

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Third Sunday of Easter

26<sup>th</sup> 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, 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Novena to St. Joseph</i>	<b>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</b>	10.00 am <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i> <i>Novena to St. Joseph</i>		<i>In Thanksgiving (Zita)</i>
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Optional Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr</i> <i>Or of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest</i> <i>Novena to St. Joseph</i>		<i>Philomena Fuller</i>
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i> <i>Novena to St. Joseph</i>		<i>Veronica Murphy</i>
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Optional Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope</i> <i>Novena to St. Joseph</i>		<i>David Young RIP</i>
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker</b>		<i>Mark Whale (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <i>Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop</i>		<i>Martin Walsh</i>
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>		10.00 am <i>The People of the Parish</i>

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

Please pray for Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr. Bernard O'Connor OSA, Fr. Andrew Kenny, Jim Feeney, Anne Doherty, David Young and all who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Joseph Bernard Hickson, Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, Thomas William O'Connor, Deacon Jim Fantham, and also James McCullough, Mary Navin, Baby Hannah Evans, Simone Carey, Dot Holmes, Laurence O'Neil, Peter Swoboda, Eduardo Hintay, Severino Hintay, Raymond Richard, Sheila Scampton, Nellie Finan, Phyllis Dodds, Mark Whale, Bridget Howe, Thomas Temple. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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*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 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.**

### **Novena to St. Joseph**

This coming Friday is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our Patron in this parish. It is also the second anniversary of the Dedication of our church. Please join me in praying the Novena Prayer each day prior to Friday for our Parish and for guidance for the future. This year our prayers have a special edge because of the coronavirus.



*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.*

**Livestreaming of Sunday Mass** on Youtube each week at 10.00. Go to our website ([www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)) and look for the section on "Coronavirus". There is a dropdown heading for livestreaming Mass.

### **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion**

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer:

*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."*

**Bishop Leo McCartie RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Leo McCartie, who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, aged 94. He was ordained priest on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1949 at St Teresa's, Trent Vale in Staffordshire. He worked at St Chad's Cathedral, Cotton College, parishes in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Wednesbury. In 1962 he was made the Diocesan Inspector of Schools. In 1977 he was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and Titular Bishop of Elmham, and then in 1990, he was appointed as the tenth Bishop of Northampton where he served until his retirement in 2001. We pray for Bishop Leo's family and friends and for all who mourn him. May he rest in peace.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and for an increase in Vocations.

**First Friday.** As well as being the Feast of St. Joseph, this Friday is also the First Friday of the Month. Please say the Prayers to the Sacred Heart at home.

**Regina Caeli.** At the end of Mass during the Easter season I shall say the Regina Caeli instead of the Hail, Holy Queen. Please join in if you are watching at home:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

A translation is:

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!  
Has risen as He said, alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

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**Tailpiece:** By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church or coming to watch the football. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that can't have taken all this time." said the friend. "Well," said Bobby, "I had to toss it 35 times."

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