

St. Joseph the Worker

Third Sunday of Lent

19th March, 2017



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Sunday, 19 th March Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	<i>The Whelan Family (intentions)</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> Stations of the Cross <i>The O'Donnell Family (intentions)</i>	
Monday, 20 th March Solemnity of St. Joseph	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 7.00 pm	<i>Josephine & Matthew Murray (Birthday Anniversary)</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>	
Tuesday, 21 st March	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 22 nd March	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 7.00 pm	<i>Mitchell Moore RIP (Anniversary)</i> <i>Marie Francis (intentions)</i>	
Thursday, 23 rd March Commemoration of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) 7.00 pm	<i>Moira Swan</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>	
Friday, 24 th March	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>)	<i>Intentions of the Seary Family</i>	
Saturday, 25 th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 am (<i>Morning Prayer at 9.40</i>) followed by Exposition	<i>Frank Devine</i>	
Sunday, 26 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments Mothering Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	<i>Dolores Connolly (intentions)</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> Stations of the Cross <i>Eileen Joyce (in thanksgiving)</i>	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance last weekend: 189 Last week's first collection: £530.68; Gift Aid: £207.17. Direct Debit Donations (February): £389.00. Clergy Training Fund: £68.51 (December); £56.00 January; £89.90 February. CAFOD Lent Fast Day: £528.24.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Mary Blay	Prue Aubrey
	Next Week	Henry Whitney	John Mulvenna
Thank you.			

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church on the third Sunday of Lent

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, Ron Hamilton and Ted Rodgers.

Those who have died. Please pray for **Mary (Maureen) Farrell** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB and Archbishop Francis Joseph Grimshaw and also John Morgan, Anthony McFadden, Mary Walsh, Michael Conway, Joan McArthur, James Weir, Elsie Lamb, Austin Lilley, Joyce Ellis, Mary Lewis, Catherine Regan, Josie Bates and Rona Overton. May they rest in peace.

The Solemnities of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary, and The Annunciation. Tomorrow is St. Joseph's Day (transferred from today) and while our own feast day is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on 1st May this is still an important day for us. Saturday will be the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

First Holy Communions and Confirmation. Please pray for the children of this parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments soon. First Holy Communions will be on Sunday, 30th April, and Confirmations will be on Sunday, 28th May.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for all those in training for Religious Life.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week in thanksgiving.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

Lent 2017. There is so much that you can be part of:

1. During Lent we do not say the Gloria during Mass on Sundays, nor the joyful word "A*****A!"
2. **Parish Penance Service.** On Wednesday, 5th April, at 6.00 pm, with Mass at 7.00 pm.
3. **Stations of the Cross** each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.
4. **Lectio Divina.** On Wednesday evenings after the 7.00 Mass, we shall read a small section of St. Matthew's Gospel together and pray about it. It will last about half an hour; anyone is welcome to take part. There is more information about *Lectio Divina* in the porch if you want it.
5. **Morning Prayer of the Church.** I shall be praying Morning Prayer on weekdays before Mass when possible, and I should welcome your company.
6. **Prayer petitions.** I invite you to write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it on the board at the back of the church. Please include the petitions in your daily prayers.
7. **"The Long Road To Heaven", a Lent course that is based on the film, "The Way".** It will be running in the hall for the first five Fridays of Lent. If you have missed the meetings so far you can still come next Friday. We begin at 7.00pm with a simple meal together in the hall and then start the session at about 7.45 pm. All welcome.
8. **Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 1st April, 12.00-4.00 pm, in the church and parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. Light refreshments will be provided. All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome.

Remember: refreshments are available after the 9.00 Mass in the Parish Hall, and on Saturday mornings.

Readers' Rota. For those who read at Mass there are copies of the new rota available in the porch. If you would like to become a reader please let me know.

200 Club winners: 1st Prize, £15: No. 38, Mrs. Donovan; 2nd Prize, £5: No. 145, Madeleine Struthers.

Easter Raffle. You probably noticed that we are having a bit of fun in the porch today with a "St. Patrick's Day/Easter" raffle. Tickets cost £1 for a strip of five and the winners will be announced at the end of Mass. Proceeds will go towards the church development fund, and many thanks to Carmel and Maria for organising it.

"The Gift" Life in the Spirit Course. To be held at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15 pm on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 8th June. If you wish to know more, an overview of the course will be held on Sunday 23rd April at 6.30 pm at Christ the King Church.

Easter Duties. Please remember that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

Emergency Appeal for CAFOD's work in East Africa. Thank you all very much for your wonderful response to the Lent Fast Day which we collected last week, but there is a terrible situation in East Africa and CAFOD have made an urgent appeal for further help. If you can help even more, please give generously to the second collection today.

Parish Forum. The next meeting is on Thursday, 30th March, at 7.30 pm, in the hall. If you would like to join the Forum, or comment on any of the items on the agenda, please let Peter O'Brien or me know.

1. Matters Arising
 - Lent Initiatives; Film Club; Peace House
2. Update from the Ordinariate
3. Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
4. Any Other Business
 - Confirmations - Sunday 28th May, 9 am Mass
 - Parish Days Out - Prinknash Abbey (Quiet Day) Saturday 1st July and Mablethorpe (Seaside) Wednesday 9th August
 - Distributing Parish Easter Cards

News from the (Diocesan) Kenelm Youth Trust:

- 1) **Lourdes 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage,** 27th May – 3rd June. Open to young people aged 14-25. For full details visit: www.bcys.co.uk.
- 2) **Proud 2 Profess.** Saturday, 8th April 10am - 6.30pm @ Newman University, Birmingham. A day of engaging speakers, fun activities and the Sacraments. Cost £5, £10 with transport. See www.bcys.co.uk

Mission Boxes. Thank you for bringing your red boxes in last week. The empties can be collected in the porch.

Coventry Irish Oral History Project: a celebration of the Irish contribution to the city; fifty Irish people will be interviewed and an exhibition will be produced for the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. If you would like to be involved, please contact Ciaran Davis at Ciaran.davis@covirishcov.org.uk or on 07933 308 109.

Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19th March. Today is the last day of this Prayer Week and we shall be saying this beautiful prayer at Mass: *"Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Tailpiece. Looking forward to summer perhaps I should pay attention to this story. A clergyman was on holiday and decided to lie down on the beach to enjoy the sun. Unfortunately, when it came to getting up his rheumatism made it impossible and a little girl who was nearby offered to help him. "It's very good of you, my dear," he said, "But do you think you are strong enough?" "Oh yes," answered the child, taking his arm, "I've often helped my daddy when he was much drunker than you."

May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry