

St. Joseph the Worker

Easter Sunday

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia!

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)

 <p>Sunday, 12th April</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</p>	<p>10.00 am Mary Veronica McGovern (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Monday, 13th April Monday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Tuesday, 14th April Tuesday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>Josephine Kilkerr</p>
<p>Wednesday, 15th April Wednesday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>Special Intention</p>
<p>Thursday, 16th April Thursday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>Abie Doherty</p>
<p>Friday, 17th April Friday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>Anne Healy</p>
<p>Saturday, 18th April Saturday within the Easter Octave</p>		<p>Anne Connor</p>
<p>Sunday, 19th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday</p>		<p>10.00 am Julia Timmons RIP</p>

The Easter Season

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.” The first eight days make up the Easter Octave and they are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord – that is, feast days of the most importance. The joyful sound of “Alleluia!” is heard many times throughout this season and we add two “Alleluia’s” at the dismissal of the Mass during the Octave.



Please pray for those we know who are sick including: Fr. Michael Stack, Richard Healy, George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Paddy Beausang, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Chris Mullen, Peter Kennedy, Jennifer Shaw, Anne Doherty, Danny and Mary Harrington, and all the sick.

Please pray for Barbara McGwynn, Patrick Finan, Jim Feeney and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Bernard Gerald Hodgson, Frs. Wilfrid Sheeran, Walter Edwards, Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, William Smith, and also James Agnew, Mary O'Neill, Robert (Bob) Jones, Patrick Brady, Dennis O'Keefe, Mabel Turner, Edith Browne, Mary McDonough, Daniel Conway, William Noble, Barty Roche, Philip Campion, Joseph Bennet, Alice Gould, Bridget O'Neil, and Mary Barr. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for those working in Health Care.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

Livestreaming of Mass. So far I have been trying and failing to broadcast Mass from St. Joseph's. This has not bothered me too much to be honest, because I know that there is excellent coverage of Mass from other churches, including Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard in St. Chad's Cathedral, and even Mass celebrated by the Pope in St. Peter's. How am I to compete with that?! But I am hoping that for today, Easter Sunday, if you wish you will be able to follow the Mass from St. Joseph's, starting at 10.00 am. For details of how to see it, please go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and look for the section on "Coronavirus". I am very grateful to Bernardo for making this possible.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout this week we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus said: *"...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a*

whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699).

Tailpiece: It was the day of the Resurrection, and the disciples were scattered all around Jerusalem. John searched high and low for Peter and finally found him still hanging out in the upper room. "Peter, Peter!" he said, excitedly. "I have good news and bad news. Which would you rather hear first?" "By all means give me the good news. We've had enough bad news lately," Peter said. "The good news is that Jesus has risen from the dead," John said. "That's great!" said Peter. "So what's the bad news?" John, looked around anxiously and said, "Well, He's really steamed about last Friday."

**Have a very happy and blessed Easter.
May God bless you and all those whom you love and
keep you safe.
Fr. Harry**

