

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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11th OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 11th <i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Patrick & Michael Shanley (RIP) / Helena Shanley (RIP)
Monday 12th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Kathleen & Joe Finnerty (RIP)
Tuesday 13th <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Ailish Sexton (RIP)
Wednesday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Requiem Mass (live stream only)	11.45 a.m.	Tom Falconer (RIP)
Thursday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	~	~	~
Friday 16th <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.00	Anthony Armstrong (5th Anniv)
Saturday 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Theresa Brooks (B'day Anniv)
SUNDAY 18th <i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	Charlie Addison (RIP)

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OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God!



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

THIS WEEKEND

- This parish is now in partnership with St Joseph the Worker, Canley
- **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY**
- **Second Collection: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day to help people facing the worse of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give> or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.** Texts cost one standard rate message plus your £10 donation and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.
- **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.*
- **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...
- **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

9am Public Mass & thirty minutes of Adoration.

NEXT WEEKEND

29th SUNDAY Public Vigil Mass Saturday
5.00 p.m. Public Mass Sunday 9.00 a.m.

Second Collection: APF World Mission 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.

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.

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 stmcov@gmail.com to volunteer. **Thank you to all our volunteers!** *We'd be shut without them*

THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: The need for ventilation with Covid regulations means draughts, as we must keep doors and windows open. If you're coming to Mass in person ***please wear what you need to, in order to be warm.***

BE WISE—SANITISE
ALWAYS COVER MOUTH and
NOSE
KEEP AT LEAST SIX FEET
APART.
HANDS—FACE—SPACE

FINANCE... Main Collection: £628.00 CAFOD: £181.50

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

There is no doubt at all: God's invitation to come to Him and share His joy is given to everyone. But there is also no doubt that not everyone responds. As Jesus

tells this parable of the invitation to the wedding feast, you can almost hear the disappointment in His voice. A splendid meal to celebrate a splendid occasion is all laid out, but no-one comes: some are just not interested. God has sacrificed His Son and calls all to celebrate at the Mass, but some find reasons not to come and others come unprepared and make no effort, like the man with no wedding garment. Yet God's offering of His Son is the single most important event in history. The Mass, as part of our discipleship, is where we celebrate and rejoice in that supreme act of love most fully as His people, the Church. Jesus invites us, Jesus feeds us, Jesus strengthens us in this truly wonderful time of prayer that we call the Mass. Sacrifice, meal, worship, physical encounter with Christ, its many facets are all part of the one fact that God in Jesus calls us to Himself, to wholeness, happiness and ultimately of course to heaven. We must respond!

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

On Saturday 10 October in Assisi, Carlo Acutis, a London born Italian who died in Milan in 2006 aged 15 of Leukaemia, will be beatified. This remarkable teenager was a gamer, computer programmer and a profoundly sincere follower of Jesus Christ who offered his sufferings for the Church and for Pope Benedict. He combined his skills in compiling an online website of Eucharistic miracles. Do read about his truly remarkable life—try catholicnewsagency.com. Very much a teenager but very much a Christian. May he pray for us that we may love the Mass, our fellow human beings and place our skills in the service of Christ.

FRATELLI TUTTI: POPE FRANCIS WRITES

What are the great ideals but also the ways to advance for those who wish to build a more just and fraternal world in their ordinary relationships, in social life, politics and institutions? This is the question that *Fratelli Tutti* is intended to answer: the Pope describes it as a Social Encyclical which borrows the title of the 'Admonitions' of Saint Francis of Assisi, who used these words to 'address his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel' (Par 1). The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. It is freely available at www.vatican.va

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: Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Mary D'Arcy, Baby Theo, Catherine Brookes, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maria Vaz, Maisie Reddon, Rose Green, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel McLeod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Eileen Connolly, 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: Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson, John Turner, Elizabeth Carr

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Owens, Keith McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Anna Downey, Maria Darby, Mary McCormack, Malcolm Shanley, Ann Leigh, Margaret Chambers, Winifred Sadler, Teresa Brown, Joan Sharry, Ivor Rouzel, Agnes Mallett, Patrick Walsh, Margaret McHugh, John Comer, Patricia Arnett, Peter Dargan, Anthony Armstrong, William McFadden, Dorothy Bromidge, Patrick Fearon, William Browne, Josephine Ferry
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- CAFOD, the people and communities it serves
- 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

PUBLIC MASSES ACROSS THE TWO PARISHES OF ST THOMAS MORE & ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 5.00pm STM
Sunday Mass 9.00am STM
Sunday Mass 10.45am SJW
Sunday Wark Univ Chaplaincy Mass 1230 SJW
Sunday Mass 5.00pm SJW
Thursday Mass 10.00am SJW
Friday Mass & Exposition 9.00am STM

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

I say, I say, I say...

Why did the pterodactyl cross the road? Because there weren't any chickens back then . . . !!!

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 **6 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 every penitent: we cannot provide that level of cleaning without more volunteers.

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 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 and face coverings by all.

Contact Fr Stephen.

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