Christian brothers and sisters to bring practical relief, end need and express the concern of fellow Christians in the face of suffering and injustice. See <https://acnuk.org/>

DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Cathy (Rena) Blackwell and James Gilbride, whose funerals take place this week.

+ AVE MARIA! +

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

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

Elijah, fearing for his life, flees to retreat to Horeb where God spoke to Moses in fire and earthquake. But God, despite Elijah's fear, does not speak through these dramatic things but calmly and simply through quiet, by means of a still small voice. The crowds and disciples have been sent away by Jesus after all the excitement of healings and the miraculous meal of bread and fish. The disciples are in trouble on the lake when Jesus—unexpectedly—walks out to them. Peter jumps into the sea, and unexpectedly finds his need for God. Both Elijah, meeting God in the peace of a gentle breeze, and Peter, full of fear in the fierce storm until Jesus gives him peace, find that God comes to them quietly yet powerfully. And, in the presence of God and trusting in Him, they become able to work with that great power and achieve all that God has called them to do.

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 he can help with.

STEWARDS & CLEANERS NEEDED

To be public, every Mass needs to be stewarded and the pews and floor area used in church need to be cleaned afterwards. If you can help spread the load and increase the number of public Masses, please email 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.

HOLIDAY TIME?

If you are managing a time away, near or far, long or short, may it bring you rest, peace and reinvigoration. May God bless all our times of needed rest

IF YOU HAVE PICKED UP THIS SHEET IN CHURCH,

PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU.

HANDLED ITEMS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE LEFT LYING ABOUT IN CHURCH.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FACE COVERING COVERS YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE

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, 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, Rose Green, Fr George Bennett, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Conolly, Mark Pearson, Anne Kenny, 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: Denis Menezes, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

ANNIVERSARIES: Nora Addison, Rita Bloxham, Agnes Davies, Maurice O'Donoghue, Roger Murray, Kevin Sweeney, Betty Hughes, David Nicholls, Seamus Walsh, John O'Kane, Gerry Clark, Georgina Taylor, Michael Hammond, James Jackson, Mary Naughton, Winifred McDonald, Arthur Thornhill, Donna Lewis, Philip Fitzpatrick, Catherine Hawthorne, Patricia Daines, Helen Wright, Peter Travers, Catherine McQuale, Thomas Bird, John Waters, Valerie Johnson **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
- The people of Lebanon and its capital, Beirut

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I say, I say, I say...

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm invisible. **Doctor:** You'll have to make an appointment: I can't see you today...!!



Boom boom!

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

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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, 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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