

St. Joseph the Worker

Sixth 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, 17 th May Sixth 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.sjtwhcoventry.org.uk)</p>	10.00 am Frank Meadowcroft RIP
Monday, 18 th May <i>Optional Memorial of St. John I, Pope, Martyr</i>		Ron Brecknell
Tuesday, 19 th May <i>Optional Memorial of St. Dunstan, Bishop</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 20 th May <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</i>		Mary Harrington (Birthday)
Thursday, 21 st May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		10.00 am Bishop Leo McCartie
Friday, 22 nd May <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>		Fabio Randolfi (Birthday)
Saturday, 23 rd May <i>Easter Feria</i>		Fr. Timothy Burke
Sunday, 24 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>		10.00 am Carlo Crespi

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, 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. John Humphries, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Frs. Thomas Canning, Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook, William Lyons, George Henry Bolton and Thomas Foynes and also Sarah Mullen, Margaret Rainbow, Michael Purcell, Molly Hand, Thomas Price, Malachy Powell, Frances Mary Hughes, Francis Millican, Gladys Long, Benjamin Curtis, Ellen Scullion and Barbara Thorne. 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.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Frank Meadowcroft RIP.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

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?

Ascension Thursday. Next Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. It is a Holyday of Obligation when we should do our best to take part in the Mass. All being well, I shall stream the Mass live that day as on a Sunday. If you cannot access Mass on the computer, please try to follow the prayers and readings of the Mass if you can.

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 there, from 24-29 May. An essential part of this will be a virtual Marian procession for the evenings and **you are asked to form part of it.** To do this, video recordings are required. Send in three separate recordings of yourself praying the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Our Father, and with the wonders of technology they will be used to bring everyone together into one 'procession'. The virtual pilgrimage will start with Mass on Sunday, 24th May, at 3.00pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley from St Chad's Cathedral. You can find out more about the pilgrimage and how to submit your video here: 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 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, 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.*

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.

Online Concert. Something to cheer you up if you are feeling bored, sad or just want something to do! Lucia Silvestro and Stan Newman (who sang and played at the Dedication of the church and sometimes at the 5.00 Sunday Mass) 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 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 woman went to Confession. "Bless me, Father, for I have committed the sin of vanity. Twice a day I gaze at myself in the mirror and tell myself that I am the most beautiful woman who ever walked the face of the earth." The priest turned, took a good look at the woman and said, "My daughter, I have good news for you. That isn't a sin – it is merely an error."



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