

St. Joseph the Worker

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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, 24 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION. Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here is on Youtube. Go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)	10.00 am Carlo Crespi
Monday, 25 th May <i>Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest</i>		Conway Family (Intentions)
Tuesday, 26 th May <i>Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		John Cherry
Thursday, 28 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Desmond Rixon RIP
Friday, 29 th May <i>The Solemnity of Dedication</i>		Peter Kennedy (Intentions)
Saturday, 30 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday, 31 st May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>		10.00 am Joan Kelly RIP (Birthday)

Please pray for those we know who are sick including: 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. I am happy to say that Fr. Michael Stack is now out of hospital and thanks everyone for their prayers.

Please pray for Bishop Leo McCartie, Frs. Timothy Burke, Bernard O'Connor OSA, Joseph McGovern and Andrew Kenny, and for all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canon John Francis Hughes, Frs. Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward, Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy and Deacon William Parker, and also Agnes Hall, Baby Shane Griffiths, John O'Donnell, Sarah Curtis, James O'Halloran, Bernadette Mary Jones, Mary Brankin, Thomas Gormley, Patrick Breen, Edna Bevins, Kathleen Banks, Margaret Mulvenna, Patrick Cullinane, Michael Finan, Mary Gore, John McDonald, Martin Keane, Josephine Hopkins and Margaret Griffin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for those working in Health Care.
The Sacred Heart candle is burning this week for Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers (Intentions).
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.
St. Anthony's Candle is burning this week for Christine Nugent RIP (Anniversary).

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.

Today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, comes during the Novena – nine days of prayer – for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is also World Communications Sunday and we are asked to pray for those who work in the media. Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost and Eastertide ends in the evening.

May is the Month of Our Lady. If you find yourself with more time than usual, why not try to pray the Rosary each day?

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Although we cannot physically go on the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, it will still be possible to take part in a virtual pilgrimage this week. The virtual pilgrimage will start with Mass today, Sunday, 24th May, at 3.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard and live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'. The full programme is on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on Youtube each week at 10.00. Go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and look for the indication for "Sunday Mass". It will tell you how to see the Mass.

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion. While you watch a live stream of Mass say 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."

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.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Unfortunately, it is not possible to offer Confession at this time. Nor can the Sacrament be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. For now, if you need to go to Confession you should make a Perfect Act of Contrition and go to Confession as soon as it becomes possible.

An Act of Contrition. *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

Friends of the Holy Land. The Archbishop writes: "Coronavirus is changing the lives of all of us but for so many Christians, especially in the West Bank but also Gaza, Israel and Jordan, it is devastating. So many are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which disappeared overnight in early March. For many they have no government support nor even a health service which can handle this crisis. So, the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) launched an appeal in March for those impacted in Bethlehem and widened it on 3 April as a Pentecost Challenge to cover the whole of the region. They secured match funding for the first £100,000 and, with a few days to go to Pentecost, are close to reaching the target but are seeking help to get over the line. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge will direct you to the FHL website where more information is available. You may also wish to view the news story on our diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>. Thank you for your support as FHL strive to maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land and please keep the FHL staff and volunteers plus those in the Holy Land in your prayers."

Online Concert. Lucia and Stan have recorded a short concert of their own compositions. Congratulations to them, and thanks for making it available for us. To see it, go to: <https://youtu.be/0d2JJ3IVJc8>

Come All Who Thirst Online Retreat. This is on this week via Zoom, on 29/30/31st May. Don't miss the chance of beautiful times of prayer and Mass planned with Sion Community and some very exciting speakers and musicians. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>
Contact Justine Gaffney on 07551096269 if you have any questions, need help with using Zoom, etc.

Tailpiece: A horse, a dog and a cat all died and went to God for judgement. "Right," said God to the horse. "What beliefs governed the way you behaved on earth?" "I believe ththe Jews or the at I was put on earth to serve man in whatever way I could," the horse replied. "That is very good," said God. "You may come and stand behind my throne." Next He said to the dog, "And what were your beliefs?" "I believe," answered the dog, "That I was put there to be man's best friend, to be his companion and to protect him from danger." "Excellent," said God. "You may lie on the floor at my feet." Finally, He said to the cat, "And what about you? What do you believe?" "I believe," said the cat, "that you are sitting in my seat!"

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

Fr. Harry.