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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR A SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

Dear Parishioners,

*It has been a very busy week trying to get St Christopher's ready to reopen for individual private prayer. The church will look – and feel – very different from what you left in March. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in liaison with the government, have produced guidelines which we must adhere to if we are to open for private prayer*

*All churches are required to have a strict one-way system in place, which means that entry into the church is through the Main Doors, and exit through the doors on to the back carpark. The Pews have now been marked to show where you can sit to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. We have also had to lock the toilets, kitchen and sacristies to restrict access. Fixed hand-sanitiser dispensers have been installed at entry and exit points. Just to name a few things we have been working on!*

*For the time being, we are only able to reopen St Christopher's for private prayer. We are not alone. The other parishes within the Wolverhampton Deanery which have multiple churches are only opening one for the time being. This will allow us to monitor the situation and see how the social distancing regulations work. In addition, for us, St Thomas's is something of a building site at the moment with the roof works and the internal works preparing to begin. Please be patient, we will reopen it once we can.*

*Thank you to those who have come forward to help with stewarding. We are required – under the government guidance – to have two stewards 'on duty' whenever the church is open for private prayer. They need to be fit and healthy (not in the government's vulnerable list, over 70 and/or with medical conditions, and not self-isolating or shielding). They will direct people and ensure that we do not allow more people into the church than our new capacity allows and...most importantly... to welcome people! It is not too late to volunteer – please just let me know!*

*As information changes, I will keep updating you. This is going to be a long and slow process, and one which will feel very odd to begin with!*

*Please, let's keep praying for each other and stay safe!*

God bless,

*Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us.*

Fr Craig.

*St Christopher...pray for us.*

*St Thomas of Canterbury...pray for us.*

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our communities. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease, and assist those whose skill can put an end to this affliction. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift, and sustain them daily in your service. May their hands bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### KEY CONTACTS

#### PARISH PRIEST

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### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please contact Fr Craig for more information.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be live streamed at various times during the week

Please visit our Parish Website.

### REOPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

It is wonderful news that churches can now begin to reopen for individual, Private Prayer. It is going to be a very slow process as we begin to implement the numerous restrictions being imposed upon us. Please be patient with us! Due to social distancing, there is only currently space for 7 people in the church at a time, so please be prepared to wait if the church is 'full'. To begin with, St Christopher's will be open:

Tuesday – 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
Thursday – 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
Saturday – 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Sunday – 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

### FR DAVID DUGGAN RIP

We look forward to being able to gather as a parish for a Memorial Mass at St Christopher's. Details of this will be announced when we are able to. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this time.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to the SVP who continue to do tremendous work within our parishes as they offer support to our housebound and isolated parishioners. If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP, then please do get in touch! An important task they are undertaking it to offer support to parishioners including shopping for those who are self-isolating or struggling to buy food due to current circumstances arising from the Coronavirus. The SVP are currently providing food parcels for individuals and families in financial difficulties. If anyone is able to donate dried or tinned food, there is a blue box outside of the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support! Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

### CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

These are difficult times. Many of us here in the UK have suffered terribly because of coronavirus, coping with grief, anxiety and hardship. In the world's poorest countries, health care systems are not coping with the coronavirus and families are going hungry because people cannot go out to earn money. CAFOD is helping protect and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers during this global emergency. If you are in a position to support our Coronavirus Appeal, you can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus). Thank you.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

The SVP are also helping to distribute printed copies of our weekly parish newsletter to those who are unable to access it via the internet. If there is anyone you think who might benefit from a printed copy, please do contact Fr Craig and he will be happy arrange this. We also have a mailing list to receive the newsletter by e-mail each week – you can sign up for this on the newsletter page of our parish website.

### ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

The works continue at St Thomas's! The replacement of the church roof continues and will hopefully be completed by the end of June. We are currently arranging works to fix the ceiling following the recent flood. Do continue to pray as these works progress. If you want to see what's been happening, Fr Craig is keeping a diary on our parish website.

### PERMANENT CAMERA AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch about the possibility of installing a permanent camera at St Christopher's. This would enable us to stream Holy Mass on a Sunday even when the lockdown is ended. Please do let him know your thoughts about this. There would, of course, be an ongoing financial aspect of this to the parish.

### THE PARISH OFFICES – CODSALL & TETTENHALL

Both of our parish offices are currently closed. Both parish telephone numbers currently ring St Christopher's – so don't be confused. Please be aware that Fr Craig is busy between the two sites at the moment due to the building works at St Thomas's. If you ring, and he doesn't answer, please leave a message and your contact details, and he will get back to you as soon as he can.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR APRIL 2020/2021

These will be available in the porch of both churches when we are able to be together again in Church!

### PARISH GIVING

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit), posted their envelopes through the Presbytery door, and to those who have sent in cheques. Please be aware, that following diocesan guidelines, cheques will be banked in batches to prevent unnecessary trips to the bank. So, please don't worry if your cheque has not yet been banked!

1. You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "Codsall" or "Wolverhampton: Tettenhall" on the dropdown menu. [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work)
2. Use your Offertory Envelopes each week (maybe as you watch the live stream Mass for the full Sunday experience!) and save them until we can come back to Holy Mass.
3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to Fr Craig Szmidt, The Presbytery, 115 Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, WV8 1PF.
3. Post a cheque - please make sure you include a name and address on the back of the cheque and if you are able to Gift Aid by writing GA. Cheques can be posted to the Presbytery.

### PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love You above all things  
and I passionately desire  
to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to You  
now and forever. Amen.

*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*



*Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**All Parish groups have stopped meeting until further notice due to government guidelines.**



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## YEAR A – 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

Saturday	13	Fr Paul Whieldon (Ints)
Sunday	14	Tony Jones RIP
Monday	15	May Birch RIP
Tuesday	16	Daniel Morris RIP
Wednesday	17	Holy Souls ( <i>not streamed</i> )
Thursday	18	Shafee Modi RIP
Friday	19	Elizabeth & John Kennedy
Saturday	20	Pro Populo



### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2020

Saturday	20	Sheila & Tony Gallagher RIP
Sunday	21	May & Albert Birch RIP

**N.B.** All Mass Intentions will continue to be celebrated on the date requested.

Whilst Fr Craig is now celebrating Holy Mass privately, you will be able to join him in prayer via our parish live stream. The times for all Live Streams can be found on our parish website.

LITURGICAL NOTE...	
Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Feast – Dedication of the Cathedral
Friday	Solemnity – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	Memorial – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES... Zofia Stanislawska, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Margaret Waleczek, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies, Brian Barnwell.

*To add a name to the sick list, please contact the Parish Office.*



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

DIARY DATES... *Something for us all to look forward to...!*

Sat 17 Oct	Holy Mass to celebrate the Opening (20 years) and Consecration of St Christopher's (10 years)	St C	5.30 pm
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FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR MAY 2020

November	Non-Gift Aid	Gift Aid	Total
St Christopher	£396.00	£2370.00	£2766.00
St Thomas	£20.00	£1118.00	£1138.00

*Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!*