

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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.

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 Brotherwood
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.”

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).

Livestreaming of Mass. The Mass last Sunday morning was streamed from St. Joseph's 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 parish 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.*

"An Online Retreat in Daily Life": It is the first time that we have tried to do this in this way, and it sounds good! **I highly recommend it.**

**Online Retreat
in Daily Life**
Sunday 17th to
Friday 22nd May 2020

- Join with others in prayer online
- Talk to a prayer guide every day for a week
- Find help in your personal prayer
- Try a more structured prayer life

Who is it for?

Anyone who is already Christian and who wants to deepen their prayer life, or someone who is not sure

what they believe but is willing to take a risk and seriously explore the reality of God. Either way, it is for any generous soul willing to commit to the elements of the week. **Important: you have to agree to pray each day for a week and be willing to talk (in confidence) about how it went.**

Who runs it?

A team of trained prayer guides led by Stephen Hoyland who works for the Jesuits and does this work in many universities up and down the country, normally, in person! And Kate, as Anglican chaplain and zoom expert in the making, will take care of the hosting.

What is the programme?

The core elements of the week are prayer for half-an-hour each day, reviewing how that prayer time went, and individual meeting with your prayer guide online each day. We'll also have an opening meeting, closing meeting, and two prayer workshops also online via zoom.

Why do the retreat?

At this challenging time most people are finding it hard to focus on anything, including praying. There is a lot of anxiety around. Even though we might have lots of time on our hands, it can be hard to really settle down and concentrate. God can help us with all of this of course, and we can cooperate with that God by taking part in a retreat just like this one.

How much does it cost?

We're asking for a donation of £10 to take part.

How do I sign up?

Let me or, better still, Kate the chaplain know you want to take part. Kate will use your email to invite you to a zoom meeting on Sunday, 17th May at 3pm. **Please download zoom by then.**

It is important to be at this to meet your guide for the week.

If you cannot be at this meeting please email Stephen - sthoiland@gmail.com

A Prayer in Time of Pestilence:

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.

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**