

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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8th NOVEMBER 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY: Remembrance Sunday

DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN THERE CAN BE NO PUBLIC MASS



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 8th Nov 32nd Sunday: Remembrance	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	The Fallen
Monday 9th <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	John McDonnell RIP (2nd Anniv)
Tuesday 10th <i>St Leo the Great, Pope</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	The Deceased Clergy of the Parish
Wednesday 11th <i>St Martin of Tours, B</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Lavinia Lynskey RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 12th <i>St Josaphat, B & M</i>	Mass (Livestream) from SJW: click here	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Paddy Mullen RIP
Saturday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Church open for private prayer.	9.00 a.m. 9.45-10.45 a.m.	Stephanie RIP
SUNDAY 15th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd of the Hussey family & Friends/ Shaun Cleary RIP

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NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



THIS WEEKEND

- **32nd SUNDAY and Remembrance Sunday**
Second Collection: Johnson Association for retired and infirm priests. Public worship is suspended once more while the lockdown is in force. Please keep an eye on the parish website and national news for confirmation of our re-opening.
- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition during the suspension of public worship.
- **FR STEPHEN WRITES:** Over just a few days, we have now been returned to 'lockdown' by the Government's decision agreed in Parliament last Wednesday. Despite the hard work of countless thousands of volunteers keeping churches as safe as possible, Masses and services with a congregation are now suspended, together with many other activities we once took for granted. The Cardinal asked for churches to be exempted, but they have not been, and we must, as good citizens, play our part for the common good.

I thank the stewards and cleaners at St Thomas More, and I hope that more may join them once public Masses are allowed again. ***Their importance and the care with which they must do their work cannot be overstated.*** We have all benefitted from their efforts. We will need to pay special attention to the ways in which we have a duty to keep the congregation safe once public Masses resume. So what can we do now? First, ***pray***. We are asked to set aside a moment at 6pm each day to pray for the end of the pandemic. An obvious thing to do at this time would be to recite the Angelus for that intention. Furthermore, **Saturday 21 November** is to be a **National Day of Prayer** for the same intention.

If you can access the internet, please use the web cam to unite yourself in prayer with the offering of Mass, to hear the Word of God proclaimed and, as a parish to unite in prayer at the same time. Just between the two partnered parishes of St Joseph's and St Thomas More, the internet will offer you something like 14 Masses and three Holy Hours a week, plus homilies and scriptural reflections. Go further afield and the opportunities are almost countless! St Joseph the Worker webcam is viewable if you click [here](#) There is a Mass there on Thursdays when there is no mass here. Without the internet, please still pause to pray at the time you would be at Mass: there is much to pray for in the Church, the parish, the world and our own lives, friends and families. Secondly, we must also look out for each other. Is there someone you used to visit but can't now? Can you ring them up? Can you print this news sheet from the website and safely let a

fellow parishioner with no computer have a copy? Is there someone you can help whose IT skills are not up to finding the parish website and webcam? Do you know of anyone who might need a hand in any other way? The Government has set the lockdown to end on 2 December. Please keep an eye on news and on the parish website to keep up to date. May this lockdown be as short and as successful as possible. ***God bless you all.***

● **GIVING TO THE PARISH**

Please do one of these four things as you can:
1. Use a standing order. You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on the website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part and post to the Presbytery.

2. Give online via the Diocesan Website Go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-worker 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.

3. Put your offering through the Presbytery letterbox

4. Keep your offering until you can return to church

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING! Many things are now suspended but our bills certainly aren't.

- **IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET, we are on - WEBSITE:** <https://stmcov.org/>
TWITTER: @StThosMore
FACEBOOK: @StThosMore

This newsletter is posted on the website 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.

THIS WEEK

Saturday

The church will be open for private prayer

9.45-10.45am. This will be stewarded and cleaned afterwards (as it must be). If any stewards and cleaners can volunteer for 21 and 28 Nov please contact Fr Stephen. This Saturday is already covered. ***Thank you*** to all our volunteers.

NEXT WEEKEND

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY: The World Day of the Poor

COMING SOON

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

Masses will be offered this month for the departed. If you have a list of names for the sanctuary please post it through the presbytery letter box and they will be placed in the chest by the altar.

FINANCE... Main Collection: total for the past three weeks, £1613.85

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

In 2019 it cost £1571 a week to run the parish '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966



The Sunday Readings

The early Christians believed that Christ's return to earth would be very soon: two thousand years later we are still waiting. This is not a reason for doubt or disappointment: Christ's first coming was eagerly awaited by many who never saw it, as the Old Testament bears witness. Some early Christians began to fear for those who died before Christ's return, but St Paul points out that all shall meet Him, for our earthly death is not the end of life, but a change in life. Jesus tells the story of the five wise and foolish bridesmaids. None of them doubted the groom's arrival, but not all of them were ready when it happened. Some of them just expected everything to be all right but did nothing to make sure it was! They were too late. All Christians need to be ready for Jesus by prayer, and acts of love and mercy. Then He will recognise us as friends when He comes again and we shall be welcomed into His presence.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 21 November has been designated a National Day of Prayer in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additionally, every day we are encouraged to pray at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and all affected by it. An Angelus will be very suitable, offered for that intention.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan is arranged for **Fri 11 Dec** at Christ the King, 7pm. Contact Dcn Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881. (Pandemic restrictions permitting)

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers: please continue as you are able. We have had some nice arrangements for Remembrance. There will of course be no flowers for Advent, which begins on 29 Nov. **Thank you**

POSTPONED FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Due to the latest lockdown, the Yr4 children at the parish school have had to have their first Communion postponed again. There will be no Confirmation or First Communion until the new year. Please pray for then children and their families.

FOR THE DEPARTED...

O GOD, who willed that your only-begotten Son, having conquered death, should pass over into the realm of heaven, grant, we pray, to your departed servants that, with the mortality of this life overcome, they may gaze eternally on you, their Creator and Redeemer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

PUBLIC MASS
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PUBLIC WORSHIP IS NOW SUSPENDED DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN

Please keep an eye on the parish website and national news for confirmation of a return to public worship

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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 friend-softheholylan.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!

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. They are asked to let Fr Stephen know their availability at Christmas. Then we can begin to plan. **Thank you**

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD?

Find out how to receive help from a foodbank and how to support one by visiting—
coventry.foodbank.org.uk

ADVENT PARISH ART PROJECT

Make a star!

Use anything you choose, use any technique you like!

Size—A6 to A4 colour—you decide. The individual stars will form a larger star pointing the way to Christmas and the birth of Jesus

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

See parish website for full details and ideas stmcov.org

We didn't know there would be yet another lockdown when this was announced. Let's make it as successful as the first one.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: June Phee, 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: Stephen Cole, Angela Cook, Gerry Higginbotham, Ray Cartwright, Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer, Renee Kingston

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Bates, John Leonard, Thomas McMillan, Christina Mahon, Edward Hastings, Ona Smith, Alice Williams, Mary McKenzie, Anthony Corcoran, Patrick Lawlor, Leo Keenan, Thomas Connor, Ruth Brown, Elizabeth O'Brien, Patrick McQuillan, Gertrude Czudej, Thomas Jurczak, Eileen Hanlon, Joseph Molloy, Wiktor Daron, Sarah Donaghue, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Galvin, William Turner, Desmond Winter, Mary Durkin, Annie McGinty, John McDonnell, Danuta Koltun, Mary Walsh, Kenneth Stone, Mary Billingham, Ann Redmond, Michael Carr, John Tomkins, Carol O'Sullivan, Maureen Rowan, Alan Beer, Shaun Cleary, John McCarthy, Anthony Casey
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 of war, members of the armed services past and present, for world peace.

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

Sunday Mass 9.00am STM
Sunday Mass 10.45am SJW
Sunday Warwick Univ Mass 12.30 SJW

I say, I say, I say...

Patient: Doctor, doctor! I keep thinking I'm a square peg in a round hole.

Doctor: Let me check my appointments: I'll see if I can fit you in..!

Boom boom!



THE CELEBRATIONS NEW LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

- **Public Mass, Prayers and any form of worship** is once again suspended. Churches may be open for private prayer, with the obligation to sanitise, give track & trace details, wear face coverings, keep at least a metre apart, with stewards supervising and volunteers cleaning afterwards.
- **Baptism** may be celebrated in an emergency only, which would not be in church
- **Confession** may be celebrated out doors, in a public space, maintain social distancing.
- **Weddings** are currently suspended, unless one spouse is in danger of death
- **Funerals** may take place in church, under the restrictions applying before lockdown: no more than 30 present, all giving track & trace details, wearing face masks, keeping 1 metre apart, sanitising, with stewards supervising and volunteers cleaning .
- **Emergency pastoral care** is still available of course.

EMERGENCIES

Pastoral care in emergencies **remains available** under lockdown: 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!**