

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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25th April 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
 4th SUNDAY of EASTER - Day of prayer for Vocations
Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Peter Brooks RIP (1st Anniv)
SUNDAY 25th 4th Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday 26th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Funeral Mass (Livestream) <i>By Family invitation only</i> Exposition & Benediction	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Ellen Leonard RIP
Tuesday 27th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Public Mass	7.00 p.m.	Andrew Robinson RIP (20th Anniv)
Wednesday 28th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Marie Moore RIP
Thursday 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Charles Berry RIP
Friday 30th <i>St Pius V</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Chaz McGuigan RIP
Saturday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	Public Vigil Mass	5.00 p.m.	Christine & Thomas Duignan
SUNDAY 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Peter Charman

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CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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

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

COVID LATEST

THINK: HANDS—FACE —SPACE IT IS STILL COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE.

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. **Although restrictions are easing**, social distancing continues which has a very great impact on what we do in church.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS.

Please **don't forget** that we are here only because they have given up their time. **If you can volunteer**, please speak to Claire Rutter or Fr Stephen

THIS WEEKEND

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

- **Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday.** This is a day of prayer throughout the world for vocations. Pray that we may have more priests, deacons and religious and that all of us may live out our vocation in faithfulness to God's call.

Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund

• **FROM POPE FRANCIS'S MESSAGE FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY...**

'I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the protector of vocations. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his concern to protect. The Gospel tells us that "Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night" (Mt 2:14), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph'. Full text [here](#) at the *Bishops' Conference website*

• **DAILY MASS READINGS BY SMARTPHONE**

On the back page of this sheet is a QR code, easily read by smartphones, that takes you to *Universalis* a website with the Mass readings each day.

- **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.

- **NEW BOXES OF GIVING ENVELOPES** Now available from Fr Stephen after Mass at the outside MRR door, under the veranda.

THIS WEEK TUESDAY

PUBLIC MASS at 7.00pm, the annual Mass for Andrew Robinson. Thank you to volunteers who have made this a public Mass. Please pray for the work of the Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust (ARYPT).

THURSDAY

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP There will be a meeting of this parish group on **Thursday at 7-8pm on Zoom**. Please email stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com to receive Zoom details if you would like to take part. The group's activities include LiveSimply, CAFOD, Fairtrade and cards for prisoners of conscience.

- **PRAYING AT 6PM EACH DAY: PANDEMIC**

Please spend a moment at 6pm or thereabouts each day and say a prayer for its end.

- **FLOWERS** If anyone would like to donate flowers or even arrangements for church, that would be a great help. Please leave in the presbytery porch at your convenience. **Thank you.**

NEXT WEEKEND

- **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER

You can now get this delivered direct to your home every week **POST FREE** just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or phone 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange delivery for you.
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Digital and hard Copy for 12 months: £115.00
Other Catholic publications offer a similar service.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH.

You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, tel 01926 512980 or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk. **Thank you.**

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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 relationship of a shepherd with his flock was very different in Jesus's time to how it is in modern western Europe. Modern shepherds have their flocks for only a short time before they are slaughtered. They drive the sheep with dogs in the direction they wish them to go. There are no dangerous lions, bears and wolves to protect them from at grave risk to the shepherd. In Jesus's time, sheep were kept for milk and wool and lived much longer. They were *led* by the shepherd. The shepherd protected them at great personal risk. Jesus uses this kind of imagery to remind His hearers of His sacrificial love that brings life, and that He calls us to follow him. Vocation means answering a call. May Jesus lead us into the fullness of life by answering that call. The call to follow Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And so today is designated Vocations Sunday. *Everyone* is called by Jesus to follow Him (whether they listen or not). May we all hear that and many more men receive, hear and respond to Christ's call to the priesthood. We pray also for vocations to the permanent diaconate and religious life.



THE VERY REV CANON JONATHAN VEASEY Fr Jonathan, who served here from 1995 to 2004, and then became parish priest of St John Vianney, has been made a Canon of the Cathedral. His installation, quite possibly with the other new canons, has yet to be announced. We offer our congratulations and prayers.

RISUS PASCHALIS...
I say, I say, I say...
 Two horses walked into a bar. The barman yelled out "Hey!!". "Yes please" said the first horse, "and he'll have the same..!"
Boom, boom!



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.

← **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.



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: Charlie Ellix, Joan Theaker, 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: John Regan, Fr John Kearns, Eileen Connolly, HRH Prince Philip, Ellen Leonard, Ann Frances Power, Ellen Beirns, Fr Michael Crumpton

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Reilly, Margaret Upham, Ann Brogan, Christine Donlon, Mary Warnock, Helena Shanley, Peter David, Andrew Robinson, Gerald McGinty, Winifred Moore, Moira Nesden, Jack O'Neill, Kathleen Ward, Eily O'Connor, Florence O'Grady **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
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- An openness to God's call

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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

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

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.*