

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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26th December 2021 & 2nd January 2022

## THE HOLY FAMILY

Readings Year C Both churches have a hearing loop system

**CHRISTMAS & NEW  
YEAR DOUBLE ISSUE**



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS *continued inside*

<b>SATURDAY 25th</b> Christmas Day	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Frank Roberts RIP Charles & Martha Connolly RIP
<b>SUNDAY 26th</b> The Holy Family	Mass STM Mass SJW <i>No Mass Univ Chapel</i>	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m.	Rena Blackwell RIP Phylis, Gerard Deegan RIP & Fam
Monday 27th <i>St John</i>	~	~	~
Tuesday 28th <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Packie Meehan & Family
Wednesday 29th <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Mass STM	10.00 a.m.	Mary Meehan RIP
Thursday 30th <i>6th day Christmas Octave</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Eileen Connolly RIP
Friday 31st <i>7th day Christmas Octave</i>	Mass STM	10.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
Saturday 1st Jan 2022 <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	Mass STM Mass SJW	11.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Monica Ryan RIP Joyce Conolly & Michael Meehan
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b> Second after the Nativity	Mass STM Mass STM Mass SJW <i>No Mass Univ Chapel</i>	5.00 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m.	The People of the parish Trevor Dixon RIP Michael & Maureen Mooney (Wedding anniv) <i>NEXT WEEK'S MASSES INSIDE</i>

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# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN!

## FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW COMPULSORY IN CHURCHES

### COVID SAFETY & THE OMICRON VARIANT

The news about the infectiousness of the omicron variant is not encouraging. Please consider your own actions and decisions about **what KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS SAFE.**

- **Face coverings are now compulsory by law. You must *NOT* enter church without one!**
- **Sanitise hands** on entry and exit
- **Keep a 1m distance** if you can
- **Ventilation** is important and will be kept up
- **Lateral flow testing:** please test yourself each week so that if you know you have the virus you stay at home
- **Feeling ill:** if you feel unwell please stay at home and do not risk passing on the virus
- **Vaccination: HAVE YOUR JABS!** This keeps others safe too and is *not* just about the individual who is vaccinated.

**We Christians have a duty to take care of others and to neglect any of these ways of reducing infections is therefore to neglect our neighbour.** We are all in this together.

### POSSIBLE CHANGES TO OUR ROUTINES..?

We have not yet been asked to change anything (except to remember that face coverings are now compulsory) but please be aware that we *might* suddenly have to restrict our activities in churches, such as singing, tea and coffee, or other use of the halls. It might well be the case that nothing else is forbidden by law, but just because we *can* do something does not always mean that we *should*. Please take part in anything in church only if you feel happy to do so. The Sunday obligation is still suspended. At the time of printing the government is considering new regulations.

### HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Communion may now be brought to the housebound routinely as before. **Please contact Fr Stephen or Fr Peter** by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. *Please be in touch. Because of the pandemic we need to know that you are happy to be visited.*

### THIS WEEKEND

#### A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

**May God bless us with the graces of hope and peace as we celebrate the birth of the saviour** Singing will **depend on COVID guidance** applying at the time.

### THIS SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We celebrate Jesus, born into the family of Mary and Joseph. We pray for our own fami-

lies and those without a family's love, for the children and spouses affected by divorce.

### READERS AT STM...

(No Sat p.m. Mass) **Sun 26/12** Blaise H-O'S  
**Sat 1/1** Mary W **Sun 2/1** Debbie M

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

We hope it will return after Christmas for the new school term. ***Pandemic permitting!***

### NEWS THIS WEEK

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**There are changes to the usual routine**, as detailed in the table of Mass Times and Intentions, both this week and next.

### CHURCH ROOM HIRING

**The halls are NOT for hire by outside organisations), *BUT* this depends on Covid regulations that apply at the time.** Please contact Amanda for STM (as on the back page) to arrange use or at SJW see Fr Stephen or Fr Peter.

**BUT please be aware of these points—**

- The full guidelines outlined in the *Hirer's Pack* must be agreed to.
- Any group must complete and submit a risk **assessment** before using the room.
- The room must be cleaned before & after use, **including toilets**
- **Windows must be open**, rooms ventilated.
- **No more than 25** people may be in the room at STM and no more than **20** at SJW.

**PLEASE NOTE Guidance for the use of halls remains, for some reason not explained to us, far stricter than for the use of churches.**

### NEXT WEEKEND

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.** We celebrate the start of Jesus's public ministry when He is baptised by John and the father and the Holy Spirit witness to who He is.

### TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

At the time of printing, it looks like tea and coffee after Mass will have to be suspended.

### FLOWERS IN OUR CHURCHES

***Thank you so much to the flower arrangers*** in both churches who have all done a wonderful job in bringing colour and beauty to our churches. ***Thank you for your hard work!***

### THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISHES

First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, most of which will be on the Diocesan website [here](#) This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that in due course as we organise things in the parish, everyone may be well informed. After Christmas, we shall be meeting to engage with this process but there will be other ways too so that not being able to attend meetings is no barrier. Click [here](#).

**FINANCE: STM Collection & SJW Collection:** Both not known at time of printing

***Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times***

## CARRIERS OF HOPE

Carriers of Hope are responding to the needs of refugees and others in Coventry. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website or Facebook page to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking [here](#)

### COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, see [coventry.foodbank.org.uk](http://coventry.foodbank.org.uk)

## THE READINGS THIS WEEK

**T**he acceptance by Mary of God's will for her has changed everything. God's plan for our salvation is made in His good time, now comes to pass. What might seem the ordinary and the everyday—a pregnancy, a journey, a stable—are transformed into God-with-us, the fulfilment of prophecies and the first earthly dwelling of the Word made flesh. Just as miracles surround His conception, so at His birth it is shepherds who come to worship Jesus because the angels reveal the news of great joy. The Magi arrive at the urging of a star to acclaim Him King and God, whose death will transform us. Let us bow down before the Christ child in Bethlehem that He may lift us up at His resurrection from the tomb!



*If you view this sheet on the web all links in blue are live—simply click them*

### SJW: OUR LADY'S CANDLE

Lit this week for Keira Brooks

### STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY

**WELCOME!** There is **no Sunday Mass** at the **Chaplaincy** until **9 January**. Please make yourself known to Deacon David, the Catholic Chaplain—you can be kept informed of Chaplaincy events.



## FR PETER REFLECTS

Here are Some thoughts for the Feast of the Epiphany from The Prayer Trust:

Lord, we bring you our gifts, not of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but of hearts that rejoice in the wonder of your birth. We bring you praise! For you, who existed before time began, come lowly among us as a man. We pay you homage! For you, who shared the Father's glory, come humbly to join in our human story. We give you thanks! For you, through whom all things came to be, chose by your cross to set us free.



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS *continued from front page*

Monday 3rd <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass STM	10.00 a.m.	Michael Joseph Swift RIP
Tuesday 4th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 12 noon	David Lines RIP Carol Morris
Wednesday 5th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	~	~	~
<b>THURSDAY 6th</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass STM 	9.00 a.m. 10 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Joan Fishwick Birthday Phyllis & Family Private Intention 
Friday 7th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass STM Funeral Service STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Lucas Family Of Edward McCann RIP Connie Harburn
Saturday 8th <i>Christmas Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	John Barker RIP Joyce Conolly & Michael Meehan
	<b>Mass STM</b>	<b>5.00 p.m.</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 9th</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Michael Guyler RIP Maureen Gallagher RIP

**A MERRY and A BLESSED CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!**

*THANK YOU* for your best wishes, cards and for the Christmas offering for the priests

**Fr Stephen, Fr Peter, Deacon Leo, Deacon David, Deacon Pat**

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** STM Angela Prior, John & George Dalby, Elaine Fossett, Steve Fowler, Suzanne Hammond, 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 Reddan, 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. **SJW:** George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Danny Harrington, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling, Margaret Dunne, Anna Mallar

**Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** STM Clay Hulme, Margaret Shaw, Andrew Chustecki, James Murphy, Edward McCann **SJW** Tom Knowles, Philomena Irwin, Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey, Heather Mountford, **ANNIVERSARIES STM:** Bridget Sheil, Douglas Sheffield, Elizabeth King, Angela Morris, James Nettleship, John Bromell, Elizabeth Keogh, Jean Harris, George Willan, James Clarkson, Kathleen Cowming, George Walsh, Jean Davenport, Margaret Muldoon, Veronica Gaughan, Kenneth Lee, Joan Harbourne, Christine Selfe, Dorothy Leaver, Frank Lewis, Agnes Keith, Marcella Vallis, Annie Higgins, Marie Ainsworth, Bill McGivern, Winifred Wild, Bernadette Coley, Christina Murphy, Grace Brennan, Sheila Garry, Mary O'Kane, Peter Barwell, Christopher Sloane, Bridget Ferguson **SJW** Eric Bergan, Garry Doyle, William Donahue, James Dolan, Michael Lenagh, Edna Hughes, Dorothy O'Neill, John O'Hare, Margaret Howarth, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Michael Collins, Eileen Walford, Esther Nelson, Dolly Ryan, John McKenna, Monica Deegan, Margaret Young, Jesse Thompson, Anne-Louise Healey, Mary Storey, Thomas Murray, Gladys McIntyre, Daniel Knowles, Bernard Hopkins, John McNaughton, Michael Hogan, Nellie Britten, Patrick Forde, Joseph Morgan, William Banks, Rosina Chandler, Michael Cunningham, Catherine Coyle, Michael Sullivan, Robert McCavert, Dolly Parker, Marian Clayton, Tommy Snow, Elen Synott. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them**

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## 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. Please take a lateral flow test occasionally and please have your vaccinations.**

### 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 best.

### CONFESSION at STM

It is available before 5pm Mass on Saturdays in the well ventilated confessional and is also available by appointment at other times.

### CONFESSION at SJW

Please ask one of the priests: the confessional at SJW is not ventilated and so cannot be used.

### 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 -

**Ventilate the church well**

**Sanitise hands**

**Cover mouth AND nose: this is compulsory**

**Keep a distance—at least 1 metre**

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and to wider society. Please make sure you **have your Covid jabs:** if we don't catch Covid we can't pass it on. Test yourself too.

**Pray for the end of the Pandemic**



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## GIVING TO THE PARISHES

1. There are collecting boxes by the church doors for use instead of offertory bags
  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' for STM OR 'Coventry, Canley' for SJW from the drop down list of parishes, the third box is for your card details.
  3. **Use a standing order.** You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on the STM website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part, post to the Presbytery. At SJW please see June Palmer
  4. **Put your offering in the Presbytery letterbox**
- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!**