

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Solemnity of the Epiphany

### 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018



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Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Charles and Martha Connolly Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Josie Dekkers (B'day)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Fr. Gerard O'Carroll (Birthday) Fr. Paul's Intentions
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>12.00 noon Requiem Mass</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	Louis Roy Gower Gabrielle Crawford (Intentions)
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	Padraig Thornhill (Anniversary) Private Intention Fr. Paul's Intentions
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	10.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Leslie O'Connell (Intentions) Private Intention
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Optional Memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>	Sheila Browne
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Peace Day</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Dolores Connolly Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish The Conway Family (Intentions)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		
<b>Mass attendance last weekend:</b> 167	<b>Reading Rota</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>Collection on 24<sup>th</sup> December:</b> £613.29; Gift Aid: £257.65	Today	Mary Blay
<b>Last week's collection:</b> £281.99; Gift Aid: £139.82.	Next Week	Claudia Rei
<b>Thank you.</b>		<b>5pm</b> Wendy Piper John Mulvenna

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church today for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, especially if you are visiting our parish for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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

**Those who have died.** Please pray for **Louis Roy Gower, Stephen Anthony Brennan**, and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Philip Smith, John P. David, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, James Bromley, Patrick McSwiney, and Deacon William Murphy, and also Robert McCavert, Dolly Parker, Marion McKernan, Marian Clayton, Tommy Snow, Margaret Mary (Rita) Phillips, Lilian Maud McDermott, Elen Synott, Mary Collins, Michael McConnell, Paul Boland, Leonard Davies, Joseph Sullivan, John Moss, Olga Maguire, Eileen Donnelly, Mary McCrave, Heinje Casson, Maureen Griffin, Angela Moloney, Patricia Fanning, Mary Shaw, and Thomasina Dolan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

#### CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, has agreed to come to consecrate our church on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. That means in 115 days, and counting. If you would like to make a contribution towards the costs of the Consecration there are some special envelopes in the porch. Thank you very much.

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## The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in **Thanksgiving.**

**The Epiphany.** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and Christmastide ends tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From Tuesday we return to “Ordinary Time” in the Church’s Year. Sunday Mass readings are taken from Cycle B, and Weekday readings are from Year 2.

**Next Sunday** is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also designated as **Peace Sunday**, a day to pray for world peace.

### **200 Club winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £15: No. 13; F. Whale.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £5: No. 52; Mrs. Donovan.

**The Crib Offerings.** Today is the last chance if you want to make a donation for the crib offerings. Offerings will be shared between two charities: (1) The Coventry Winter Night Shelter and (2) the Hospice of St. Vincent de Paul for physically and mentally handicapped children in Ein Karem, Israel.

**Warning: Road Closure.** The bend between the church and Aldi is due to remain closed throughout this week. To get to St. Joseph’s by car you have to drive along Lynchgate Road and around the Tesco carpark. To get home again you have to turn left out of the church carpark.

**Epiphany Carol Service.** The Ordinariate community invite us to join them this evening at 6.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need. It will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Church Lighting.** The electricians should be coming to install new lights in the church in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January. It may take up to a fortnight and we shall have daytime weekday Masses in the hall while the work is being carried out.

**Cycle of Prayer.** During Ordinary Time up to Lent we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students and Teachers; the Unemployed.

**The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.** The traditional time for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January, the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. There will be an ecumenical service in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 1.00pm. The preacher will be Bishop Kenney.

**Christmas Decorations.** The time has come once again to take down our Christmas decorations and put them into storage for another year. Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the tree on the Sanctuary with the paper chain of prayers. It helped us to appreciate the importance of faith and prayer in our lives. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the church so beautiful and prayerful this Christmas. The Christmas Crib will remain in the church until tomorrow.

**Thank you.** In case you missed it last week, I should like to thank you all for your very generous Christmas offerings and for the many gifts and cards that I received.

**Fr. Hudson’s Care 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball,** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm – 1.00 am, at the National Conference Centre, Birmingham. Tickets cost £40 (or £37 for those aged 30 and under). See the poster in the porch for more details.

**Consecration Planning Meeting.** The time is getting short before the date of the Consecration of the church. This Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January (7.00 for 7.30 pm), there will be a shared meal and planning session in the hall to identify what needs to be done and who will do it. All welcome, please bring some (simple) food to share.

**Going Into Hospital.** Please do let me know if you or someone you know is going into hospital. It is also important that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Also, many hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Mental Health Units apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made, so you are actually doing the Church a favour by asking for the chaplain (Fr. Paul) and for the Sacraments while you are in hospital.

**Church Carpark.** As many of you are aware, we only have a small carpark and, despite polite notices, it is frequently used by people who have no business with the church. It’s not a problem (except for wear and tear on the tarmac) for much of the time, but when we have services and visitors cannot park here it becomes an issue. I am hoping that things will improve when the builders next door have finished and gone, but problems may start again when the tenants start moving in to the new accommodation block. Frankly, I don’t know what to do: I don’t have time to “police” it, and turning the carpark into a fortress would be expensive. Anyway, I don’t want to put off people who genuinely want to visit the church. Any suggestions?

**Carriers of Hope.** If you have any unwanted/unneeded Christmas presents, please don’t automatically throw them away – later on in the year we shall be taking our turn to help out with Carriers of Hope in the City Centre and it may be that your gifts will find a home.

**Remember: refreshments are available after the 9.00 Mass in the Parish Hall, and on Saturday mornings. Come and have a chat with friends.**

**Tailpiece:** I have always had an admiration for the priest who put up a notice in the carpark of his church, “*Church parking only. Violators will be baptised!*”. But as a surreal notice I think this, from the kitchen of a church hall, takes some beating, “*Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot please stand upside down in the sink*”.

*I hope you had as happy a Christmas as I did,  
and that God may bless you in 2018.*

*Fr. Harry*