

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY  
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## 18th OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

*The church has a hearing loop system*

*"...Give to Caesar what  
 is Caesar's... and to  
 God what is God's..."*



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

<b>SUNDAY 18th</b> <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)
Monday 19th <i>St Frideswide</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Ints of Cathy Miller
Tuesday 20th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Mary O'Donovan (RIP)
Wednesday 21st <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Thursday 22nd <i>St John Paul II</i>	~	~	~
Friday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Saturday 24th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Frydryk Hosoi (16th B'day)
<b>SUNDAY 25th</b> <i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	John & Bridget Cooney (Anniv)

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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-NINTH SUNDAY: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Second Collection:** APF in support of the Missions.
- **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](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

### *Tuesday*

**Prayer 2020:** Pray at 2020 hrs on the 20th of the month, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

### *Friday*

**9am Public Mass** & thirty minutes of Adoration.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**30th 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...** Of course hat 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](mailto: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.** Furthermore, any heating system that blows warm air is not recommended for use under the Covid guidelines. Even if we did use ours, the open windows would mean we were simply wasting money—the heating couldn't possibly cope.

### **CAFOD FAST DAY**

Thank you for your contributions to CAFOD last week which have raised £555. Any further donations can be put in a labelled envelope and placed in the collection boxes or through the Presbytery letter box. **Thank you**

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

**FINANCE... Main Collection:** £622.00 + £1464.33 in Standing Orders for Sept. **CAFOD:** £555

**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

The issue of Roman taxes taken from the Jews was an explosive one in Jesus's day. Hated by the Jews as a sign of their conquest but also as supporting a pagan empire, these taxes were nonetheless rigidly enforced by the Roman authorities. The question put to Jesus is therefore a difficult one, and it is meant to trap Him. If He says 'Pay your taxes to Caesar' then He could be seen as a traitor to the Jewish cause. If He says 'Don't pay your taxes to Caesar', then He can be seen as a political agitator inciting revolt against the Roman authorities. But Jesus will not fall into any such trap. If only the Pharisees would listen. Not only does He escape their trap, but He teaches too. What Caesar wants are things materialistic, powerful and worldly. What God wants are things utterly different: hearts and minds. These are much more valuable. As elected governments and even dictators come and go, and as the world's economy goes up *and* down, Jesus speaks about who can never fail and what can always be relied on: God.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today please pray for the work of the missions bringing the love of Christ and His Gospel to millions across the world. Churches, hospitals and schools are maintained in often difficult and sometimes dangerous circumstances. Thank you for your giving today. You may find out more at <https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/>

### ONE WORLD WEEK 18-25 OCTOBER

The Annual Intercultural Mass goes online this year as an Celebration prepared by the Ethnic chaplaincies in the Diocese. It will be available on the Diocesan Website. Do make a point of setting time aside to pray for peace in the world with the many nations that now make up the Diocesan Family. There is lovely music, prayers, readings and greetings in the many languages of our Catholic Community that makes up the diocese.

### THANK YOU—STANDING ORDERS

Many parishioners now use standing orders for their giving to the parish—thank you! This is a great help in this time of reduced income (the parish has been unable to let the MRR for six months now, for example). We are trying not to run down our bank account just to pay the ordinary bills, which of course keep coming. If you'd like to give by standing order the Parish and Corona Virus page on the website allows you to print off a form. Simply complete it and post to the presbytery, or put through the letter box.

*Thank you all*

## 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 OR use the NHSCovid-19 app on your smart phone to scan the QR code in the porch**

### *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. Please keep your distance at Communion
- ◆ **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

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steele, 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:** Bridget Boyd, John Clements, Kenneth Brown, Doris Pyle, Eileen Winter, Zygmunt Branski, Daisy Smith, Ronald Sharpe, Thomas Norris, Brian Roberts, Joan Bell, Jan Zajac ***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
- Our civil leaders and the scientists who advise them
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The Missions, missionaries and all whom they serve

### 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** Mass 5.00pm SJW  
**Thursday** Mass 10.00am SJW  
**Friday** Mass & Exposition 9.00am STM

### THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

**FACEBOOK:** @StThosMore

**TWITTER:** @StThosMore

**WEBSITE:** stmcov.org

**WEBCAM:** via website

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



**Gladys** The police were round our house last night. My Bert had shot across the road, straight into the Co-Op and stopped at the wet fish counter.

**Gloria** What on earth was wrong with that?

**Gladys** Nothing, if he hadn't been driving!

**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 or the NHS smartphone app used

### 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 into church 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 such 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!**