

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



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25th July 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time

Readings Year B DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

	Confession <b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	Michael McCarthy (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 25th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Jim Fulton (7th Anniv)
Monday 26th <i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
Tuesday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW <a href="#">click</a>	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anne Kenney (Sick)
Thursday 29th <i>St Martha</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Crean RIP
Friday 30th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by</i> Exposition	9.00 a.m..	Irene Sadler RIP
Saturday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Fr Evaristus Sunday, AJ
	Confession <b>Public Vigil Mass</b>	4.35 p.m. <b>5.00 p.m.</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 1st Aug EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Lisa Horton (Sick)

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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: RESTRICTIONS NOW**

The Bishops write -

**It is important to reiterate that... the general principles of continuing to create a safe environment in places of worship and their ancillary buildings are not abandoned.**

It is therefore strongly recommended by the Bishops (listening to healthcare professionals and the Government) that **we continue to -**

- **Use face coverings**
- **Use hand sanitiser**
- **Ventilate the church building**
- **Use Track & Trace and stay distant**
- **Clean the church after weekend Masses**
- **Keep the existing unused pews to help with social distancing and cleaning** (Of course, if congregations get bigger, this will be reconsidered)

There is, therefore, very little that we should be changing in our routines to minimise Covid risk. Relaxing rules may be *legal* but not necessarily *safe* or *moral*. All of us would love to give up on Covid and the restrictions, but that is simply not sensible yet. All of us still have a duty to consider the health of others.

The Bishops furthermore recommend that changes to routines are made slowly—getting back to normal is a *process* and *not* a sudden event.

### **PLEASE COMPLETE THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE IF YOU CAN HELP**

To help with establishing what is possible and when, a questionnaire has been circulated asking if people would soon like to resume the roles they had, take on something new or if they'd like to wait a bit. We start by circulating this in church because, obviously, those of you who come to Mass are prepared to be out and about, mixing with people. Thank you to those who have completed one: there have been very many positive and helpful comments and suggestions.

No one should feel any pressure whatever to make a commitment to doing something they'd rather not. Not every event or group is included on the questionnaire—for example, children's liturgy; this doesn't meet over the summer anyway, we don't have many children attending at present and so can be considered after the summer holidays.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS.** Cleaning and stewarding have to continue. Please *don't forget* that they have kept us open! *Please volunteer to join the team if you can.* We'd hoped this could stop, but it's been a truly great example of parish commitment and of giving a warm welcome

### **THE PIETY STALL**

It is very hard to see how this can be opened

safely just yet. Like everything else, this will be kept under review.

## **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**

- **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YrB)**
- **TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9AM MASS.** The availability of tea and coffee after Mass will be confirmed. To be at our safest, we can accommodate no more than 25 people in the MRR at socially distanced tables. You are welcome go outside if dry. We shall be keeping the way in which we queue and serve under review according to demand and Covid circumstances.
- **DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY** This Monday we celebrate **Ss Joachim and Anne**, parents of Our Lady and so grandparents of Christ. Pope Francis has asked that we pray today for grandparents and the elderly, in thanksgiving of their passing on of the gift of faith and their witness to it.
- **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 Saturday night & 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 available by phone, email or in person.
- **PARISHIONERS ON SONGS OF PRAISE**

Tune in to **BBC2 at 1.15pm today** (Sunday 25 July) to see **Clive and Stella** and their family talking about faith, loss and the Andrew Robinson Young People's Trust.

### **THIS WEEK**

- **WEEK DAY MASSES** are now all public and said in the main church. There are no stewards at weekday Masses now: we trust you to keep to Covid guidelines!
- **LIFE ON THE BREADLINE** this Photographic Exhibition is a challenging new free exhibition being shown in Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral till 28th July 2021. It features photographs from our Life on the Breadline grassroots case studies in three cities which challenge the way we think about people's experience of poverty in the UK and how Christians have responded to poverty during the 'age of austerity'. The photo-

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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 IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus

makes a great promise to us. The crowds have seen the great miracle of Jesus feeding the them with just a few loaves and fishes. They want to see more, but can not begin to guess how much more Jesus has to give them. They want to know how to work for God, and Jesus tells them to do that is to believe in Him whom He has sent. So, they wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that he is the one they should believe in. God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. That was a sign to be believed in. So Jesus promises yet more, that He Himself is the Bread of Life, that He is all the food we need to travel not though the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. Whatever Jesus did with the loaves and fishes is pretty small beer compared to that!

graphs have been taken by the research team and by local residents, volunteers, and staff at the six case study projects. <https://breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk/events/photographic-exhibition/>

• **FLOWERS** If anyone would like to donate flowers that would be kind. Please leave in the presbytery porch. **Thank you to all those who have given and arranged flowers!**

### NEXT WEEKEND

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY** Ordinary Time, yr B.  
**NEWS**

### NEW EPISCOPAL VICAR

Bishop Kenny, our area Bishop, retired earlier this year. The process of replacing Bishops can be a long one, so in the meanwhile Archbishop Bernard has appointed Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, parish priest of Henley-on-Thames, as his Episcopal Vicar for Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Coventry.

### THE ANDREW ROBINSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST (ARYPT) ST THOMAS MORE FOOTBALL TEAM

**ARYPT STM FC** are recruiting new players for our senior football team. We play in the Coventry and District Church Football League and train every week on Whitley Common. Applicants must be 16 years of age or over to join our young and enthusiastic team, so if you or any member of your family are interested please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715 394428. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Beatrice Upham, Chairman ARYPT STM FC**

### COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, click [coventry.foodbank.org.uk](https://coventry.foodbank.org.uk) There is a video here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-uaqbEr4wGln3SIWkk42sgmskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing> If you read this online, the blue links will take you directly to the websites.

### THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

Once the summer is over we should be hearing more about this and will find out how to be involved. Keep up to date with what's happening on the diocesan website. Click [here](#)

### YOUNG CHRISTIAN CLIMATE NETWORK

The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) has begun a relay pilgrimage from the G7 summit in St Ives to Glasgow, where world leaders will meet in November for important climate negotiations at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). The YCCN Relay arrives in Coventry on Saturday 21st August. To sign up for any offer of support, please visit the website, where details of the route can also be found. Click this link <https://www.yccn.uk>

### COMING TO MASS STILL MEANS...

**HANDS** SANITISE HANDS  
on entry and exit

**FACE** PLEASE 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  
**TRACK & TRACE** paper or phone

← Be at least 1 metre apart →

### JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

### 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.*

### **For Your Prayers...**

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** Martin Smith, Ian Rogers, 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:** Fr John Burns, George Wooltorton, Bernardette Feehan, John Regan, Thomas Maxwell, Fr John Kearns

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Baker, Michael Crampsie, Margaret Synnott, Iris Gamble, Margaret 'Peg' O'Brien, Rosie Harris, James Fulton, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy, Gerald Harland, Martin Brennan, Daphne Berrill, Gianfranco Piazzon, Gertrude Somers, Jack Gerrard, Ellen Hayward

**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 safe coming out of lockdown
- Grandparents and the elderly
- A reverence for God's voice in Holy Scripture
- The lonely and the isolated

### **GET THE MASS 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

### **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](http://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!**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES**

**Everything** that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk. Everyone who enters is asked **sanitise hands, wear a face covering and respect distance. Track & Trace details should be given** or the NHS smartphone app used

#### **BAPTISMS**

Baptism may be celebrated, please with precautions above. Please see one of the clergy after a weekend Mass.

#### **WEDDINGS**

Weddings may be celebrated with the conditions described above. Please make an appointment with Fr Stephen: six months notice is best.

#### **CONFESSION**

It is available before 5pm Mass but always also by appointment if you'd prefer.

#### **FUNERALS**

Funerals may be celebrated, but please with the precautions above.

#### **MASS**

The Bishops, in line with guidance from the Government and scientists ask that we continue to

**Sanitise hands**

**Cover mouth AND nose**

**Keep a distance—at least 1 metre**

**Use Track & Trace**

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. **Please contact Fr Stephen.**

**Pray for the end of the  
Pandemic**

**Please follow the Parish  
on social media**

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