

St. Joseph the Worker

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to St. Joseph's today, especially if you are here for the first time.

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual up-building and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

Sunday, 18 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Michael O'Toole (Anniversary) Intentions of the Ordinariate People of the Parish Theresa Elkay	
Monday, 19 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Eudes, Priest</i>	10.00 am	Ned Kelly	
Tuesday, 20 th August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot</i>	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 21 st August <i>Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope</i>	10.00 am	Sheila Thorpe	
Thursday, 22 nd August <i>Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady</i>	7.30 am Exposition & Morning Prayer 10.00 am 7.00 pm	In Thanksgiving Fr. Paul's Intentions	
Friday, 23 rd August <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i>	10.00 am	Holy Souls	
Saturday, 24 th August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Michael & Margaret Higgins (Anniversary)	
Sunday, 25 th August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 3.00 pm Baptism 5.00 pm	James Greene and Bridget Greene Intentions of the Ordinariate People of the Parish Arthur Kennedy Carter James & Averil Simpson (Anniversary)	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance: 183 Last week's first collection: £557.77; Gift Aid: £198.00. Direct Debit Donations (July): £398.00. <p style="text-align: right;">Thank You.</p>	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Maria Vaughan	John Mulvenna
	Next Week	Mary Blay	Irma Whitehead

Please pray for Jim O'Rourke and for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Patrick Cooney, Alan Smith, and Patrick Branagan, Deacon Douglas Taylor, and also Joe Barrett, Jean Stafford, Joseph Donnelly, Michael Mahone, Leopold Woodcock, Annie Ryan, Elizabeth Moloney, Edith Carroll, Edward Stapleton, Gladys Hardie, Mary Ita Smith, John Keshan, Hilda Mary Dent, Mary Greenwood, Mary O'Brien and Elizabeth Richards. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please note that there will be no Mass here on Monday evening.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Jane Pryce, Josie Dekkers, Paddy Beausang, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Hildegard Atherton, Chris Mullen, Gabrielle, and all the sick.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (Birthday).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Frank Meadowcroft.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

Parish Fun Day. Each year we have an afternoon of fun for all the family in the garden behind the church, and this year it will be on Sunday, 1st September, 1.30-4.00 pm. There will be a bouncy castle, games and food. **No charge, but we need your help!** Could you set up and run the BBQ? Organise and oversee games? Set up tables and chairs? Wash/dry/clear up? Please let me know what you would like to do. Most of all, please come along. Thank you.

New Parish Website.

Please have a look at our new website. It is at sjtwcoventry.org.uk and I am very grateful to Bernardo Canas for his hard work and perseverance in getting it to this stage. I think it looks very good, but we should like your feedback and suggestions for improvements, please. It will obviously develop and adapt as we go along.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 145; Mrs Struthers.
2nd Prize, £5: No. 28; Lesley O'Connell.

Books! BOOKS! BOOKS!!!! Do you like reading? On the tables in the hall there are books on subjects ranging from theology and spirituality, through travel, to novels and poetry; from "Star Wars" to books on prayer, by way of "100 Uses For A Dead Cat". Please have a look and help yourselves. If you wish you can leave a donation in the bucket under the table, thank you. There are also some rather nice pictures that have been donated by a parishioner for the Church, for which we do ask a donation, please.

Catholic Newspapers. We have a small stock each week of "The Universe", "The Catholic Times" and "The Tablet". They are available on the table on the church porch – the prices are marked on them. Please note that this week the Tablet is a double issue and is priced at £4.00. Please put the money in the box in the wall marked "newspapers".

The Sower. A few copies of the latest edition of *The Sower*, the Diocesan magazine, are still available (free) at the back of the church. If you didn't get one last week, don't forget to collect a copy on your way out.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall. Sunday, 1st September. Principal Celebrant: Bishop David McGough. Mass at 3.00 pm. Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. Free parking and picnic area. Bring your own chairs.

Annual Rosary Rally, next Sunday, 25th August, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, starting with Mass at 2.00 pm. Please see poster in the porch for more information.



APF (red) Boxes. If you have a red box please bring it in to be emptied by next Saturday, 24th August. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to Joyce Connolly. Thank you.

Taize Chant Workshop and Evening. St. Joseph's parish in Whitnash, Leamington Spa (please note, it is not *this* St. Joseph's!) invite you to *Taize* chant on Saturday, 31st August. Everyone is welcome to join and try chanting with a professional conductor and a pianist. Sheet music is provided. Tickets are £10 on the door, and proceeds will go towards the Church Maintenance Fund. The workshop starts at 2.00 with an informal concert at 5.00 pm. Bring you friends and family to listen or join in. Email anna.xjn@gmail.com to book.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament. Before we begin our day's work we can meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00, followed by breakfast.

Sehion UK: Youth gathering of the Year – Alabare. A Day of Praise and Worship with Witness Band of Sehion UK. Register now at www.sehionuk.org/register, tickets are just £5. Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, Birmingham, B70 7JW. Saturday, 31st August, 10:00am - 5:00pm. See the poster for more details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Bishop David McGough, 3rd – 11th September, with Canon Mervyn Tower as Spiritual Director. Four nights in Bethlehem and three nights in Tiberius. Cost: £1,496 all inclusive, based on two sharing. For information contact Gill Didino on 01732 886666.

Tailpiece: from a collection of children's letters to God:

- Dear God, if you watch in church on Sunday I'll show you my new shoes. Mickey
- Dear God, did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident? Norma
- Dear God, in Bible times did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer
- Dear God, I don't think anybody could be a better God. Well I just want you to know but I am not just saying that because you are God. Charles.

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