

Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish Church, Towcester

Part of the Diocese of Northampton - Registered Charity No. 234091

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Sunday 22nd November 2020 - Christ the Universal King (A)

Sat. 21	4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.15pm-6pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. 22	11am-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Christ the Universal King (Int: David Fitzgerald <i>Anniv.</i>)
Mon. 23	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Patrick Darragh <i>Anniv.</i>)
Wed. 25	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: People of the Parishes)
	7pm	Zoom Prayer
Fri. 27	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Marguerite Byrne Scott <i>RIP</i>)
Sat. 28	4.45pm-5.15pm	Confessions in the Lombard Room & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5.15pm-6pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. 29	11am-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> 1 st Sunday of Advent - Year B (Int: David Fitzgerald <i>Anniv.</i>)

CHURCH STILL OPEN - During the present lockdown our church and the one at Hunsbury remain open for private prayer. Masses will be said privately without a congregation. Masses that have been booked will still be said privately. Also, those on our November lists will still be prayed for at all these Masses. You will see from the diary above that our regular Mass times have been replaced by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. You are all most welcome to attend and pray privately during this time. In our busy lives, this month is a golden opportunity to increase our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and develop our private prayer life. When visiting the church please remember that facemasks are compulsory and we have our one way system whereby you enter through one of the main doors at the back of the church and leave via the Lombard Room and the side door. Please use the hand gel as appropriate. We now have a "QR Code". All rotas are suspended until further notice. Thank you!

THE SERVANT KING - The gift of gold presented to the baby Jesus showed that he was a king. However, the fact that he was in a manger revealed he was a different type of king. Indeed, just before his death he entered Jerusalem not on a mighty warhorse but on a colt of a donkey. A little later there would be a sign saying 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. Below this sign was the body of Our Lord. This king wore a crown of thorns and his throne was the cross. His courtiers were two criminals. Christ's kingship is that of service. He is the Servant King. The love he manifested is the greatest force this universe can ever experience. This is why he is the King of the Universe. Even sin and death cannot withstand the power of his love. Through baptism we share in this kingship. That is why we are called to lead lives of total service to others. If we serve with him then we shall reign with him.

6PM PRAYER - The Bishops are encouraging us to pray at 6pm every evening, especially for all those affected in any way by the pandemic, as well as for an end to it. Thus, although praying separately, we are united in prayer.

NOVEMBER LISTS - During November there will be a basket in front of the altar. You are welcome to place in it the names of those who have died. They will be prayed for at all Masses. Any donations are optional and will be immediately removed and forwarded to CAFOD. [Please book Mass intentions in the usual way by seeing me.]

RED MISSION BOXES - These have been emptied and are now available for collection. Many thanks!

ST. ELISABETH CONVENT - The sisters from Belarus are unable to join us this year for their sale of religious items for Christmas. You can purchase from them directly on <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>

READERS - If anyone wishes to read at Mass when they restart in December please contact me. We are not yet in a position where I can produce a rota but we can make arrangements for the short-term. Readers will have to provide their own copies of the readings in order to avoid handling the lectionary. I will provide the Bidding Prayers.

PLANNED-GIVING ENVELOPES - New sets for existing users are available. Please dispose of any old sets.

CHEQUE PAYMENTS - Donations can be made by cheque, payable to 'St. Thomas More Parish'.

FIRST COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS 2021 - In these uncertain times it is too early for me to give any details about First Communion & Confirmations for next year. I will do so in due course.

PARISH PRAYER LINE - Please pray for those who are unwell. **ALSO**, please pray for those who have died, in particular Wendy Moore, Marguerite Byrne Scott, David Fitzgerald, Patrick Darragh, Jim Cranfield and those on our November lists in front of the altar.

God bless, Fr. Brendan

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	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> The Presentation of Mary (Int: Christine Timms <i>Anniv.</i>)
	7pm-7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. 22	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Christ the Universal King (Int: Intention BK)
Tue. 24	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Martyrs of Vietnam (Int: Philomena McKertish)
Thur. 26	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Feria (Int: Philomena Metcalfe <i>Anniv.</i> & Jim Metcalfe <i>RIP</i>)
Sat. 28	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am-10.30am	Confessions
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> Our Lady (Int: Eileen Moon <i>RIP</i>)
	7pm-7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. 29	9.30am-10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Privately	<u>Mass</u> 1 st Sunday of Advent - Year B (Int: Intention BK)

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