

St. Joseph the Worker

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9th February, 2020



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Welcome to St. Joseph's.

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, 9 th February Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Mary and Danny Harrington (Intentions) The People of the Parish Frank Meadowcroft RIP	
Monday, 10 th February Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin	10.00 am	Eamon Mullally	
Tuesday, 11 th February Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick	No Mass Today		
Wednesday, 12 th February	10.00 am	Fr. Joseph Tinh (Birthday)	
Thursday, 13 th February	7.30-8.00 am Exposition 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Paul Creighton Private Intention	
Friday, 14 th February Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe. Day of Prayer for Europe	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition	Barry Williams (Anniversary) Private Intention	
Saturday, 15 th February	10.00 am followed by Exposition	Breda Convey	
Sunday, 16 th February Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Lesley O'Connell (Intentions) The People of the Parish Anna Karin Hope Lanigan	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.			
Mass attendance: 220 Last week's first collection: £667.77; Gift Aid: £271.00. Thank You.	Reading Rota	9am	5pm
	Today	Claudia Rei	Bob Pryce
	Next Week	Paul Keenan	Patricia Burke

Please pray for Marina McPhillips, Felicity Haynes, Deacon Michael Ainsworth, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Joseph Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter Lawler, Canon Patrick Cassidy, Frs. John Watkins, Frederick E. James, John Gibb, Matthias Brady, John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, Daniel Daly, Joseph Hogan and Charles Joseph O'Reilly, and also John Hughes, Bridget McParland, Veronica Anne Harris, Sheila Male, Margaret Preston, Anne Vincent, Catherina Masterson, Billy Flynn, Nancy McGrath, Ella Perdue, Roberta Luciano, Kenneth George, George Stanners, James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Barry Williams, Edmond O'Connell, Guy Mellors and Thomas Noel Coogan. 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 a Special Intention.

200 Club winners:

1st Prize, £15: No. 38; Mrs Donovan.

2nd Prize, £5: No. 21; M. Benham.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country.

Lent 2020. Yes, I know it feels that we have only just celebrated Christmas, but Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. That's only two and a half weeks. It's time to start thinking what you can do to make this season of grace fruitful. If you have any palms from last Palm Sunday that you do not need, please bring them along by Sunday, 23rd February, so that we can burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Cannon Park Memory Cafe will continue tomorrow, Monday, 10.30-12.30, in our parish hall. It is to offer friendship and support, particularly to those with memory problems. Just come along to see if it suits you.

Confirmations. Bishop Kenney will be coming to St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00 pm, to confirm one of our community. Please put the date in your diary and try to come to support and welcome her.

Newman Association Talk. The Coventry Circle of the Newman Association has invited Archbishop Bernard Longley to give a talk on ARCIC III, the third Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, of which he was co-chair. A statement was issued in July 2018 entitled *Walking together on the Way: Learning to be Church - local, regional, universal*. This set out how the two traditions might learn from each other and will be of interest to all those concerned with ecumenism. **Venue:** Margaret Roper Room, St Thomas More Church, CV3 5DE. Tuesday, 25th February; 7.15 pm. **All welcome.**

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. All married couples are invited to join the Archbishop for Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 12.00 noon on either of two weekends: Saturday, 9th May and Saturday, 16th May. To find out more or to register please email Lianne Pap (lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org). If it is a milestone anniversary for you please let Lianne know, as all those couples will be listed in the Mass booklet.

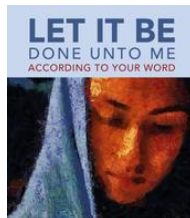
Instructions in the Faith. Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas More in Stivichall, 7.30-8.30. All welcome.

Coventry Marriage Care - Volunteers needed. For more info please visit: <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk> or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord: We meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on **Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00**, followed by breakfast. And on **Friday evenings, 6.00-9.00**, there will be Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

Re-dedication of England. In 1381, England was dedicated to the Mother of Jesus by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations' as "Mary's Dowry". On 29th March, 2020, England will be re-dedicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' That means we are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

STARTING TOMORROW. To help us prepare for the Re-dedication of our country (and also as a Lenten theme) we shall watch a DVD about Our Lady and discuss it over the course of five meetings. The meetings will be in the hall at 7.30 pm, starting tomorrow evening, Monday, 10th February, and thereafter on a fortnightly basis up to Easter. All welcome; materials and light refreshments will be provided. No charge, but donations are welcome.



A message from the Friends of the Holy Land: "Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £362.18, which contribute to our work supporting, school fees, medical expenses, family and community support. Your help is so important as there is no social care system or foodbanks in the Holy Land, state schooling is Muslim and the Christian children are under pressure to convert as they are in such a small minority. An injury or illness easily tips families into financial crisis and medications and treatment have to be paid for. Your help shows them that they are not alone."

And one from Chris Edwards, of Hope Coventry: "We would like to thank you for your generous donation of £583.34 to the work of HOPE Coventry and the Winter Night Shelter. We ... want you to know that your valuable contribution will go towards ensuring we sustain the night shelter throughout the winter and make a difference in the lives of some of the city's most vulnerable people."

Building the Cathedral. The children at St Osburg's School are working on a project with Historic England about Coventry Cathedral and would love to speak to anyone who worked for Laing on its construction. Do you know anyone or have any relatives who were involved? Please contact St Osburg's school (02476 227165). Thank you.

Annual Parish Accounts. Next Sunday Tony Scanlon, the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, will briefly present the accounts for the last year.

Tailpiece: The switch on my microphone has become a bit dodgy lately so that I have sometimes been broadcasting without meaning it. I'm sorry about that. It reminds me of a Bishop who went into the sacristy after Mass and, not realising that he was still on air, announced, "I need a gin!" I suppose it could have been worse.

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