

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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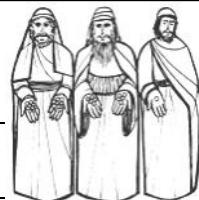
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15th NOVEMBER 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY: World Day of the Poor

GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN: THERE CAN BE NO PUBLIC MASS



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 15th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Dec'd of the Hussey family & Friends/ Shau'n Cleary RIP
Monday 16th <i>St Margaret, Q</i>	Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Kath Pithie
Tuesday 17th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wednesday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	John Francis McCarthy RIP
Thursday 19th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from SJW: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 20th <i>St Edmund, K & M</i>	Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Nora Addison RIP
Saturday 21st <i>Presentation of BVM National Day of Prayer</i>	Mass (Livestream) Church open for private prayer	9.00 a.m. 9.45-10.45 a.m.	Harold Webster RIP (10th Anniv)
SUNDAY 22nd CHRIST THE KING	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Price RIP / Departed of the Keegan & O'Grady families

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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

- **33rd SUNDAY—The World Day of the Poor**
Public worship is suspended once more while the lockdown is in force. Today, we are reminded of Jesus's call to serve those in need.
- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition during the suspension of public worship.
- **RECORDINGS OF MASS** We had some problems with the recording of Mass but these have now been resolved by our supplier. Recordings are available by scrolling down the MCN web page where you view the sanctuary online.
- **FR STEPHEN WRITES:** Today's parable reminds us of our duty to use our talents, our abilities, in the service of God and others. In this lockdown, that ability might simply be to make a phone call, or run an errand, or print off a notice sheet or write a letter. Let's all try to do something so simple in these difficult times. We can't solve the world's problems on our own, but we can do something for those we know, among whom we live and work and with whom we worship.
- **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, post to the Presbytery.
 2. **Give online via 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.
 3. **Put your offering through** the Presbytery *letterbox*
 4. **Keep your offering until** you can return**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 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

Masses will be offered this month for the depart-

ed. If you have a list of names for the sanctuary please post it through the presbytery letter box or email it and the names will be placed in the sanctuary by the altar.

PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC

We may do this in any brief way we choose, such as an Angelus, or use something provided by our *Life in the Spirit* prayer group. Sign of the Cross, silence, a psalm of praise (103 or 29 or 24 for example), pray in your own words guided by the Spirit, end with the prayer to St Michael. We hope to have more details on the website soon.

FRIDAY

PRAYER 2020: Pray at home each 20th of the month at 20:20, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Jesus.

SATURDAY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC. 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 28th Nov please contact Fr Stephen. This Saturday is already covered. **Thank you** to all our volunteers. Additionally, every day we are encouraged to pray at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and all affected by it.

NEXT WEEKEND

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY: National Youth Sunday—normally we would welcome members of our Parish Guiding Units for their annual parade, please keep them in your prayers whilst they are unable to meet. Pray for young people and the Church's work with them.

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Youth Services

COMING SOON

MASS FOR DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

Monday 23 November at 6pm the annual Mass for departed parishioners will be offered. The names of those who have died over the past year will be read out. This has to be a livestream Mass only because of the lockdown.

ADVENT 2020

The season of Advent begins on **29 Nov.** We are called to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth by renewing our awareness of His presence with us now—in the sacraments, in Holy Scripture, in one another and in the sick and suffering. In this way, we may be prepared for His second coming, Advent's other theme. 'Lo! He comes with clouds descending...' when, at the great Last Day, we stand before Him to account for ourselves, not, we pray as strangers, but as people who have walked with Jesus and met Him now and throughout our lives.

FRATELLI TUTTI: POPE FRANCIS WRITES

We plan Advent sessions via Zoom on the Pope's latest encyclical. A shared event with St Joseph the Worker parish which will be facilitated by Fr Peter Conley. Details will be available soon.

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

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 perfect wife that the Book of Proverbs describes is not a woman who is simply beautiful and good at housework. Far from it. She is a person

of real depth and strength of character blessed with wisdom and love, whose great talents are used to help her family and her fellow human beings. Talents that Jesus refers to in the Gospel parable this week, are our gifts and abilities in the broadest sense. This may include exceptional musical skills, a doctor's surgical expertise or the craftsmanship of the accomplished bricklayer. But Jesus also means to include our abilities to be good parents, or faithful friends, to comfort the sad or raise money for the needy. Too often, we can feel inadequate about our own skills in the face of others, or powerless to help with world problems. But whatever we can do, Jesus calls us to do it to serve Him and our neighbour. Not to use our talents that could help others is not simply a waste but a failure to love and therefore a sin. God demands that we work for Him. And one day He will ask us what we did. Nervousness and modesty are no excuses for not loving!

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

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

POSTPONED FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

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 for those at the school. Please pray for the children and their families.

JAMES CONROY RIP

James Conroy's funeral will take place here on Mon 23. Please pray for him and his family. **Attendance is strictly limited to just 30 people who will be invited by the family.** It is **not** public worship: sorry. *Please use the webcam.*

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

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

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!

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: James Conroy, Stephen Cole, Angela Cook, Gerry Higginbotham, Ray Cartwright, Olwen Archer, Thomas Falconer

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Jennings, Mary Finnegan, Peter O'Brien, David Boyle, Zygmunt Stanton, Rose McCormack, Phyllis McDonnell, Francine Barlow, Andrew Murphy, Michael Mitchell **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 world's poor, for all who help them, for an end to poverty and the suffering it causes.
- Those who suffer because of lockdown

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

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WEBSITE: stmcov.org

WEBCAM: via website

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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...



A pastor, known for his lengthy preaching, noticed a man leave during the middle of his sermon. The man returned just before the end of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he he'd gone. 'I went to get a haircut,' was the reply. 'But,' said the pastor, 'why didn't you do that before the service?'. 'Because,' the man said, 'I didn't need one then...'

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, maintaining 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!**