

St. Joseph the Worker

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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**Welcome to St. Joseph's today,
especially if you are visiting our parish for the Christmas and New Year holiday.**

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, 5 th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Phyllis and Gerard Deegan The People of the Parish Sr. Maureen Grigg (Intentions)
Monday, 6 th January Christmas Feria	10.00 am	Josie Dekkers (100 th Birthday)
Tuesday, 7 th January Op. Mem. of St. Raymond of Penyafort	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 8 th January Christmas Feria	6.30 pm	Josie Dekkers (100 th Birthday)
Thursday, 9 th January Christmas Feria	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Michael Kavanagh (Birthday) Private Intention
Friday, 10 th January Christmas Feria	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Frank Meadowcroft (Anniversary) Private Intention
Saturday, 11 th January Christmas Feria	10.00 am	Cora Lanigan and Jane Burman
Sunday, 12 th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm 6.15 pm Reception of Joan Kelly	Chris Mullen The People of the Parish Margaret and Sean Gallagher (Anniv.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		
Mass attendance: 179	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's first collection: £583.94; Gift Aid: £294.71.	Today	Jianan Lu
Thank You.	Next Week	Carol Morris
		5pm
		Gabrielle Harrison
		Prue Aubrey

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, and Christmastide ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Please pray for Joan Kelly, Frs. John Ellis, John Dewis and Canon Gerry Breen, and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Martin Power, Frs. Martin Cassidy, Philip Garrett, Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Davis, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, Deacon W Murphy, and also William Banks, Rosina Chandler, Michael Cunningham, Catherine Coyle, Michael Sullivan, Ambrose Quinn, Robert McCavert, Dolly Parker, Marion McKernan, Marian Clayton, Tommy Snow, Rita Phillips, Lilian Maud McDermott, Elen Synott, Mary Collins, Michael McConnell, Terence Flanagan, Paul Boland, Leonard Davies, Joseph Sullivan, John Moss, Olga Maguire, Frank Meadowcroft and Eileen Donnelly. Eternal rest grant unto them. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Paddy Beausang, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Chris Mullen, and all the sick.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tommy Snow.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Frank Meadowcroft RIP.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
St. Anthony's Candle is burning this week for the Lawless Family.

Christmas Decorations. Although Christmastide in the Church's calendar doesn't end until next Sunday, it is traditional to take down the Christmas decorations at Twelfth Night. That being the case, we shall take the Christmas Crib and the Tree down tomorrow, and put the decorations into storage for another year. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make the church so beautiful and prayerful this Christmas.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 40; Mrs Lynch.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 79; Anne Burke.

The Christmas Crib Offerings. Because the crib is being put away after tonight, this is your last chance to make a donation to our charities. This year the offerings will be divided between an international charity – Friends of the Holy Land (supporting Christians there) – and a local charity – the Coventry Winter Night Shelter.

Carriers of Hope. If you have any unwanted/unneeded Christmas presents, please don't automatically throw them away – in March 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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th - 25th January. The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On 10th February Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer. As Paul later proclaimed in Rome, the salvation of God has been sent to all (see Acts 28:28).

Instructions in the Faith. Do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Do YOU want to know more? Starting this Wednesday evening at St. Thomas More in Stivichall there will be a series of meetings, 7.30-8.30, shared between our two parishes. Please let people know about this opportunity.

Congratulations to Josie Dekkers on her 100th Birthday on Tuesday. Happy Birthday, Josie.

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 (Fr. Sunday from St. Osburg's) when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients.

Thursday morning prayers at 7.30 (followed by breakfast) **and Friday Evening Chapel** (prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00-7.00 pm, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by supper in the hall) both re-start this week.

News about the building on the carpark next to the church. As you doubtless remember, planning permission was granted several months ago for a multi-storey carpark and student accommodation. Unofficially, news has reached me that at last they are planning to start building early next month. This work will obviously have an effect on the roads round here. They have promised to be as considerate as they can, but please be prepared for some disruption.

Joan Kelly RIP. Joan's body will be received into church next Sunday evening, and her funeral Mass will be on the following Monday at 11.00 am.

Tailpiece: A woman with a very strong faith but a rather weak memory once managed to lock her keys inside her car. Undeterred, she prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation, came over, and got her car door opened in no time flat. "Thank you, God, for sending me this nice man to help," she exclaimed. The man replied, "Well, I am glad I could help, but I'm not really a nice man. I just got out of jail for stealing cars." "Thank you, God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!"

*Thank you again for your very generous Christmas offerings and for the gifts and cards that I received.
May God bless you all in 2020.*

Fr. Harry.

It is good that people feel welcome when they come to church, but the noise levels in the church before Mass have been increasing again recently as people chat to one another, which is distracting for people who are trying to say their prayers and prepare for Mass.

Please remember: before Mass we talk to God; during Mass God talks to us; after Mass we talk to one another.

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

