

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2020



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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, 14 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>	<p><b>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</b></p> <p><b>Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here is on Youtube. Go to our website (<a href="http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk">www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk</a>)</b></p>	10.00 am Carmel Silver (Anniversary)
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June		5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour, with Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i>		John Haddon
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June		The People of the Parish
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>		Ann North (Birthday)
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		Mary Barrett (Intentions)
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>		Elizabeth Durham (Birthday)
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day for Life</i>		Heffernan Family (Intentions)
		10.00 am Phyllis Deegan (Anniversary)

**Today is the great feast of Corpus Christi when we celebrate that Jesus has given us His Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine.**

**Next Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please ask me if you haven't got a copy of the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart to pray each day at home.**

**Please pray for those we know who are sick** including: John Foliard, 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** all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Alphonsus Power, Joseph Davenport, John Basil Harrington, Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, Michael Doona, George Smith and Eric Morgan, and also, Elizabeth McMahon, David Michael Clifford, Alma Paganini, Anastasia Fife, Christopher Lewis, Elsie Gill, Henry Shiels, Mary Edden, Egbert Starzynski, Gwendoline Johnson, Elizabeth Ayton, Mary Cooke and Olive Croxon. 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 in Thanksgiving (SD).**

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Carmel Silver RIP (Anniversary).**

**St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

## **Gloria in excelsis Deo!!!!**

**As of tomorrow churches will be allowed to open their doors to allow people to come in for private prayer.**

However, we all have a duty of care to each other, and each Parish Priest has a duty to protect people from harm, and that includes taking reasonable steps to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 to those who use the church and its surroundings. Each Parish Priest has been told to do a risk assessment for his church and to open only when the risk of spreading the virus has been minimised.

To reduce that risk, stewards will be in place to guide people in and out, to make sure visitors use the hand sanitisers and maintain social distancing, and to control the numbers in the church; cleaners will clean the church THOROUGHLY after each day of use. Numbers in the church must be governed by the need to maintain social distancing; strict hygiene must be enforced; signs must be in place to indicate a one-way system.

I am very grateful to the six people who have volunteered to assist as stewards or cleaners.

**It means that we shall be able to open for private prayer, as a first stage, on Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm**

Perhaps as we get more experienced and as more volunteers become available we shall be able to open more frequently in the future.

I remember arriving at Heathrow once and there were signs up saying “No smoking, no this, no that ...” It concluded, “Welcome to the UK”. I did not feel very welcome! So let me say straight away that you are welcome to St. Joseph’s and I am delighted that you can come. However, please be mindful of a few things:

- **If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to St. Joseph’s, but go home and isolate;**
- **Because of the need for social distancing in the church we can only hold up to fifteen people at any one time; so please be prepared to wait outside if necessary, keeping a safe distance (as at Tescos); also, be aware that if others are waiting to come into the church it would be kind not to stay too long but to leave the church after a reasonable length of time;**
- **Please enter the church by one door and leave by the other, so that a one-way system can work;**
- **Use the hand sanitisers on the way in and the way out;**
- **Use a face covering in the church;**
- **Windows and doors will be open, so bring a coat!**
- **If you bring children with you, please make sure they touch as few surfaces as possible;**
- **Personal possessions should be kept to a minimum and should be taken away on leaving the church (any items found during cleaning will be disposed of and will not be kept as lost property), and please take away any handkerchiefs or tissues;**
- **The toilets will not be available (so make sure you go before you come!)**
- **Welcome to St. Joseph’s.**

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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.*

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**Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph’s** on Youtube each week at 10.00. Go to our website ([www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)) and look for the indication for “Sunday Mass”. 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.”*

**Tailpiece:** A boy came late to Mass. Knowing he was usually very punctual, after Mass the priest asked, “Johnny, is there anything wrong?” “No, Father, not really,” he said. “I was going to go fishing, but my daddy told me that I needed to go to church.” The priest was very impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing. “Yes, Father, he did,” Johnny said. “He didn’t have enough bait for both of us.”

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

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