

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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4th April 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
EASTER SUNDAY CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	Public Vigil Mass	7.30 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 4th EASTER SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Sr Isobel Herd SND, RIP
Monday 5th <i>Easter Monday</i>	Mass (Livestream) from SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Tuesday 6th <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	Mass (Livestream) Funeral Service: Diane Sharpe	9.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	Patrick Commins RIP
Wednesday 7th <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thursday 8th <i>Easter Thursday</i>	Mass (Livestream) from SJW	10.00 a.m.	~
Friday 9th <i>Easter Friday</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Expo- sition	9.00 a.m.	Sheila O'Driscoll RIP
Saturday 10th <i>Easter Saturday</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Theresa Brooks RIP
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Deacon Pat Jeary, birthday
SUNDAY 11th 2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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

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



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEKEND

- **Easter Vigil 7.30pm:** this begins in church, and cannot include the fire outside. There has to be minimal readings, no sprinkling with Holy Water. **Please be aware of these changes.**
- **Easter Sunday. Mass at 9.00am** The Collection today forms the Easter Offering, which is a gift to parish priests.
- **FR STEPHEN IS AVAILABLE after Sunday Mass** at the Margaret Roper Room **outside** door to church. Giving envelopes are available at this time too. Please give him a moment to arrive. Fr Stephen is also available by phone or email.

IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE.

If your glasses steam up, please pull the covering well up your nose, pinch the metal strip tight and wear your glasses lower down your nose than usual. In any case, cloudy glasses are a small price to pay to keep someone else out of hospital!

If your nose is out,

you are spreading germs.

It is, after all, a *face covering* not a mouth mask!

COVID LATEST: STILL IN LOCKDOWN...

THANK YOU to everyone who is continuing to observe the Covid restrictions properly and for keeping us all safe. Meeting indoors—such as at church—is the last situation to have regulations eased and it will be the summer before anything much changes at Mass. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS** We are here only because they have given up their time.

Sunday This day was instituted by Pope St John Paul II to honour the Divine Mercy, the loving desire of God to forgive sinners. In the 1930s St Faustina was granted a series of vision in Krakow of the Divine Mercy and asked to encourage devotion to it. Jesus, I trust in You!

COMING SOON

VOLUNTEERS—STEWARDS & CLEANERS

If you feel able to volunteer to steward and clean as the virus infection rate is brought down, please speak to Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen.

TEAM STM CLERGY

STEPPED OUT FOR CAFOD

The forty day CAFOD *Walk for Water* challenge taken on by Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo ended last Sunday. **Thank you for your support! Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo** took up the challenge to walk 10,000 steps (five miles) a day for forty days to raise money for CAFOD.

TOTALS...

Our clergy walked over 800,000 Steps or 800 miles and have **raised £3000**. It is still possible to make a donation either online at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/stm-clergy> or in a labelled envelope dropped in the collection boxes or through the Presbytery letter box.

Thank you so much to all our supporters!

COVID TESTING KITS We have been asked by HOPE Coventry to point out that Covid lateral flow testing kits are now available from local council testing centres to those who attend churches. You may test yourself up to twice a week. Details at www.coventry.gov.uk/lateralflowtesting

THANK YOU...

Holy Week this year have been public but still rather strange due to the pandemic. A big **THANK YOU** to our **stewards and cleaners** who have done so well. Thank you to those who volunteered **flowers** and provided arrangements. Mary has worked particularly hard at this. John must be thanked as **H&S officer** keeping us in-line with Covid regulations and giving his practical help. Thank you to Debbie for overseeing the **Art Project** now on display. I thank **Deacon Leo** for all his work and help. And a thank you to **every-one** whose prayerful support keeps the parish going! Thank you for your contributions to the **Easter Offering**. We remember too those whose ministries we are missing: **servers, readers and singers**: perhaps not too long now... **God bless you all! Fr Stephen**

ALSO, THANK YOU TO MALCOLM POLLARD Malcolm began his time as a server as a young boy before the second world war. We have been extremely well served by him as Head Server here for many years. He has put up with many a priest at St Thomas More! Malcolm has decided, however, that the time has come for retirement and so he has stepped down from serving. This fact deserves to be recognised properly, and once Covid

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THIS WEEK

- **THE WEEKLY ROUTINE** is a little different this week. See front page.
- **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC** Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for its end.
- **BOXES OF GIVING ENVELOPES** Now available from Fr Stephen after Mass at the outside MRR door, under the veranda.
- **TUESDAY**
- Please Pray for Diane Sharpe whose funeral service takes place on Tuesday/ Attendance is by invitation of the family only.

NEXT WEEKEND

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Divine Mercy**

FINANCE... Main Collection: Last four weeks' total £1375 plus a gift of £1000 **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

HAIL THEE FESTIVAL DAY,
*great day that art hallowed
for ever, day wherein Christ arose,
breaking the kingdom of death!*
Today is indeed a day of festivity
for Christ is risen! Alleluia! Having

taken flesh from us, through Mary, having shared in our death, He now rises from the dead to take from us death's victory. We have seen the deepest expression of love as Christ poured out His life for us. Today, we see the greatest consequence of this as the hope of resurrection dawns for us all. The disciples at first cannot quite grasp what's happened—how could they? But the truth dawns on them that Jesus is indeed alive so that when He called Himself the Way, the Truth and the Life, He meant it!

Our journey as Christians is thus filled with hope and joy. Despite the suffering and confusion of the world, Easter has transformed everything.

As Pope Benedict says...

Indeed, the cure for death does exist. Christ is the tree of life, once more within our reach. If we remain close to him, then we have life.

Hence, during this night of resurrection, with all our hearts we shall sing the alleluia, the song of joy that has no need of words. Hence, Paul can say to the Philippians: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4). Joy cannot be commanded. It can only be given. The risen Lord gives us joy: true life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

restrictions have eased we shall do that. God bless Malcolm and Maureen too, who also has done much to support Malcolm and the parish.

DEACON PAT JEARY

As announced last week, Deacon Pat was recently the victim of crime when he was pushed over in the street and his wallet taken. He was physically unharmed but understandably shaken by such an appalling event. He is recovering well at home and is grateful for the best wishes and gifts he has received. This year, Pat's birthday is also Easter Day: we wish him many happy returns!



**A HAPPY &
A BLESSED
EASTER
TO YOU ALL**

*May the Risen Christ
bless you*

*Fr Stephen
Deacon Leo*

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 2 metres 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.



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.



In Eastertide, the traditional Eastertide anthem to Our Lady.

**Regina coeli,
laetare, alleluia!**

**Quia quem meruisti
portare, alleluia!**

**Resurrexit, sicut
dixit, alleluia!**

Ora pro nobis deum, alleluia!

[Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom you were fit to bear, alleluia
Has arisen as he said, alleluia.]

Pour to God for us your prayer, alleluia.]
V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let us pray...Amen

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Joan Theaker, 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. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Ellen Leonard, Ann Frances Power, Eileen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton, Kitty Budkiewicz, Mary Mills, Marian Kelly, Diane Sharpe

ANNIVERSARIES: Monica Watson, Elizabeth Parrott, Margaret Doyle, Jack Garry, Elizabeth Wallace, Sheila O'Driscoll, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Commins, Samantha Thomas, Beatrice Duffy, Rosemary Maguire, James Harper, Anne Clay, Francis Mullen, Andrew Jarram, Mary Smith, Larry Kelly, Hugh Berrill, John McGeachan, Averil Budden, Stella Bourke, Kathleen Bloore, Kevin Mountford, Madge Twigger, Patricia Keating

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

- The end of the pandemic and all working for that and for those affected by it

FOLLOW THE PARISH ON...

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GIVING TO THE PARISH

There are collecting boxes by the church doors for us instead of bags at the offertory

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 your card details.

3. Put your offering in Presbytery letterbox

4. Keep your offering until you can return

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!

GET THE SUNDAY READINGS ON YOUR SMART PHONE



Simply scan this QR code with a bar code reader app and be taken straight to the day's readings. If you've used the NHS app then your phone can already read this code. When it does, you'll go straight to the day's readings

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 be celebrated with strict limits on numbers, as well the conditions described above.

WEDDINGS

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CONFESSION

Confession *is* possible if socially distanced or outside. Please contact Fr Stephen to arrange it.

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 remains 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.*