

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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1st NOVEMBER 2020 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 1st Nov <i>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</i>	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	Margaret Arnold
	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 2nd <i>All Souls</i>	Mass (live stream only) Adoration & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday 3rd <i>St Martin de Porres, Rel</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	June Phee (Illness)
Wednesday 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bp</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Crean RIP
Thursday 5th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Friday 6th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Public) Adoration	9.00 a.m. Until 10.00	Thanksgiving for Health (BL)
Saturday 7th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (live stream only)	9.00 a.m.	Julia & David O'Grady
	Vigil Mass (Public)	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8th <i>32nd Sunday: Remembrance</i>	Mass (Public)	9.00 a.m.	The Fallen

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NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



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

THIS WEEKEND

- **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS—Public Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00 p.m. Public Mass Sunday 9.00 a.m. Second Collection:** Johnson Association for retired and infirm priests
- **ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** Please pray for John Garvey, Dirk Hermans and Dominic Kerr ordained yesterday in the Cathedral
- **THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE** A special Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at noon today, celebrated by Bishop David Evans
- **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
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

32nd SUNDAY *and* **Remembrance Sunday.**

COMING SOON

ADVENT PARISH ART PROJECT

See details opposite. Ideas and more information on the parish website stmcov.org We thank Debbie for her ideas and encouragement.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

Covid regulations prevent us leaving the usual slips of paper out for the names of the departed, so please bring a list ready prepared at home, and drop into one of the baskets provided at the back.

The list will then be placed in the sanctuary for you after every public Mass.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

will be held on the first Thursday of every month at **St John Fisher Church**, Tiverton Road starting on Thurs 5th Nov 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan is arranged for **Fri 11 Dec** at Christ the King, 7pm. This will be his 50th Anniversary Mass. If you wish to come contact Dcn Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881.

AS A COMMUNITY THAT CAN'T ALL MEET...

Of course, 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.

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

THE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

The church **must** be ventilated under Covid regulations, which means windows and doors being open and the temperature lower than we'd wish. Please bear this in mind when choosing your outfit for church!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is impossible for us to open the piety shop safely under Covid regulations, so we are unfortunately unable to sell Christmas Cards this year (or indeed almost anything else). Please make use of other charitable cards from such great charities as Aid to the Church in Need, CAFOD or Friends of the Holy Land. See online at acnuk.org/ or friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/ or cafod.org.uk/ If you're reading this on the internet these blue links will take you directly to the website. Just click!

FINANCE... Main Collection: Not known at time of printing.

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

St John draws back the curtain between heaven and earth to provide us with a vivid description of the great heavenly company of saints praising God, in the new and heavenly Jerusalem

“from every nation, race, tribe and language”.

This is the company that we are all called to join, and as people loved by God enough to call us his own children, the company that God *wants* us to join! So how do we do it? Jesus, in the famous Gospel passage that is known as the *Beatitudes*, gives us a description of the qualities of people who are indeed saints. We need to be poor in spirit, to hunger for what is right, to be merciful, pure and makers of peace. And last of all, we may even need to suffer just because we are Christians. The name “beatitudes” comes from the Latin “*Beatus*” which means blessed and happy. It will not be possible to be more blessed or more happy than in the company of God in His heavenly glory. God intended us to be happy with Him for all eternity. May men and women everywhere live lives that start making that true happiness happen *today*.

POSTPONED FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

The children in St Thomas More School, who would have received first Communion last May, will do so on **14 & 28 Nov** These Masses are for the **Yr4 children in the school and close family only**. We are sorry: children from other schools cannot be included due to the Covid safe bubbles at the school. Other arrangements can be made, of course. Confirmation will happen in 2021 and we expect Y3 Communions too. Children not in Catholic schools can't yet be given any preparation in the parish. All subject, of course, to any further Government restrictions.

HOLY WATER

If you bring your own sealed bottle of water from home, Fr Stephen can bless it for you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The changing nature of the Covid restrictions make planning two months ahead a real challenge. Anything we do as a public Mass is dependent on our volunteer stewards and cleaners. *We owe them a real debt of gratitude*. Cleaners and stewards are asked to let Fr Stephen know their availability at Christmas. Then we can plan.

ADVENT PARISH ART PROJECT

Make a star!

Use anything you choose, use any technique you like!

Size—A6 to A4 Colour—up to you.

Hand your star in to the Presbytery or 52 Leamington Road by 12 Dec

See parish website for full details and ideas stmcov.org



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 NHCovid-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. **Without a face covering** we must stay **2m (6 feet)** distant from those not in our household
- ◆ **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 nor votive candles lit
- ◆ Parish Missals, hymn books, news sheets given out, pamphlets, prayer cards or any other papers left about, nor singing

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: June Phee, Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Hayline 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: Gerry Higginbotham, Ray Cartwright, Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston, Monica Jean Anderson,

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine David, Margaret McMahon, William McCann, Paul Kenny, Maud Maher, James Davey, Mary Cunningham, Nancy Allen, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold, Mario Sajeve, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, Eileen Smith, David Nisbet, Alan Stock
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- The victims of Coronavirus, for medical staff, for research into a vaccine and for the end of the pandemic, for our leaders and the scientists who advise them
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The victims and family of those murdered in Notre Dame, Nice and for an end to all hatred.

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

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

I say, I say, I say...



An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walked into a bar.

The barman looked up and said 'Is this some kind of a joke..?'

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!