

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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6th June 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
CORPUS CHRISTI: the Body of Christ
Readings Year B



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Gary Crilly (Anniv)
SUNDAY 6th CORPUS CHRISTI	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Jim Gallagher (Anniv)
Monday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream) Holy Hour of Exposition	9.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Ellie
Tuesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Wednesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Rosalind Stretton (RIP)
Thursday 10th <i>Feria</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Charlie Addison (RIP)
Friday 11th Sacred Heart of Jesus	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Jim Ball (1st Anniv)
Saturday 12th <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Mass (Livestream)	9.00 a.m.	Mr Nardello (RIP)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 13th ELEVENTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Almari O'Shea (RIP)

JUNE—MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

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

← Pray safe, stay safe... *Be at least 1 metre apart!* →

COVID LATEST: BISHOPS' GUIDELINES FOR ENGLAND & WALES IN CHURCH IT'S STILL COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING OVER MOUTH & NOSE, SANITISE AND BE SOCIALLY DISTANT, AND USE 'TRACK AND TRACE'

The Bishops have now issued guidance for the specific issues faced by churches. Although restrictions are still in place, we may make these positive changes...

- Our **social distance** is now **1 metre plus**. **Three people** may now sit on the **short** pews and **four on the long**.
- **Stewards** do not need to show you to your place: please maintain distance of more than 1 metre (a yard) from those not in your household. Stewards will still direct Communion.
- **Bidding prayers** are now permitted
- **The Body of Christ** and **Amen** may now be said individually at Holy Communion
- **Votive candles** may be lit (to prevent crowding, the stands have been moved)
- **At funerals**, holy water, pall and the Christian symbols may again be used on the coffin. Total numbers allowed to attend is the Covid capacity of the building, which, with our reduced social distance, is now 84.

• **Confession** may return to well-ventilated confessionals (ours are, they have fans). There is now Confession before the Saturday 5pm Mass
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS. Cleaning and stewarding have to continue. 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

NEXT STAGE OF PANDEMIC RULES EASING

On 14 June the government is due to announce its intentions about further relaxation. This may or may not begin on 21 June...

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Communion may now be brought to the housebound routinely as before. Ventilation, sanitiser, face coverings and distance are still strongly recommended. **Please contact Fr Stephen** by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. He is trying to make contact with all home communicants with this news, but *please don't hesitate to be in touch*. The lists may be out of date.

THIS WEEKEND

- **CORPUS CHRISTI:** in thanksgiving for the gift of the Blessed Sacrament, Christ's Body and Blood, offered for us and to us. Christ's abiding presence with us now.

- **COVENTRY, CITY OF CULTURE** The year's delayed events begin today and online
- **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 daily Mass readings.
- **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 of course also available by phone, email or in person.

THIS WEEK

- **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 to all those who have given flowers!**
- **DIGITAL JAM'N'CAKE** Debbie, Steve and our 9am Mass musicians are getting ready for the return of music to worship and are keen to encourage us. **Tuesday at 7.30pm** they will be leading singing **over the internet via the parish webcam**, beaming it all straight to your home. Please join in at home to warm up for singing at the 9am Mass in due course.

NEXT WEEKEND

- **ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
PASTORAL LETTER Next weekend we will hear **Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter**, introducing the **Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan**. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass.

COMING SOON

COVENTRY OPEN HEAVEN

This project asks us to pray for the street we live on and runs for the month of June. Sometime this month, go out with others or alone and pray a rosary for the intentions of those who live there, that they may be drawn to Christ and that the pandemic may end soon. This is an ecumenical initiative and you can visit the website for more information and to sign up to cover a road.
<https://www.openheavencoventry.org/>

THE POPE'S NEW BOOK 'LET US DREAM'

A zoom discussion group led by Fr Peter and Fr Stephen, to which all parishioners from STM and SJW are invited, based on the Pope's deeply personal and passionate book, will be held on **Thursdays 17, 24 June and 1 July** at 7pm for about 45 minutes. Zoom details to follow.

ST THOMAS MORE'S DAY 22 JUNE

Even if the pandemic restrictions are not relaxed further, it will still be possible for us to have a simple **Bring Your Own Picnic** celebration after the evening Mass. We should be able to use chairs from the MRR and have a toilet available. It

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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

It is by the blood of bullocks that Moses seals the covenant between God and the Israelites. The people agree to keep the Lord's commands and the Lord thus promises to be their God. It was by the blood of lambs smeared on their doorposts that the Israelites escaped the angel of death and were led to freedom from slavery in Egypt. But the blood of animal's might serve as a sign or a temporary cleansing from sin. It is, as St Paul points out, by the Blood of Christ Himself that we are truly cleansed of sin and by the Blood of Christ that our relationship with God is sealed. And so the Gospel reading is Mark's account of the Last Supper, the gift of the Mass by which we have the Body and Blood of Christ with us always. God no longer chooses to act through the sacrifice of animals and the shedding of their blood, but rather He chooses to act through the sacrifice of His Son. There can be no more effective sacrifice than the sacrifice of God Himself. There can be no more powerful covenant than one sealed in the Blood of Christ.



would be good to make this first step towards a social event. Simple and modest it may be, but it will be the first social since March 2020 We begin early for those of you interested in the football!

ST OSBURG'S EMERGENCY APPEAL

St Osburg's church is in great need of repairing the church guttering. The parish—the mother church of Coventry—is appealing for any help. Cheques may be made payable to 'St Osburg's Church' Donations sent direct or via Fr Stephen.

PARISH LOCKDOWN ART PROJECTS

The previous banners are safely stored and will reappear once social distancing rules cease. We cannot at the moment create displays in church that would encourage people to gather closely.

PARISH LIVESTREAM

MCN Media, who provide our live stream service, are updating their website in June. This means that the page will look different. They tell us it will be easier to use. Don't be surprised by the change

BERNADETTE FEEHAN RIP

Former Bishop Ullathorne teacher Bernadette Feehan died on 18th May in Allesley Hall Nursing Home. She was also known to for her work, with her husband Paddy, in the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council. Funeral Thu 10 June 1pm, Christ the King Church, committal Canley Garden Cemetery. To attend contact: AJ Lloyd, 024 7627 4444

PRAYER OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O MOST HOLY JESUS, who are truly hidden here; grant me to desire ardently, to search prudently, to know truly and to carry out perfectly in praise and glory of your holy name, everything that pleases you.

COMING TO MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC STILL MEANS...

- HANDS** SANITISE HANDS
on entry and exit
- FACE** WEAR A FACE COVERING
over mouth **AND** nose
- SPACE** KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
and stay **more than 1 metre** away
from others not in your household

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.

← **Be at least 1 metre apart** →

THE ANGELUS

WE OFFER THIS FOR VOCATIONS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Lord Jesus Christ, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto yours!

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Steve Clarke, Peter Carvell, Lynsey Moore, 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, Anne Kenny, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John Gould. **Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Bernadette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Maguire, James Donnelly, Luke Walker, James Gallagher, Alice O'Toole, Patrick Crilly, Stephen Barnacle, Janet McGinty, Angela Connolly, Elizabeth Ferguson, Peter McGurk, Thomas Hanlon, Rosemary (Mimi) Bourke **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. Pray especially for India and its suffering people
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- Those preparing to be married

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GIVING TO THE PARISH

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

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 GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should 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 1 metre apart** unless from the same household. **Track & Trace details should be given** or the NHS smartphone app used

BAPTISMS

Baptism may be celebrated with a strict maximum of 30 attending as well the conditions described above.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be celebrated with strict limits on numbers, as well the conditions described above. Maximum of 30.

CONFESSION

Confession *is* available if socially distanced or outside. Also available before 5pm Mass

FUNERALS

As well as the conditions given above, currently **no more than the Covid capacity of the building, 84 people**, may be present.

MASS

It remains vital that public Masses are celebrated with **everyone** obeying the guidelines of

Sanitising hands

Covering mouth AND nose

Keeping distance—at least 1 metre

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

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Holy Communion can be brought to the housebound. 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.

Pray for the end of the Pandemic