



## ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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**Fr Gerry Mulvihill** (Parish Priest) (Assistant Priest – appointment awaited)

### CONFESSIONS

By arrangement only.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 8.30–9.30am

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

For the foreseeable future, there will be no public celebration of Mass in the parish. However, Mass will be offered daily at 7.30am in private. Where an intention has been booked for a particular date, the Mass will be offered for that intention.

**Offertory** last weekend: **£1,265.93** of which **£593.92** is Gift Aided. Thank you.

**Congratulations** to **Victoria Jolly** and **Nicholas Cornford** who were married at St Thomas More last weekend. We wish them every happiness.

In this **Year of the Word**, join together in reading St Matthew's Gospel, a few verses each day, over 44 days in Lent. See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/saint-matthews-gospel-day-by-day/>

**Prayer app** - for Lent you may wish to try either <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 21-28 August 2020. Led by Archbishop John Wilson. For further details and registration forms please contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666, [www.tangney-tours.com/CA](http://www.tangney-tours.com/CA)

**St Philomena's High School for Girls** have the following vacancies for September 2020: Associate Assistant Headteacher – Catholic Life; Teacher of RE; Teacher of PE. <http://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>

**Coronavirus** – during these difficult times, you may wish to follow Mass over the internet, see options:

St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham  
<http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/webcam/>

Sacred Heart, Camberwell:  
<https://www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/live-stream.php>

St Peter's, Woolwich  
<http://www.stpeterswoolwich.church/parish-life/parish-times>

National Shrine of Our Lady:  
<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

### MESSAGE FROM FR GERRY

On Wednesday we received notice of the Bishops' decision to suspend the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. It came as no real surprise as the medical experts advise that the only way to contain the Covid-19 virus is to cease gathering in numbers. The decision means that Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations and Weddings are postponed until further notice. Regular hearing of Confession is also suspended.

Parish priests are asked to continue to offer Mass daily privately for the intentions of their parishioners, something I will gladly do (daily at 7.30am).

Social distancing is essential if the virus is to be contained. But even if we cannot socialise, there are ways we can keep in touch and support one another. A number of you have already contacted the parish office offering to help those who might need it, elderly housebound and other vulnerable people. As schools close, support initiatives for parents and children may also be necessary. If we as a parish can facilitate and support initiatives, we should, and we will.

Defeating the Covid-19 virus will take months rather than weeks, so we should prepare for a marathon effort. Please email your suggestions and offers of help to the parish office and we will ensure that we respond. The John Paul Centre and the parish garden will be open to parishioners, subject to the required social distancing. By working together, and with God's help, we will be safe.