

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, CANLEY

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5th SEPTEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings Year B The church has a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEBCAM

	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 5th TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Kathleen Budkiewicz RIP
Monday 6th <i>Feria</i>	~	~	~
Tuesday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW click	10.00 a.m.	~
Wednesday 8th Nativity of the BVM	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Anne Lane RIP
Thursday 9th <i>St Osburg</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Michael Wheelan RIP
Friday 10th <i>Bl Agnellus of Pisa</i>	Public Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Emrys Evans RIP (B'day)
Saturday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	John & Ellen Merrick RIP (Anniv)
	Confession Public Vigil Mass	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of Afghanistan
SUNDAY 12th TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY	Public Mass	9.00 a.m.	Tony & Sheila Colby RIP (Anniv)

PARISH CONTACTS

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

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

CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES...

This parish is following the guidelines of the **Bishops' Conference of England & Wales** which **strongly recommends** that congregations:

- Use face coverings and 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)

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 commitment and of giving a warm welcome

FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENTS: NATIONAL AND LOCAL

We pray that the Covid situation continues to improve so that things may continue to 'open up'.

- * **Return of the Sunday Obligation** The Bishops plan to reintroduce the Obligation to be at Sunday Mass on Advent Sunday.
- * **Returning to Normal** A very large part of returning to normal is the congregation returning. It cannot be 'normal' without our people at Mass. The church is well ventilated, allows for safe social distancing, has gallons of sanitiser, the loos are open, and there are spare seats at Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am (especially Saturday). Please try a weekday Mass at first—it couldn't be much safer in the main, enormous church. If many are staying away because they do not feel safe, then it will be hard to relax Covid guidelines any more. People's reactions to the guidelines vary: we must respect those who are still feeling very cautious. ***The guidelines we follow in church are designed to minimise any risk of giving or catching a virus***
- * **Music at 9am.** There will be live music at the 9am Mass today and on alternate Sundays following. This will be developed, we hope, over the next few months.
- * **Refreshments after Masses** Tea and Coffee after the 9am has returned and there are plans to offer that after the 5pm too in the autumn. Please speak to Janet Ward on 07802413887 if you can help on Saturdays after the Mass.

VENTILATION

It is almost impossible to catch Covid-19 outside in the open air. Scientific advice is clear that ventilation of inside spaces is therefore necessary. It seems therefore, that **church windows and doors should remain open indefinitely.** Please bear this in mind when selecting your

autumnal wardrobe!

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

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9AM MASS

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.

THIS WEEK

SCHOOLS RETURN: please pray for St Thomas More School, and all schools—pupils, staff, governors, parents as the new year begins.

NEXT WEEKEND

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY of the Year, year B

SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Fund

NEWS

LIFE CHARITY

It was announced last week that **Nuala Scarisbrick**, co-founder of Life with her husband Prof Jack Scarisbrick over 50 years ago, has died. The Life Charity has helped thousands of pregnant women and new mothers cope with unexpected pregnancy, giving life and hope to thousands of unborn children. Many women are bullied into abortion by boyfriends, friends and family: Life provides practical support with accommodation, counselling and help with motherhood. See [here](#)

CAFOD IS RESPONDING

to multiple emergencies across the world

You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CARRIERS OF HOPE

Carriers of Hope are responding to the needs of refugees in Coventry—including from Afghanistan. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking [here](#). They have been instrumental in setting up a Coventry clothes bank as needs have risen.

THE MARGARET ROPER ROOM

The room is open for tea and coffee after the 9am Mass only, and we plan for after the 5pm Mass too. *The room is currently not for hire.* We are working first at opening it to parish groups. The guidance is strict and detailed...

FINANCE: Main Collection: Not known at time of printing. **Standing Orders:** June £1699.33 & July £1779.33
Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times
In 2020 parish running costs £1316 a week '19 £1571 '18 £1669 '17 £1503 '16 £1589 '15 £1510 '14 £1966



The Sunday Readings

ISAIAH speaks clearly of a coming time of God's arrival when creation will be transformed. The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the lame leap, the dumb sing for joy.

Rivers will burst into the deserts, scorched earth be lakes and parched lands, springs. Life will be changed.

In Jesus, we see all that fulfilled. His healing miracles (in today's gospel it is the deaf and dumb man who hears and speaks) are a sign of God's kingdom come among us, the transforming power of God come to release healing, wholeness, plenty and new life. Jesus is not just the sign of all that, but the way to it. The defeat of sickness and disability is but a foretaste of the defeat of the last great sickness of all—death. Death, the consequence of our disobedience of God, comes to be abolished by God in Jesus, and replaced by new life, the life of the risen Christ offered to all who follow Him.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On 8 September, Our Lady's Birthday, St Joseph's celebrates 40 years of its current building. Under normal circumstances we would of course be encouraging *everyone* to come! But St Joseph's is a very small church and has a total capacity in Covid times of just 65 and priority for seats must naturally be given to St Joseph's parishioners. Please pray for our partner parish that day but please do not expect to be able to get into the church to do that! Pray from home, but do please pray! We shall be **looking at developing our partnership over the autumn** as—we hope—Covid declines and we are free to gather. We shall in time be considering one, shared news sheet, a shared website and of course much else.

BLESS ME FATHER

A play exploring Irish Immigration to Coventry, followed by refreshments and a chance to reflect on personal experiences of Irish people arriving in Coventry. At **Christ the King Church Saturday 11th Sept 10.30am** All welcome—Free entry

CITY OF CULTURE FAITH WEEKEND 10-12 SEPTEMBER

There are various events planned for this weekend in the City of Culture calendar. We are asked to keep all our churches open on Saturday 11 September. We shall manage this for a time after the morning Mass and before the evening Mass.

CLIMATE ACTION MEETING

16 Sept 7pm, an online diocesan Climate Change meeting to work at what we can do to play our parts in halting climate change. See the diocesan website [here](#)

DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

From **22 September** the Charis Diocesan Renewal Group will be leading an online *Life in the Spirit* course. Details of how to be involved are [here](#) on the diocesan website.

MACMILLAN FUND RAISING DAY THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

10am till late. All welcome at 192 Kenpas Highway.

Claire & Mary

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING Thursday 23 Sept.

Guests can attend a talk by Mr Billings, the Head, at 6pm or at 6.45pm, with guided tours of the school available before and after.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2021

Sat 9 October, 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th, every 5 years, and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet and to register a place at Mass.

You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know!

Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st Oct.

THE BIG FOOD PACK: 11-17 OCTOBER

32 teams packing 285,000 meals to feed 16,000 children in Zimbabwe. 11-17 October 2021. A team of 10 can pack 5000 meals in two hours. <https://fth.org.uk/big-food-pack/>

To join the parish team or for more information, contact Kevin Duffy stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com

THE ADRREW 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 & 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 There is a video here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-uagbEr4wGln3SIWkk42samskz6-rMZ/view?usp=sharing>

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. Everyone will be invited to contribute to discerning the vision. Click [here](#).

SEPTEMBER: MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Let us honour her by not running from others' sorrows, by putting empathy into action, by praying daily for someone who is suffering

Pray for us, O sorrowful Mother!



For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Maura Bibby, 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 Bengt-Ove Jakobsson CHS, Jim Clayton, Jill Kelly, Fr John Burns
ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Moon, Maria Raftery, Ronald Bowen, Margaret Johnston, Patrick Meehan, Eileen Harold, Richard Skelly, Mariuccia Holroyd, Joseph Meade, Cicely Fawcett, Martin Langdon, Bridget Gannon, Elizabeth McCarthy, Mieczyslaw Kolodynski, Caroline Fitzpatrick
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

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

WEBCAM LIVESTREAMING NUMBERS

Over the last week, **675** devices in **ten** countries tuned into the webcam.
God bless our internet congregation!

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!**

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**

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on social media**

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