

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY
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22nd NOVEMBER 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN: THERE CAN BE NO PUBLIC MASS



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

SUNDAY 22nd CHRIST THE KING	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Price RIP / Departed of the Keogan & O'Grady families
Monday 23rd <i>Feria</i>	Funeral Mass (Livestream) Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	James Conroy RIP The Departed of the Parish
Tuesday 24th <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Charles Culliinane RIP
Wednesday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Departed of O'Brien & O'Shea Families
Thursday 26th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from SJW: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Adoration & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Margaret Stone RIP
Saturday 28th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass (Livestream) Open for private prayer	9.00 a.m. 9.45-10.45	Thomas & Rose Clarke RIP
SUNDAY 29th 1st Sunday of Advent	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Emrys Evans RIP (Anniv) / Frederick & Margery Woodward RIP

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PARISH DEACONS:

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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

- **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 all young people and the Church's work with them. **SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Youth Services

- **PLEASE USE THE PARISH WEBCAM** [here](#) to join Masses and Exposition.

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. Print a copy 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 **MONDAY**

MASS FOR DEPARTED PARISHIONERS

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

JAMES CONROY RIP

James Conroy's funeral is here on Monday. Please pray for him and his family. **Attendance is strictly limited to 30 people who will be invited by the family.** It is *not* public worship: sorry. If you have not been personally invited you must not come. *Please use the webcam.*

WEDNESDAY

RED WEDNESDAY 25 NOV

Stand up for faith & freedom

#RedWednesday

Red Wednesday is nothing to do with political

parties or their leaders but about Christians made to suffer for their faith. Maira Shahbaz, aged 14, from a Christian family in Pakistan, was raped, forced to marry, and forced to convert to Islam and is now (with her family) in hiding seeking asylum in the UK. She is just one example of countless persecuted Christians that the charity **Aid to the Church in Need** supports and campaigns for. This Wednesday is the annual day to remember, pray for and support people like her. See acnuk.org/ for more details.

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 or email it so that it may be placed in the sanctuary.

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.

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. See website for suggestions

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 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.

COMING SOON **ADVENT 2020**

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.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

Thanks to all who have donated or arranged flowers. There will of course be no flowers for Advent, which begins next Sunday, but we shall need some for Christmas, of course! **Thank you**

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 STORY Jesus tells in today's Gospel is a vivid look at the end of time. All the world is standing before Jesus, the King, and he sorts us into two groups. One He calls sheep, the other He calls goats. It is the Day of Judgement. He asks no questions about such obvious and great sins as murder and adultery. He simply rewards one group for feeding, clothing, and visiting the hungry, poor and sick, even though they did not realise it was Christ they were helping. And the others? Off to Hell for **not** feeding, clothing and visiting the needy, and so not helping Him. Among the points Jesus makes are these. We do not get to Heaven by drifting along: we **must do** something in the service of God and neighbour. Secondly, Jesus our Lord, God and King, identifies Himself so closely with the poor that to help them is to help Him. Yes, He resides in our Tabernacles and in the Scriptures but His Face is as plainly displayed on the Host as it is in the face of a sick child, a starving Ethiopian, or a penniless victim of war. So just as we must not ignore Him on the altar, so we must not ignore Him in the faces of suffering humanity either.

CHRISTMAS...

Whatever happens, we may be certain that Christmas in all churches this year will **not be normal**. Please don't expect it to be in these very abnormal times. Of course we still celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and of course that birth still brings hope, joy and salvation. Nothing at all can ever change that. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!* But, in beginning to plan, we do so with huge uncertainty and no way of knowing how many people to expect. It will be very easy to get things 'wrong' and have too many Masses or be turning people away at the door. Someone's 'favourite' Mass time will not be happening. And this is all set against a background of no singing, no socialising, open windows and shut toilets. **We thank in advance all our volunteers** without whom we could have no public Masses at all. The **5pm** can not be the Christmas Vigil Family Mass without singing, the children taking part in the homily and gathering round the crib, but none of those things can happen this year. We are therefore making plans for a special Livestream alternative. There will not be a Mass at Midnight, but **probably at 8pm** instead. Our volunteers deserve to be able to be at home in the small hours. We fully expect **9am Mass on Christmas Day**. We are further constrained by the need not to have Masses at the same times as St Joseph's, because if either Fr Stephen or Fr Peter is isolating or ill, one priest can say all the Masses without last minute alterations. Please bear with us and pray for an end to the pandemic that makes everything so difficult. **Watch this space!**

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

The... MUST—

PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The parish J&P group is working on supporting CAFOD World Gifts and writing cards for prisoners of conscience, as we do each Advent, using information on the internet. Details soon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS CHARITY SUPPORT

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 acnuk.org/ helping persecuted Christians

CAFOD cafod.org.uk/ helping the worlds' poor

Friends of the Holy Land friendsofthe-holyland.org.uk/ supporting Palestinian Christians

Pax Christi paxchristi.org.uk/ working to end war and violence.

If you're reading this on the internet these blue links will take you directly to the website. Just click!

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: John Curristan, James Conroy, Stephen Cole, Angela Cook, Gerry Higginbotham

ANNIVERSARIES: Eric Tough, Bridget Flanagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Maureen Price, Margaret Stone, Lauren Preece, Dolores Deeley, Patricia Pickett, Charles Cullinane, Kathleen Beard, Thomas Daly, Marjorie Woodward, James Blackwell, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, Rita Cartwright, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty, Raymond Kinsella, Mary O'Kane, Elizabeth Duggan, Henry Hanly, Jadwiga Murrinan, John Kitterick, Janet Branski, Emrys Evans
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

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

THE PARISH IS ONLINE...

FACEBOOK: @StThosMore

TWITTER: @StThosMore

WEBSITE: stmcof.org

WEBCAM: via website

PLEASE VISIT, LIKE AND FOLLOW

I say, I say, I say...



Two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wrights made an aeroplane . . . !!

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!**