

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## 6th SEPTEMBER 2020 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY



The church has a hearing loop system

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM**

<b>SUNDAY 6th</b> <i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Monica Ryan RIP
Monday 7th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Tuesday 8th <i>Nativity of BVM</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Mary D'Arcy
Wednesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	May Nichols RIP
Thursday 10th <i>Bl Agnellus of Pisa</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Emrys Evans RIP
Friday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00	Catherine McKenzie—100th birthday
Saturday 12th <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	John & Ellen Merrick RIP (Anniv)
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 13th</b> <i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Fahy Family, Deceased

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## SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Ave Crux, Spes Unica!*

Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope!



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

## THIS SUNDAY

- **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY: Second Collection** for the Parish Development Fund **Fr Paul Burch from All Souls** will be celebrating the 9am Mass this weekend.
- **IF YOU WISH TO CATCH FR STEPHEN** after Mass, he will usually be at the side door of church by the MRR under the cover of the porch, socially distanced. Mass envelopes, giving envelopes, and any queries can all be sorted out there. Give him a minute or two to change.
- **Please use the parish web cam** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending.
- **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 of course be put through the presbytery letter box, passed on to someone who attends or kept until you are able to return.

### THIS WEEK *Friday*

- **9.00am Mass will be celebrated in public.** After some helpful conversations, **Saturday morning live stream exposition will move to Friday morning after the public Mass** so parishioners may attend in person. It will of course still be live streamed. This will start this coming Friday.

### *Saturday*

- **PUBLIC VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY 5.00 p.m.**  
**NEXT SUNDAY**
- **24th SUNDAY: PUBLIC MASS 9.00 a.m.**  
**COMING SOON**

### **THE SEASON OF CREATION**

**1 September to 4 October** is now designated the Season of Creation.

**HARVINGTON HALL ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**  
Now online at the diocesan website, 3pm 6 Sept.  
**ORDINATIONS THIS YEAR**

This year's ordinations have to hold under the pandemic regulations and so are for family and close friends only, but will be live streamed from the Cathedral. 12 Sept 3pm Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor, and on 20 Sept 3pm Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper. Please pray for them, and for Canon

Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans who will be ordained as Bishops in October.

**MACMILLAN FUND RAISING DAY—IT'S ON!**  
**Friday 25 September 10am onwards at 192 Kenpas Highway.** Claire and Mary invite you to join them in the garden—in a marquee! (Wear a jacket as outside in the autumn may need one)

**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/>

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**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.

### **HOLY WATER**

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

### **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH**

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

### **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.

### **FR STEPHEN'S EXTRA ROLE**

**From next Sunday** Fr Stephen will continue as parish priest here **AND** also be parish priest at St Joseph the Worker. Fr Peter Conley is becoming the assistant priest at St Joseph's and will be a great help. Next Sunday Fr Stephen will be at St Joseph's and Fr Peter will be saying the 9am Mass so that Fr Stephen can get there in very good time. The Sunday Mass times across the two parishes will be Saturday Vigil 5.00pm STM, Sunday 9.00am STM, 10.45am SJW, 5.00pm SJW.

### **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*

**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

When Ezekiel hears his task as a prophet compared to that of a sentry, God is making a vital but simple point. Not to give a warning of impending disaster is wrong: to do nothing is not an option, we must do what is right. In the Gospel, Jesus warns against the great temptation to dwell on wrongs done to us by going off to discuss them with others. Yes, we might need advice, but it is too easy to seek comfort or even justification for our anger. No, go and talk to the one who has wronged us. That conversation must be positive and open, not a set of demands that the other must grovel and eat humble pie. It is forgiveness and reconciliation are at the heart of the Gospel, and not vengeance and vindication. And then, when we are most merciful we are most like Jesus and His presence among us can work great things.

### 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** use. A strict one-way in and out system would be needed. Even if returned to use, its safe capacity would likely be about 20 people due to social distancing and having to keep space free to queue for the loos. Plus, the kitchen could not be used.

### 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 and adoration, email [stmcov@gmail.com](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) to volunteer. **Thank you to all our volunteers!** We'd be shut without them **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.**

### PARKING FOR MASS

The school car park is **OPEN** for Saturday and Sunday Masses using the entrance at the side of the church only as we are reduced in numbers. If you choose to park on Watercall Avenue please be mindful of our neighbours' needs and our duty to park as safely as possible.

### THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH—AUTUMN

This church is a big and a cold one—it has **heaters now 52 years old and absolutely no insulation at all.** It is a fact that the heating **cannot** make the church anything near as cosy as a sitting room, even though the gas costs about £5 an hour! Before lockdown, the finance committee was to consider improvements, but this had of course to be left for the time being. The need for ventilation with Covid regulations means draughts, *please wear what you need to be warm*

## 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, Elene 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:** Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr, James Gilbride, Noel Whelan, Rena Blackwell, Mike Button, Joan Weaver, Alan Rushton

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Spooner, Annie Whitters, Ronald Bowen, Margaret Johnston, Noel Bryan, Patrick Meehan, Eileen Harold, Richard Skelly, Mary Holroyd, Joseph Meade, James O'Neill, Cicely Fawcett, Martin Langdon, Mary Burr, Bridget Gannon, Maurice Catlin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Mieczyslaw Kolodynski, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Joseph Murray, Albert Bordeleau, Mabel Barnacle **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
- Pope Francis asks us to pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared with justice and respect.

**MRS CATHERINE MACKENZIE**

A very happy birthday to parishioner Mrs Mackenzie who last week celebrated her 100th birthday!

**THE PARISH IS ONLINE...**

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**WEBSITE:** stmcov.org

**WEBCAM:** via website

**PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW**

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

Crime in multi storey car parks.

It's unacceptable at every level..!



**Boom boom!**

**ARRANGING A**



**BAPTISMS**

A simple baptism, with no more than 30 present and all restrictions followed, is now possible, but only by arrangement.

**WEDDINGS**

It is possible to make arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later. At the moment no more than 30 people may attend, all following the guidelines

**CONFESSION**

Confession is possible if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen

**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. No more than 30 people may be present.

**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 BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN NOT AT ALL!**



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