

# St. Joseph the Worker

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21<sup>st</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, 21 <sup>st</sup> June <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Day for Life	<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</b> is on Youtube. Go to our website (<a href="http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk">www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk</a>)</p>	10.00 am Phyllis Deegan (Anniversary)
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Feast of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs		Ruby Eileen Brotherwood RIP (Birthday)
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist		Edmund Griffin (Intentions)
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Josephine McGreal RIP
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Ordination Anniv.)
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June Op. Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop		John Paul Brogan
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Apostles</b>		10.00 am Ron Jones RIP (Anniversary)

**Happy Father's Day to all Dads. God bless you.**

Today is "Day for Life", celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

**Please pray for those we know who are sick** including: John Foliard, 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 and Fr Bernard Anwyl are both recovering well. Canon Tom visited Fr. Michael as he is convalescing and found him in good spirits. Fr Bernard who helps at Holy Family, fell and broke his hip. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

**Please pray for Nora Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Carr** and all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Arthur Proudman, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas Browne, John Boyer, James Walsh, John Bradley and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also, Peggy Doherty, Patrick O'Halloran, Maria Fry, Patrick Carolan, Edna Lalley, Peter Long, Edward Price, Bob Burns, Steve Donnelly, Mary Kennedy, Mary Weaver and Francis McElroy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

**Next Sunday** is the transferred Solemnity of St Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for those working in Health Care.**  
**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving (SD).**  
**St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

**Opening St. Joseph's for Private Prayer.** After three months of closed doors, it was a glorious feeling to throw open the two double doors to let people in (and out) of the church last Thursday. Although the weather was very wet, throughout the day there was a steady trickle (if I may use that phrase) of people coming to pray, and I think our arrangements worked well. I am very grateful to our volunteers who made it possible. We shall do it again next Thursday, and as before 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 Tesco's); 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!)**

*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 click on "Sunday Mass". While you watch a live stream of Mass say this 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."*

### **Bishops' Conference Statement Re Racial Justice**

"We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: 'we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.' Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this. As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image."

*Bishop Declan Lang, Lead Bishop for International Affairs*  
*Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice*

**Prayer Walk.** Christians across Coventry are being asked to pray just for the street they live on, praying for the intentions of their neighbours. You can register to do this through the "Open Heaven" website: <https://www.openheaven.coventry.org/>. You can simply say a decade of the Rosary as you walk along the road or if you are housebound just offer prayers for your neighbours. The organisers hope that every street in Coventry will be prayed for.

**Mary's Meals** is creating a series of short films with updates on how they are feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort. The latest message is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk>. I recommend watching it if you have the technology.

**Tailpiece:** God said to Moses, "I've got some good news and some bad news. Which do you want first?" Moses replied, "Lord, please give me the good news first."

"Well, Moses, the good news is that I've chosen you to deliver my people from bondage," God told him.

"I will force Pharaoh to release my children by causing pestilence in Egypt. I shall turn the water into blood. There will be darkness, plagues of locusts and frogs and inconceivable devastation upon the land. Pharaoh's armies will chase you as you try to leave, but I will part the waters of the Red Sea to aid in your escape."

"And the bad news, Lord?" Moses queried.

God answered, "I'm afraid you will have to prepare a risk assessment statement."

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