

St. Joseph the Worker

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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, 10 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	<p>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</p> <p>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)</p>	10.00 am The People of the Parish
Monday, 11 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Lyndsay Clarke RIP
Tuesday, 12 th May <i>Optional Memorials of Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, or St. Pancras, Martyr</i>		Special Intention
Wednesday, 13 th May <i>Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>		Special Intention (Rowlands)
Thursday, 14 th May <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i>		Val Kirtley RIP
Friday, 15 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		James Greene (Birthday)
Saturday, 16 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Collette & Bob McNarry RIP
Sunday, 17 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter		10.00 am Frank Meadowcroft RIP

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 for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Francis Woodward, Frs. **Michael Jordan**, Patrick Cocklin, Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling and Deacon James Duffy and also Martin O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Brouder, Patrick Hastings, Bridget Kelly, Michael Kelly, Michael Brady, Patricia Sanders, Theresa McFadden, William Raley, Christine Nugent, Cesare Cerati, Sydney Feegrade, Philip Bryan, Maurice Michael Kenny, Anne Healy, Violet Crowley, Margaret Boyle, Susan Donnelly and Margaret Morris. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Babs Bevins.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis RIP (Anniversary).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for James Greene (Birthday).

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

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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.

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?

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass 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 livestream the Mass. I must confess, however, that our Broadband signal (if that is the correct expression) is very weak here. Sometimes the picture and sound is OK, but at other times it may be poor or non-existent. I have been in touch with BT but they seem to think there is nothing they can do. If anyone knows differently please let me know.

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."

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!

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Unfortunately, because the church is closed and we are required to practise "social distancing" it is not possible to offer Confession at this time. Nor can the Sacrament be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. However, a recent Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current epidemic, states:

Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by ... the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones.

So if you need to go to Confession you should make a Perfect Act of Contrition and then to go to Confession as soon as it becomes possible. Perfect contrition is true and real sorrow for our sins. We should recognise the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

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.

Dispensation from Easter Duties. Normally we should receive Holy Communion and go to Confession. Since it is not possible at this time, the Bishops have dispensed the Easter Duties for this year. They have asked that we should make a Perfect Act of Contrition.

Walk With Me. I have several copies of the Eastertide *Walk With Me* booklets. They last until the end of this month. If anyone would like a copy please tell me (together with your address if you think I don't already know it) – first come, first served.

Ascension Thursday. A bit of advance warning: the celebration of the Ascension is now back where it should be: 40 days after Easter, on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter (i.e. Thursday, 21st May), and it is a Holyday of Obligation. All being well, I shall stream the Mass live that day as on a Sunday.

Come All Who Thirst Online Retreat. This was due to take place at St Osburg's during the weekend of Pentecost. It is now happening via Zoom on 29/30/31st May. Beautiful times of prayer and Mass planned with Sion Community and some very exciting speakers and musicians booked. The link for registration <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 priest was going round from door to door, hoping to spread the Gospel. He knocked on one door and when it opened he said, "Hello sir, I'm a Catholic priest." "Come in and sit down," came the reply. He went in and sat down and was offered a fresh cup of coffee. Then his host asked, "What do you want to talk about?" "Beats me," he said. "Nobody ever let me in before."

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