

St. Joseph the Worker

Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May, 2017



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Sunday, 21 st May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	<i>Cesare Cerati RIP (Anniversary)</i> <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>John Kane</i>	
Monday, 22 nd May <i>Optional Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia</i>	10.00 am (9.35 am Rosary) 7.00 pm	<i>Elizabeth Bannon & Alice Earley</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>	
Tuesday, 23 rd May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 24 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00 pm (6.35 pm Rosary)	<i>Maureen Jonkin</i>	
Thursday, 25 th May <i>Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest</i>	10.00 am (9.35 am Rosary) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 7.00 pm	<i>Phillip Kilroy</i> <i>Sr. Maureen Grigg (intentions)</i> <i>Fr. Paul's Intentions</i>	
Friday, 26 th May <i>Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	10.00 am (9.35 am Rosary) 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy)	<i>John & Michael Earley</i> <i>Private Intention</i>	
Saturday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	<i>Fr. Louis Le Van Hong (intentions)</i>	
Sunday, 28 th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Confirmation - Alice Mkandawire & Tamika Jonah Baptism - Joseph Patrick Viggo Horan <i>Intentions of the Ordinariate</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Alec & Meg Mulvenna RIP (Anniversary)</i>	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance last weekend: 197 Last week's first collection: £508.27; Gift Aid: £163.00. Direct Debit Donations (April): £239.00. Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child: £105.49. Thank you.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Peter O'Brien	Irma Whitehead
	Next Week	Paul Keenan	Tony Scanlon

The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. Next Sunday will be the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven (transferred from this Thursday)

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Anne and Abie Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, 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, Gabrielle, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Eleanor Oldham, Uthaya Swoboda, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Ted Rodgers, Mary McDonagh, Paddy Beausang, Elizabeth Conry, Eleanor Collins and Annie Greene.

Those who have died. Please pray for **Anne Healy, Thomas Skerrett, Bartholomew (Barty) Roche** and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. John Humphreys, Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Frs. George Henry Boulton, Thomas Foynes, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns and James Francis Ward and also Gladys Long, Benjamin Curtis, Ellen Bernadette Scullion, Barbara Thorne, Agnes Hall, Baby Shane Griffiths, John O'Donnell, Sarah Curtis, James O'Halloran, Bernadette Mary Jones, Mary Brankin, Thomas Gormley, Patrick Breen, Edna Bevins, Kathleen Banks, Margaret Mulvenna and Patrick Cullinane. May they rest in peace.

May is the Month of Our Lady. If you are coming to a parish weekday Mass, please come and join me for the Rosary 25 minutes before Mass during the month.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/sjtw

www.cathsocwarwick.wordpress.com

www.coventryordinariate.co.uk

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Doherty Family (intentions).
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Thomas Skerrett RIP.

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, 1st May, 2018. That means in 346 days, and counting.

There will be an open meeting to start our planning on Sunday, 4th June, after the 9.00 Mass. Put the date in your diary and if you can manage it, please come along.

Street Pastors. Today we welcome Jain Galliford who is the Coventry Street Pastor Training & Recruitment Coordinator. Jain will say a few words at the end of Mass today about Street Pastors, and will be in the hall after Mass to explain it more fully. It is a wonderful initiative – please give all the support you can.

Sacrament of Confirmation and Baptism. Bishop Kenney will be coming to administer this Sacrament at the 9.00 am Mass here next Sunday, 28th May. Please pray for Alice Mkandawire and Tamika Jonah who are preparing to be confirmed. During the Mass the Bishop will also baptise Joseph Horan.

Vacancies in the Archdiocese of Birmingham: As mentioned last week, the Archdiocese wants to recruit people for two new full-time positions: (1) Head of Communication & Community Engagement and (2) Press & Media Relations Officer. For an informal discussion/job description for either role please contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources via email (gerry.dryden@rcbirmingham.org) or telephone (0121 230 6224). The closing date for applications (with a covering letter and your CV) is Friday, 2nd June. There is also now a third position being advertised: **Gift Aid/Finance Assistant**, and for an informal discussion about this please contact Steve Roche on 0121 230 6220.

Parish Day of Recollection at Prinknash Abbey, Wednesday, 28th June. Prinknash Abbey is home to 0a monastic community who live by the Rule of Saint Benedict, in the heart of the Cotswolds. The plan is to leave St. Joseph's at 9.00 am; have Mass in the Monastery Chapel; join the Community for Midday Prayer; lunch (there is a café where you can buy soup and sandwiches or you can bring your own lunch). After lunch one of the community will talk to us, then there will be free time until Evening Prayer at 6.00 and leave at 6.30 pm. We shall travel in cars to keep expenses down, and there will be a charge of £10 pp as a donation to the monastery.

Peace House. Following the Year of Mercy, when we adopted the Peace House as “our” charity, a small team of volunteers have continued to provide an evening meal for the people who sleep there overnight. This works out on the rota as once a month. Unfortunately the team for next Sunday and Sunday, 25th June, are unable to do it. If you could help, or if you would like to join the rota or get more details, please see me as soon as possible.

200 Club winners: 1st Prize, £15: No. 36; M. Whelan, 2nd Prize, £5: No. 2; Mrs. Mullen.

Clergy Training Fund. Unfortunately I forgot about this second collection at the 9.00 Mass a couple of weeks ago (mea maxima culpa), so you got away with it! If you would like to make a donation, but were cruelly denied the opportunity, there are baskets in the porch as you go out today. Thank you.

Visitation of Fatima Statue to St Chad's Cathedral: This year to promote the Centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) in England and Wales has organised a program of visitations to Cathedrals by the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco. This will include a visitation to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham from 29th-30th July.

Parish Forum. The next meeting of the Parish Forum is this Wednesday, 24th May, at 7.30 pm in the Jordan Room. Because the Consecration of the church is such a large subject we shall be concentrating on that.

Jubilee Celebrations. This year 5 priests in the Coventry deanery are celebrating jubilees: Fr. Bernard Anwyl (60 years as a priest); Fr. Bob Wright (40 years); Frs Jonathan Veasey, George Bennett and Pat Brennan (25 years). As a joint celebration, Holy Family church will host a Deanery Mass and reception on Friday, 30th June, and everyone is invited. Further details to follow.

Coventry Deanery Vocations Promotion Mass. This year the Mass will be this Thursday, 25th May, at Holy Family Church at 6.30pm. The main Celebrant is Bishop Robert Byrne. All welcome. Please continue to pray for the gift of Vocation in our Catholic family in Coventry.

On Thursday, 25th May, 7.30 pm, Archbishop Bernard has been invited to preach in Coventry Cathedral at Evening Prayer of the Ascension and the launch of the Prayer Initiative, “Thy Kingdom Come”. All welcome.

Tailpiece: *Usually the tailpiece has a religious theme, but I'm afraid the only religious theme today is that this was told to me by a priest.*

A mother potato had three daughters and she was keen that they should marry well. One day the eldest announced that she was engaged to be married. “Who is he?” her mother asked nervously. “He’s a Jersey Royal,” replied her happy daughter. The mother was overjoyed; a Jersey Royal! That would be something to boast about in the supermarket. Soon afterwards the second daughter announced that she too was engaged, this time to a King Edward’s. Her mother was ecstatic. But then the third daughter came home and announced that she was engaged to John Motson. Her mother tried to put her off. “Mum, I love him,” said the daughter. “But, my dear,” her mother wailed, “He’s only a common tater.”

I'll get my hat

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