

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Easter Sunday

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**Happy Easter, everyone.**  
**Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**  
**Alleluia!**

Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Meehan Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Eileen Kennedy RIP
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Monday within the Easter Octave</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass at St. Osburg's</b>	
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Tuesday within the Easter Octave</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Wednesday within the Easter Octave</i>	10.00 am	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Thursday within the Easter Octave</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Friday within the Easter Octave</i>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <i>Saturday within the Easter Octave</i> <b>Novena to St. Joseph</b>	10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>	Fr. Paul's Intentions
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>or Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>Novena to St. Joseph</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	The People of the Parish Intentions of the Ordinariate Private Intention Austin Hastings
<b>Mass attendance last weekend: 194</b>	<b>Reading Rota</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>Gift Aid secretary: Peter Kennedy, Tel: 76411002.</b>	Today	Paul Keenan
<b>Last week's first collection: £788.48; Gift Aid: £476.21.</b>	Next Week	Maria Vaughan
<b>Good Friday Collection for Holy Places: £165.52. Thank you.</b>		Crystal Kofie
		Bob Pryce

### The Easter Season

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they "are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday." The first eight days make up the Easter Octave and they are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord – that is, feast days of the most importance. The joyful sound of "Alleluia!" is heard many times throughout this season and we add two "Alleluia's" at the dismissal of the Mass throughout this week.

**Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish** including: Anne and Abie Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Anne Healy, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Kath Kearney, Ann Bullock, Bridget Cherry, Betty Mulvaney, Tom Murray, Eddie Kelly, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Eleanor Oldham, Uthaya Swoboda, Gabrielle, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Ted Rodgers, Mary McDonagh and Eleanor Collins.

**Those who have died.** Please pray for **Ron Hamilton** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: May they rest in peace. Frs. Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, Thomas Canning, William Smith, Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey, Hugh Griffith, Oswald Joyce, Liam Bouchier and also Philip Campion, Joseph Bennet, Alice Gould, Bridget O'Neil, Mary Barr, Laurence Burlison, Eugene Kelly, Kathleen Hickey, Esther Masterson, Alice Cunningham, Molly Hughes, Michael Miller, Mary Murphy and Petrous Sheena.

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[www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com](http://www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com)

[www.coventryordinariate.co.uk](http://www.coventryordinariate.co.uk)

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Dekkers Family (in thanksgiving).  
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the Doherty Family (intentions).



**New to the Parish or visiting for Easter? Welcome.**

If you have recently moved into St. Joseph's parish, or if you suspect that I do not know your address, please let me know. Thank you.

**Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses** is your personal offering to your priest. There are envelopes at the back of church to use if you wish, some for me and some for Fr. Paul. Thank you.

**A big thank you** to everyone who worked so hard to make our Easter celebrations so beautiful. Thank you to the altar servers, the sacristan, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the musicians, the Eucharistic ministers, the readers, the booklet-makers and most of all to those brave souls (soles?) who volunteered to have their feet washed.

**Cycle of Prayer.** During Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions: new members of the Church; Vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

**Easter Monday Mass:** 10.00 am at St. Osburg's. This custom is a profession of faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be no other Mass in the Deanery that morning and we are encouraged to come together to celebrate Easter.

**"My Day By Day" Easter Booklets** are available in the porch (£1). They contain the Mass readings starting on Good Friday and going on until the end of May.

**First Holy Communions** (Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April) and **Confirmation** (Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May). Please pray for those preparing for these Sacraments.

**200 Club winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £15: No. 79; Ann Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £5: No. 10; Lesley O'Connell.

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** Throughout this week we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (there are leaflets in the porch), and next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions** at St Mary's Church, Raglan Street next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1.30pm, with Mass at approx. 3.45pm. See the poster in the porch for more details.

**Collection for the Holy Places.** Thank you very much for your generous support of the retiring collection on Good Friday. You gave £165.52, thank you.



**Novena to St. Joseph.** The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our Patronal Feast Day, will be on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. We shall pray a Novena to St. Joseph in the nine days prior to the Feast, for our Parish and for guidance for the future. That means we start next Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. There are copies of the Novena prayer on the table at the back of the church, please take copies for yourself and others.

**Film Club.** The next film for our enjoyment and study will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. It will be "The Blind Side", a story about a family of white people who adopt a good and shy black teenager who wants to play rugby. It deals with issues such as racism, welcoming, openness, family life and struggling with acceptance. It stars Sandra Bullock who won an Oscar. We begin with a simple meal in the hall at 6.30 pm and start the film at 7.00 pm

**Collection for the Ukraine.** You may remember that a year ago the Pope asked for a special collection for the people of the Ukraine. In this parish you gave £397.53. The Archbishop asked that this message be passed on: *"The Holy Father wishes to acknowledge the offering of £58,705.81 for the special collection for Ukraine, which you sent to him through the Apostolic Nunciature in London on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. His Holiness is grateful for this donation and for the devoted sentiments that inspired it. He very much appreciates your solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Please be assured of the Holy Father's prayers for your intentions. Invoking upon you and the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese, grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing."*

**Tailpiece:** A nun told me this story, so it must be true. While Noah was in the ark, and the heavens were raining for all those days and nights, it so happened that the ark sprang a leak. Nobly, the dog put his nose into the hole to stop the water coming in and sinking the ark. That is why, to this day, a dog has a cold nose. But the leak grew bigger, and so Noah's wife put her feet into the hole. That is why, to this day, a woman has cold feet. But the hole got still bigger, and so eventually Noah had to sit in it. And that is why, to this day, a man likes to stand with his back to the fire!



Have a very happy and blessed Easter.  
May God bless you and all those whom you love.  
Fr. Harry