

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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23rd January 2022

## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*Sunday of the Word of God*

Readings Year C. Both churches have a hearing loop system



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Eileen Crean (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 23rd</b> Third Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ints of Catherine McKenzie Tina, Karen & Shaun Lanigan
Monday 24th <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	~	~	~
Tuesday 25th <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Mass & Exposition STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Carmel Murray (1st Anniv) The Evans Family Intentions
Wednesday 26th <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Ints of Tony & Marie Curristan The Cafferty Family RIP
Thursday 27th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Jim Cunningham (Sick) Alison Humphries
Friday 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Mass & Exposition STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Canon Giles Goward (RIP) Private Intention
Saturday 29th Of Our Lady <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Harry Mellon (Mem Mass) Dan Logan RIP
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Charles Boxer (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY 30th</b> Fourth Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Derek Barton (sick) The People of the Parish

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**JANUARY—MONTH OF THE INFANT JESUS**



## FACE COVERINGS ARE *STILL* COMPULSORY IN CHURCHES

### COVID SAFETY & THE OMICRON VARIANT

**Please consider your own actions and decisions about what KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS SAFE. These rules still apply for this Sunday.**

Things are of course changing as the Government issues new guidance, and things look more promising than they have done for ages. This weekend, **face coverings remain mandatory** and no new advice from the Church has yet changed. Therefore, we keep using **sanitiser**, a bit of **social distance** and the **windows will remain open for ventilation**.

**Once we have new guidance**, we shall let you know. Remember, although the legal obligation to use face coverings disappears next week, the government still **recommends them**. Covid may be in retreat but it hasn't gone away. Therefore, we still need to be aware of not doing anything that unnecessarily increases risks. It seems wise to change slowly and cautiously until things are clearer. In the longer term, getting back to 'normal' in church will be guided by the Bishops. We await instructions!

### CHURCH EVENTS

**Please take part in anything in church only if you feel happy to do so.** There are no rules that stop tea and coffee after Mass or Children's Liturgy or anything else that we have been doing recently. If you wish to take part, you can. **But we must wear face coverings and provide good ventilation.**

The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

### 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

**THIS SUNDAY: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.** Readings are from Year C. Weekday readings are from Year 2.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** Pope Francis calls us to remember the gift of God's Word revealed to us in Holy Scripture, and to remember that because we find Jesus Christ in those pages, knowledge of the written Word helps us to know better the Word made flesh, Christ Himself. While we are still not yet sharing books at Mass, are you bringing your own Missal, or sheet or using the QR code on the

back page to read the Scriptures on your smartphone? The written word is accessible in so many ways. Today's Gospel has the Word made flesh reading out the written Word of Old Testament prophecy: that Word we need to meet and heed each day if we are to follow Jesus.

### READERS AT STM

**This wk: Sat** Kate Day **Sun** Noreen Thornhill

**Next wk: Sat** Janet Ward **Sun** Kris Pears

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This takes place at the 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Thank you to all helpers.**

### THIS WEEK

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January.** Pray for unity! There is a prayer service hosted online by Coventry Chapel of Unity on this Sunday 22 January at 2pm. See

[here](#) for the Zoom link, Meeting ID: 894 2868 0789 Passcode: 505850

### THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISHES

We meet on **Wednesday 26 January at 7pm** to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to discern the Spirit's voice in the Church. **Full details are on the separate letter given out at all Masses and on the parish websites.** First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, on the Diocesan website [here](#). This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that we may organise things in the parishes.

### CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The STM parish Confirmation with Bp William Kenney is on Thursday 3 March.

### TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

This has restarted. It would be sensible if people kept their masks on if not drinking or eating. ***Good ventilation—open windows—is a strict condition of meeting for tea and coffee***

### CHURCH ROOM HIRING

**The halls are NOT for hire by outside organisations yet**, but are available for parish groups, ***BUT this depends on Covid regulations that apply at the time.*** **We are awaiting revised guidance from the diocese.** 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.

**FINANCE: STM Collection** £547.40 **Pax Christi:** £181.40

**SJW Collection:** £323.30 **Pax Christi** £104.00

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

- The **room must be cleaned** by the users before *and* 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 strict.** We await revised instructions...

### NEXT WEEKEND

**FOURTH SUNDAY** of the year, year C. We continue Ordinary Time as we hear the far from ordinary events of the life of Jesus.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** At STM, Parish Development Fund. Please put envelopes in the collecting boxes.

### **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

is kept this year on **Sunday 30 January** and there is a regional event at Millennium Point, Birmingham at 2pm.

### COMING SOON

#### **WALKING GROUP**

The next outing will be on afternoon of **Sunday 13 Feb.** Watch this space or the STM website What's On' page for details. *All welcome!*

#### **CONFIRMATION 2022**

Classes for children not in Catholic schools begin this Monday at 5pm at STM, following last week's meeting.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The parish of St Joseph the Worker turns sixty this year. If the Covid news remains encouraging it becomes easier to plan to mark this important anniversary. Watch this space.

#### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

This is planned to take place **Sunday 29 May – Friday 3 June.** Details are on the diocesan website [here](#). The cost to fly and stay at the Hotel Beau Site, as we did last time, is **£925.00**. It is likely that things will not be completely normal but at least a pilgrimage is happening. Please book yourself via Tangney Tours (there is a form the diocesan website) if you wish to go. Claire Rutter at STM or Fr Stephen at SJW if you are interested can help answer any questions.

#### **CARRIERS OF HOPE**

Carriers of Hope website is [here](#)

#### **COVENTRY FOOD BANK**

Foodbank website [coventry.foodbank.org.uk](http://coventry.foodbank.org.uk)

#### **OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW**

Lit this week for Chloe Holden

#### **MOIRA STEELEY RIP**

Monica, a longstanding member of STM, died in hospital last weekend. Please pray for her and her family.

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



## **THE READINGS THIS WEEK**

**N**EHEMIAH describes a wonderful moment in the history of God's people. Having chosen his people, God seals his loving relationship with them by giving them the Law. He will be

with them if they respect his commands. The people rejoice as the Law is read, for—as a written declaration of God's care for them—it is almost a love letter, the very words of he who has promised love and protection. But in fulfilment of his promise and to deepen his relationship with his people, God sends his Son and today, in the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares that he is the fulfilment of the very words he has read. 'God loved the world so much, that he sent his only Son...'

That treasured love-letter that Nehemiah read out loud is now personified in Jesus, for in him God comes not just to tell us about his love, but to show it and to live it too. While we rejoice over the love-letter, now we may also rejoice over the lover too, Jesus Christ the Word made Flesh, God the Son.

### **FR PETER REFLECTS**

As we prepare for our Synodal Pathway meeting this week, Pope Francis continues to guide our reflections: "So, I want to suggest an exercise to you that would be very good for us. Today, let us try to rummage through our memories, looking for the signs the Lord has accomplished in my life. Let each of us say: in my life, what are the signs the Lord has accomplished? What are the hints of his presence, the signs he has done to show that he loves us? Let us think about that difficult moment in which God allowed me to experience his love... And let us ask ourselves: what are the discrete and loving signs through which he has allowed me to feel his tenderness and his compassion more? Every one of us has these moments in our personal history. Let us go in search of these signs, let us remember them. How have I discovered his nearness and how did it fill my heart with great Joy? Let us relive the moments in which we have experienced his presence and Mary, the Mother of God's intercession, (so as to) help us treasure the signs of God's presence in our lives."

### **STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIV**

**WELCOME! Sunday Mass** is also celebrated at the **Chaplaincy at 1230 during term time.** Please make yourself known to Deacon David, the Catholic Chaplain. You can receive news of Chaplaincy and CathSoc events. Click [here](#) for details.

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** STM Monica Horner, Marie Curristan, 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, 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 Moira Steeley, Clay Hulme, Margaret Shaw, **SJW** Toni Banks, Eileen Williams, Tom Knowles, Philomena Irwin, Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey  
**ANNIVERSARIES.** STM: Norman Kelley, Diana Cook, Margaret Gavin, Mary Jenkins, James Donoghue, Denis Parker, Lillian Corrigan, Ellen Hodson, Michael Donnelly, Samuel Maxwell, Anthony Ledwidge, David Evans, James Durnien, Rosemary Walker, Catherine McKenzie, Simon Rutledge, Ellen Bell, Henry Mellon, Edward Cawley, Doreen Robinson **SJW:** Michael Anderson, Daniel Donnelly, Sylvia McAvoy, Louise O'Connor, Margaret Cunningham, Michael Carroll, Edward O'Connell, Colin Jones, Jeremiah Keogh, Peter Poacher, Winifred Skimming, James Brien  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*

## PARISH CONTACTS AT ST THOMAS MORE

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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 regularly 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.

### 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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SMARTPHONE to see today's  
Mass readings

## 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!**