

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, 21 st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION. 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)	10.00 am Phyllis Deegan (Anniversary)
Monday, 22 nd June <i>Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs</i>		Ruby Eileen Brotherwood RIP (Birthday)
Tuesday, 23 rd June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist		Edmund Griffin (Intentions)
Thursday, 25 th June		Josephine McGreal RIP
Friday, 26 th June		Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (Ordination Anniversary)
Saturday, 27 th June <i>Op. Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop</i>		John Paul Brogan
Sunday, 28 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles		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.

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".

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."

Prayer. I know that when you are on your own, away from a faith community, it can be challenging to keep faithful to a pattern of prayer. If you want to chat or a bit of advice and encouragement, please contact me and I shall be delighted to hear from you.

Mary's Meals. If you remember, a few weeks before the lockdown started we had a visitor from Mary's Meals who told us about what they are doing and how you could help. Several people said that they wanted to get involved, but then came Covid-19 and everything stopped. Now the people who run Mary's Meals are 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 would still like to be involved.

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.

Open Heaven: Prayer Walk Coventry. Open Heaven is an ecumenical initiative in Coventry, to "prayer-walk" every street of the city during this month of June. The idea is that when you go out for a walk along your street, you say a Rosary for the intentions of all the people on that street. You could do this on your own or with a member of your household. Between all the churches they hope to cover every street in Coventry. If you want to be involved, go to <https://www.openheavencoventry.org> and register to cover a road.

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

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

A Youth Alpha Course, supported by the mission team at Alton Castle. We all have questions about life and faith, perhaps now more than ever. The Kenelm Youth Trust (the Diocesan office for young people, based at Alton Castle) are offering several ways to get involved with a youth Alpha online. If you want to get involved as an individual or as a group email

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.*

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.