

St. Joseph the Worker

Second Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

19th April, 2020



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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)

Sunday, 19 th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday	UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.	10.00 am Julia Timmons RIP
Monday, 20 th April Easter Feria		Peggy Upham
Tuesday, 21 st April Optional Memorial of St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		Jim Feeney
Wednesday, 22 nd April Easter Feria Novena to St. Joseph		Ruby and Allan Brotherhood
Thursday, 23 rd April Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England Novena to St. Joseph		The People of the Parish
Friday, 24 th April Optional Memorials of St. Adalbert, or of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyrs Novena to St. Joseph		Holy Souls
Saturday, 25 th April Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist Novena to St. Joseph		Moira Harrington
Sunday, 26 th April Third Sunday of Easter Novena to St. Joseph		The People of the Parish

The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on 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.”

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

Please pray for Jim Feeney, Anne Doherty and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey, Hugh Griffith, Oswald Joyce, Liam Bouchier, Patrick Quilty, Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly, Peter Dennison and Deacon Peter Seeney, and also Laurence Burlison, Eugene Kelly, Kathleen Hickey, Esther Masterson, Alice Cunningham, Molly Hughes, Michael Miller, Mary Murphy, Petrous Sheena, Ellen Bolger, Denis Bernard O'Neill and Michael Mellor. 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 Anne Doherty RIP.
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. The Mass last Sunday morning was streamed on Youtube. It was a strange experience, but it was easier than I expected (thank you, Bernardo). Following huge demand – well, there were at least two – I shall try to continue on Sundays. To see it, go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and look for the section on “Coronavirus”. There is a dropdown heading for livestreaming Mass.

Novena to St. Joseph

We always pray a Novena to St. Joseph the Worker in the nine days prior to the Feast on 1st May, for our Parish and for guidance for the future, but obviously this year our prayers have a special edge. Please do join in the Novena at home. We shall start on Wednesday of this week.



O great St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and Patron of our Parish, wise and just ruler of God's earthly household, nearest of all men to the heart of Jesus. With quiet love you cared for Jesus and for Our Lady. Receive our fervent thanks and prayers that you will guide us as once you guided Wisdom's footsteps. We ask your intercession for blessings on our parish community: for health and love, for courage and fortitude, for generosity and faith; asking you to submit all our temporal and spiritual needs to God. We pray, O St. Joseph, that we may always be devoted and loyal; our thoughts be of Jesus; our hearts be His shrine, so that when our life's path has been trod, we may be found worthy of a happy death and eternal salvation. We ask you to unite your prayers with ours as we pray to God our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

*Our Father, ... Hail, Mary, ... Glory be ...
St. Joseph, pray for us.*

Donating money to St. Joseph's. Some parishioners have been asking how they can continue to support the parish financially. It is very generous, thank you.

- The easiest way is to set up a standing order to St. Joseph's. To do this, please go to the Archdiocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>.
- Or if you prefer, the diocese has set up a system for parishioners to make online donations to their parish. To do this (1) visit the diocesan webpage - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk (2) Click on Donate (top right). (3) Enter your Contact details. (4) Click next and complete your Payment details. (5) To make a donation to St. Joseph's select Coventry: Cannon Park. (6) Please click on “I want to Gift Aid my donation” if you are able. (7) Click next and enter your card details. (8) Finally click on Donate by card.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Today 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:

Priest: Waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?

Waiter: He's praying, Father.

Priest: Very funny. I can't eat this. Please take it back.

Waiter: You see, Father? The fly's prayers were answered.

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