

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Fourth 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, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	<b>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</b>  <b>Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here</b> is on Youtube. Go to our website ( <a href="http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk">www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk</a> )	10.00 am <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>		Clare Curtis (Birthday)
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Private Intention (for healing)
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		9.30 am <i>Anne Doherty RIP</i>
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Mary Meehan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Robert Curtis (Anniversary)
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Lilian Cherry
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>		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, Kevon 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, Frs. Timothy Burke, Bernard O'Connor OSA, Joseph McGovern and Andrew Kenny, Anne Doherty, David Young, Steven Sedgewick and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O'Connor, Francis Carr and Walter Joret, and also Margaret Busby, Catherine Smith, Michael McMahon, Tom Skerrett, Hugh Foley, Pawel Piper, Catherine Carolan, Gregory Freeman, Tommy Dunne, Aboo Hossain, Henry Moonan, Allen Cotta, Jane Kennedy, Andrew McConville, Robert Curtis and Albert Scott. May they rest in peace.

**Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and we pray that God will help people to answer His call to follow Him.

**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?

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Daniel and Sheila Tully (Anniversary)**

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Jimmy Smith.**

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Clare Curtis (Birthday).**

**St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Tommy Dunne (Anniversary).**

**St. Anthony's Candle is burning this week for Maria and Bernard Doherty.**

## *A People Who Hope in Christ*

### **A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England and Wales**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: 'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.' (27 March 2020)

The impact of Covid-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of Covid-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and wellbeing.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool,  
✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff,  
✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

**Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.** Whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered 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."*

**Tailpiece:** A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "Perhaps they couldn't get a babysitter."

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

**Fr. Harry.**