

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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27th SEPTEMBER 2020
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY 27th <i>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Rena Blackwell (RIP)
Monday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Evelyn Ward (RIP)
Tuesday 29th <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Ints of Michael & Jennifer Connell
Wednesday 30th <i>St Jerome</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Price (RIP) / Dave Laffey (RIP)
Thursday 1st October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	~	~	~
Friday 2nd <i>The Guardian Angels</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00	Declan McDermott (RIP)
Saturday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Babs Crum (RIP) / Paul Finn (RIP)
SUNDAY 4th <i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Catherine McKenzie (100th Birthday)

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY: Second Collection:** Father Hudson's Care
- **NHS TRACK & TRACE SMARTPHONE APP** If you have this app on a smartphone you may use it on the QR code posters in the porch *instead of writing down your details.*
- **FR STEPHEN** is now also **Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker** in Canley. He is saying the 10.45 Sunday Mass there.
- **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...
- **GIVING ENVELOPES** If you have not claimed your box of envelopes, they are waiting for you by the outside door to the side chapel and MRR. You can collect them after Mass.
- **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.
- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition if you are not attending Mass in person at the moment.
- **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 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 in public, followed by thirty minutes of public Adoration.

NEXT WEEKEND

27th SUNDAY Public Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00 p.m. Public Mass Sunday 9.00 a.m.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

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

BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY

2020: The Climate Emergency: *Listening To The Cry Of The Earth And The Cry Of The Poor*

This year the Assembly will take place **ONLINE** culminating with Evening Prayer with Archbishop Bernard on Sunday, 4th October at 7pm. For information and to book go to: <https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020> or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

COMING SOON

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This has been put back a week to **Friday 9 October** with the collections on the 10 and 11. CAFOD is helping the world's poorest face the suffering inflicted by Covid-19. Full details on CAFOD.org.uk

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 newspaper 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.

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.

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*

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**

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

FINANCE... Main Collection: £1013.60 Catholic Evangelisation: £154.70

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

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



The Sunday Readings

It is not simply lip service and relying on the past that will put us right with God.

Jesus shocks his hearers by telling them that sinners will

be entering the Kingdom before them. A sinner's repentance and giving up of their previous ways will gain God's favour. What matters—as the first reading points out too—is what's happening *now*. Past sins can be repented of and forgiven so that even the worst sinner may make a fresh start. But a life time of good deeds will count as nothing for the one who gives all that up to embrace sin. God's justice is about us, *now!*

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 in church that may be repeatedly touched.

THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

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, as we must keep doors and windows open.** so **please wear what you need to, in order to be warm.**

SERVERS, MUSICIANS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS...

You are ALL now having to exercise a ministry of patient waiting. Covid-19 guidelines make the normal exercising of these ministries very difficult if we are to be safe. No one is to touch the chalice and anything else on the altar except the priest. We are forbidden to sing as a congregation. Going into people's homes is a real risk of giving or receiving the virus. Sharing the lectern and the books on it require rigorous procedures for hygiene. We all wish these things could happen as normal. They will, as soon as things change. But until then, thank you for what you have done in the past, thank you for your patience now, and thank you for being ready to carry on in the future. **THANK YOU!**

BE WISE—SANITISE.

ALWAYS COVER MOUTH and NOSE.

PUBLIC MASS:

WHAT WE MUST AND

WHAT WE MUST NOT DO!

TO MINIMISE THE RISK TO ONE ANOTHER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT EVERY MASS THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE TO APPLY
On entering, you will have been asked for your name and phone number so that we can assist the NHS Track & Trace system

The Congregation MUST—

- ◆ Wear a **FACE COVERING** over **nose AND mouth** and stay **1.5m apart** unless you are in the same household. **Face coverings** are now compulsory in many places and are mandatory in church.
- ◆ **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 reduces their work.
- ◆ Recognise that the **sacristy** and rooms behind the sanctuary **are for clergy only**
- ◆ 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 and **KEEP APART**
- ◆ 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

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, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel McLeod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, 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: Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr **ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Norris, Sylvia Jenkins, Sidney Hayes, Helen Martin, Gerry Donegan, Neil Ilston, Arthur Upham, Thomas Higgins, Maud Grace, Norman Pearson, Terence Duffy, Nellie McCann, Bridget Mitchell **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

- Fr Hudson's Care and its work with the vulnerable
- 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
- Respect for all creation and the preservation of its resources and in thanksgiving for the harvest and all who gather it in and transport it to us.

**O Faithful Cross above all others,
One and only noble tree!**

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

I say, I say, I say...



Did you hear the joke about the window that needed cleaning? Well you won't find it here: it's far too dirty to be on a respectable news sheet like this...!

Boom boom!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Everything that happens in church now has to be stewarded and after it the church has to be cleaned. There can be no congregational singing.

Everyone who enters should sanitise hands, wear a face covering and stay at least 1.5m apart unless from the same household. Track & Trace details should be given.

BAPTISMS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **30 people** may be present.

WEDDINGS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **15 people** may be present for a wedding. It is possible to make arrangements for weddings that are planned for 2021 or later, but it is **not known** when the limit of 15 might be relaxed.

CONFESSION

Confession is perfectly possible if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it. Confessionals cannot be used without thorough cleaning between each penitent: we cannot provide that level of work.

FUNERALS

As well as the conditions given above, currently no more than **30 people** may be present. The coffin cannot be brought in the night before.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies remains available: the sick and dying may still be anointed, babies in danger of death may still be baptised. In cases, the room should be ventilated and social distancing should be observed if at all possible. PPE should be worn by the priest.

Contact Fr Stephen.

**DON'T ASSUME HE ALREADY
KNOWS ABOUT A PROBLEM
BETTER TO BE TOLD TWICE THAN
NOT AT ALL!**