

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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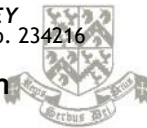
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14th FEBRUARY 2021
 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE [WEBCAM](#)

SUNDAY 14th SIXTH SUNDAY Day for the Unemployed	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Clare Cunningham
Monday 15th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Vincent Lane RIP
Tuesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream from St Joseph the W: click here)	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 17th Ash Wednesday: LENT	At SJW Public Mass Public Mass	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Martin Dillon RIP
Thursday 18th <i>Thurs after Ash Wed</i>	Funeral Mass Attend- ance by invitation only	1.00 p.m.	Jeanne Gould RIP
Friday 19th <i>Fri after Ash Wed</i>	Public Mass, & 30 mins of Exposition & Benediction	9.00 a.m.	Sr Isabel Herd NDS RIP
Saturday 20th <i>Sat after Ash Wed</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Trevor Dixon RIP
SUNDAY 21st FIRST of LENT	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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February, Month of the Holy Family
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless all families today!

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

← Pray safe, stay safe... Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart! →

THIS WEEKEND

WE ARE NOW IN LOCKDOWN The Government regulations state 'You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship... You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship'.

We shall remain open unless told otherwise but we must at this critical time, follow all the pandemic guidelines. Please make sure that you are familiar with what to do—see opposite. **No one should be doing anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.** Please consider carefully any risk you may be taking in coming to Mass. Is your own health good? Are you responsible for caring for someone else? Do you have a job that places you at risk or needs you to stay away from risk? What do your family think?

We ALL have a Christian duty to keep everyone in church and society as safe as we can **THE LINES ON THE CHURCH FLOOR** are 2 metres (6 ft) apart. Please use them and be the right distance apart from others in the aisles.

Please remember that we are meant to be 2 metres apart at all times!

• **SIXTH SUNDAY**, the last before Lent

• **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE** after Sunday Mass at the Margaret Roper Room side door to church. Please give him a moment to arrive at the side door. Also available by phone or email.

• **LENT WALK WITH ME** booklets and calendars are freely available. **PLEASE ASK! We cannot leave piles out so that we can help ourselves during the pandemic.** If you are not coming to Mass at the moment, please contact Fr Stephen or a friend who is, to obtain a copy. Ask at the MRR side door after Sunday Mass

• **DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES for 2021** Available for £5 after Mass at the side door.

• **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS** We are here only because they have given up their time.

THIS WEEK

• **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC** Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for its end.

WEDNESDAY

• **ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 Mass at 6.30pm**

Ashes will be given at the very end of Mass by being sprinkled on the top of our heads. Individuals will come up after the dismissal as if for Communion and leave the church immediately after receiving the ashes. The physical contact of touching foreheads is not permitted, but receiving ash by sprinkling is a European custom and

is rooted in the Old Testament use of sackcloth and ashes—ashes worn on the top of the head.

FRIDAY

Public Mass 9am, followed by Exposition

NEXT WEEKEND

• **THERE WILL BE NO 5pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY** for the time being

• **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

• **SECOND COLLECTION: Church Flowers**
COMING SOON

• **SUPPORTING CAFOD IN LENT** This Lent, CAFOD is running a fundraising **Walk for Water** campaign to bring water to remote communities without local, fresh supplies. Details and video here <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/about> **Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo** are taking up the challenge to walk 10,000 steps a day in Lent to raise money for this cause. They are walking for water as team 'STM Clergy' - please sponsor at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/stm-clergy>

• **LENT STUDY GROUP** There will be an online lent study group for both St Thomas More and St Joseph's. Details soon.

• **LENT ART PROJECT—details next week.** We aim to create a colour co-ordinated banner with an Easter theme, and look forward to another wonderful joint effort. **Watch this space...**

• **LENT BOOK Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter.** 160 pages illustrated book, for private and group prayer, presents 15 poems written by a parish priest in a Catholic London parish during the lockdown of Holy Week 2020, with 15 reflections written by today's Christian voices from the Holy Land. With forewords by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby, this book is also a practical support to Holy Land Christians through the Charity, Friends of the Holy Land. Copies of soft-back and e-book versions are available at £7.99 each through the www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-book, by emailing office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephoning FHL 01926 512980.

• **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** The liturgies will be modified to reduce risk of passing on the virus and we await details of what that will mean. There will certainly be no washing of feet.

• **THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Pope Francis has designated a year of St Joseph. See the Pope's letter *Patris Corde* on the Vatican website [here](http://www.vatican.va) **There will be a painting of St Joseph in the sanctuary** as a focus for extra devotions this year, beginning with March, Joseph's month.

THE ETHICS OF THE COVID VACCINATION There is **no reason why Catholics should refuse any of the vaccines offered.** The Church is satisfied that this is so.

FINANCE... Main Collection: for Sundays 24,31/1 and 7/2 £1455. Plus a generous £1000 donation **Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times**
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 appearance of anything diseased on the skin was, in Biblical times, a cause of great fear. It might be leprosy. Not only would that mean eventual disfigurement and death, but it also meant total exclusion from the rest of society. A very disabling disease and a very lonely existence for the victim. Any skin disease tends, of course, to be a very noticeable illness in a way that most diseases aren't. It becomes easy to treat the sufferers differently for they are literally marked out by their condition. So Jesus, always seeking the outcasts as He was, has pity on the leper in today's Gospel reading. He cures the man who is set free not only of physical suffering but the mental anguish of exclusion from society. Sin disfigures the soul, but of course we can not see that. How terrible it would be if our sins left a tell tale mark on our skins! Bur how wonderful that Jesus wants to cure us of that and bring us back from exclusion from God. We may well have no leprosy, but Jesus cures us of our sins just as surely.

LENT 2021:

EVENTS SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO PARISHES ONLINE

It is of course impossible to hold any sort of discussion group or prayer group face-to-face at the moment. These can be done on the internet only which we know may leave some of you out, but on the other hand makes it easy for anyone with the internet to join in, anywhere.

- **Monday 6.30pm** Exposition & Meditation STM
- **Wednesdays 7pm** 'The Poet's Gospel' An exploration of the Gospel in blank verse. This is an online Lent resource produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Please see <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/> We may listen online at a time to suit us and then they come together for a led discussion via a Zoom meeting. Login details next week

• **Friday 6.30pm** Exposition and meditation SJW
The usual pattern of worship will of course continue. Additionally, there will be a reading from a spiritual classic before each Mass on weekdays. Stations of the Cross will be offered too via the webcam for sound: pictures will be available from the parish website.

PLEASE LET LENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE—these are strange times of course, but don't forget to do that extra bit for God and our neighbour, and to rein in our own desires by a healthy dose of fasting and penitence.

**Then, if evil on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
help us not to swerve or fail!**

COMING TO MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

**ARE YOU A RISK TO OTHERS?
YOU ARE, IF YOU DON'T...**

SANITISE HANDS
on entry and exit
WEAR A FACE COVERING
over mouth *AND* nose

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
and stay 2metres away from others
not in your household

These rules may be a pain, cause glasses to steam up, stop us being as friendly as we'd like but in protecting others they are the right, moral and *Christian* thing to do. You may have Covid and be without symptoms: don't pass it on to someone who might develop more symptoms than they can cope with!

Please come to Communion as the stewards direct you: we need to organise movement to keep us as safe as possible.

← **Be 2 metres (6 feet) apart!** →

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

HELPING CARRIERS OF HOPE

Please visit <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk/help-us/> to see the ways in which we may help in this time of pandemic. The Carriers are still working hard to support refugees and others in need.

IF YOU HAVE THE INTERNET...

WEBSITE: <https://stmcov.org/>
TWITTER: @StThosMore
FACEBOOK: @StThosMore
WEBCAM: click here [webcam](#)

THE REV LEO PILLEY RIP

It is a sadness to report that last Tuesday, the Rev Leo Pilley for many years before his move to St Ives and ordination as a deacon of the Plymouth diocese, a faithful member of this parish, died, aged 92. Please pray for his soul and his family.

THE COLLECT FROM THE MASS FOR USE IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Fr John Kearns, Veronica Hammond, June Phee, Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Baby Theo, Catherine Brookes, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, 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 Gould, William Begley, Kitty Budkiewicz. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Saverio Berlen, Rev Leo Pille, Jeanne Gould, Canon Giles Goward, Mary Jane Harrington, Maria Vaz, Carmel Murray, Fr Pat Joyce, Jack Green

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Molloy, Mary Vowles, Catherine Mullen, Katherine Branski, Patrick Cully, Luigi Rigione, James Murphy, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills, Agnes Clark, Linda Proctor **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
- Those who suffer because of lockdown



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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 in Presbytery letterbox

4. Keep your offering until you can return

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!

I say, I say, I say...

Q. What did the zero say to the number eight? **A.** That's a nice belt..!

Boom boom!



THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CORONA VIRUS LOCKDOWN

Everything that happens in church **MUST** be stewarded and after it, the church has to be cleaned. We owe our volunteers many thanks for doing these. There can be no congregational singing. **Everyone** who enters should sanitise hands, wear a face covering and stay at least **2 metres apart** unless from the same household. Track & Trace details should be given or the NHS smartphone app used

BAPTISMS

Baptism may only be celebrated in danger of death

WEDDINGS

Weddings are for the time being to be celebrated only with serious and grave need.

CONFESSION

Confession is *possible* if socially distanced. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it. Confessionals cannot be used.

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.

MASS

It is now absolutely vital that public Masses are celebrated with **everyone** obeying the guidelines of

Sanitising hands

Covering mouth AND nose

Keeping distance—2 metres or 6 ft

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and wider society.

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.