

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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23rd AUGUST 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

Mass on p7, readings p120 in the Parish Mass Book
The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 23rd <i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Betty Comins RIP
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Peter Pithie RIP & Trevor Dixon RIP (at the time of their anniversaries)
Monday 24th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Requiem Mass (live stream, mourners only) Holy Hour & Benediction	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Elizabeth Carr RIP
Tuesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Irene Minehane Thanksgiving
Wednesday 26th <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Denis Menezes RIP
Thursday 27th <i>St Monica</i>	~	~	~
Friday 28th <i>St Augustine</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Christina Saults RIP
Saturday 29th <i>Beheading St John the Baptist</i>	Mass (live stream only) Holy Hour & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Jim Cunningham RIP
		9.30 a.m.	
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Uwe Siegemond RIP
SUNDAY 30th <i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Mary Breda Hartnett

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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!

IF YOU HAVE TOUCHED THIS SHEET IN CHURCH PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY WITH YOU

THIS SUNDAY

- **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY**
- **MASS AT 9.00 a.m. WELCOME!** Please bear with the changes and the stewards' instructions. We must be responsible in following guidelines not just to keep ourselves safe but the wider community as well.
- **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 permitted **BUT** only under strict guidelines—see opposite.

Friday

- **9.00am Mass will be celebrated in public** with a congregation. Thank you to volunteers for this and to John, the school caretaker, who cleans afterwards.

Saturday

- **PUBLIC VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **TWENTY-SECOND 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. 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.

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

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers: please continue as you are able **Thank you BEIRUT: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

The recent 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. 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/>

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/>

GIVING ENVELOPES

Fr Stephen will be at the outside door by the MRR to hand out boxes of envelopes. You can also ask for a Mass or anything else, or just say hello!

HOLY WATER

Although it cannot be available in church, if you bring your own sealed bottle of water from home, Fr Stephen can bless it for you to take away.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those of you taking part in Mass via the webcam, the act of Spiritual Communion is printed in full under your view of the church. Simply scroll down to find a white box headed *Message from St Thomas More Church* and it's there. This will be led by the priest at Masses that are **not** public.

EXAM RESULTS

May God bless all those who have recently received exam grades. It was always a stressful time in ordinary circumstances, but this year has been far from ordinary. May the next stage of your education or career be fulfilling and blessed.

JUDY FREEMAN

Judy has asked for it to be known that she will be moving to Shropshire at the end of the year and has ideas for fundraising that include visiting her in her new home in the country.

EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY FOR FR STEPHEN

Fr Stephen has been asked to take on some extra responsibility in the deanery. Details will be given in the notices at Mass.

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

Collections cannot be taken: there are boxes by the doors and the font for your giving.

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



The Sunday Readings

The Master of the palace, Shebna, has failed in his job. His uniform and authority are to be given to another, Eliakim, who will of course also receive the keys. Eliakim is found trustworthy and true, and is thus the man for the job. No wonder, then, that this Old Testament reading from Isaiah is teamed with Matthew's account of Peter's belief in Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God, and his receiving of the keys—the power to bind and to loose. Jesus asks 'Who do you say I am?'. That is the question that matters. Our answer is the measure of our faith. Some would say 'A good man'. Others might say 'A Prophet'. Yet others never even think about the questions.

But Peter's confession of exactly who Jesus is, is a product of his faith. Consequently, Peter is the man for job of Master of the Apostles, the Rock on which the Church is built, the key holder of the kingdom. This is despite his human failings and weakness. With this goes authority given to him by Jesus and symbolised by the keys. And this authority is with us now. Of course Pope Francis is Pope Benedict's successor, but it is important to recognise that he is much more—and most importantly—the successor of Peter.

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. If you can help spread the load and increase the number of public Masses, please email stmcov@gmail.com to volunteer. **Thank you to all our volunteers**

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

CAFOD is helping people in developing countries cope with the Coronavirus pandemic. Please visit their website for full details, Cafod.org.uk There are lots of simple ideas for giving support.

VOTIVE CANDLES

We have not yet found a way of safely allowing the lighting of votive candles. It may be possible to have a box into which written intentions and the 20p cost of the candle may be put. Candles will then be lit on your behalf. Watch this space

THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

It is currently not possible to use the room due to difficulty in meeting pandemic regulations. Both the parish and groups who use the room have to meet exhaustive risk assessments and the whole place would have to be cleaned after every time it was used. This will be reviewed at the end of October. Even if returned to use, its safe capacity would likely be fewer than 20 people.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THINGS IN CHURCH Carriers of Hope and other charities are not taking items in the way they were. There is a health risk during the time of pandemic of leaving items that may be repeatedly touched. **Do not leave anything at all in church, PLEASE.**

PUBLIC MASS: WHAT WE MUST AND WHAT WE MUST NOT DO!

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 and we have very limited stocks. The **wearing of face coverings** is now **compulsory by law.**
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Be aware that the **toilets are out of use**

During Mass there can be NO...

- ◆ Readers, servers, musicians nor extraordinary Eucharistic ministers
- ◆ Children's liturgy, Bidding Prayers nor Holy Water
- ◆ Collection bags nor Offertory procession
- ◆ Physical sign of peace
- ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books, news sheets given out, pamphlets or prayer cards left about, nor singing
- ◆ Votive candles lit

At Holy Communion, PLEASE DO...

- ◆ Follow stewards' directions
- ◆ Queue in single file only, move forward not back
- ◆ Receive Communion 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 or are convalescing
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sanitise your hands as you leave
- ◆ The church has to be cleaned by our volunteers mopping the floor and sanitising the pews

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
WITHOUT WHOSE HARD WORK WE
COULD NOT BE OPEN FOR MASS.**

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Eleanor Gunn, 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, 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: Elizabeth Carr, James Gilbride, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton, Patricia Files, Rev Peter Hammersley

ANNIVERSARIES: Jessie Marash, Jack Gaught, Cynthia Phillips, Trevor Gregory, Vincent Swords, Janet McGawley, Thomas Ward, Molly Needham, Joseph Kendall, Tina Lague, Mary Canning, Anthony Dodd, Michael O'Sullivan, Pauline Twigger, Margaret James, Anne Whitters, Mabel Fulham, Eugene Twomey, Michael Kelly, Gerald Doyle, Nora Neary, Anthony Gill, Frank Craven **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
- For Beirut and its people
- For those who received exam grades this week and for God's blessing on their next step

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I say, I say, I say...

Patient: Doctor! Someone wrote graffiti on my house last night. **Doctor:** Why tell me?

Patient: I can't read it so I wonder if you can...

Boom boom!



THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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TWITTER: @StThosMore

WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

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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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