

St. Joseph the Worker

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5th July, 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, 5 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am Anna Dalli
Monday, 6 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</i>		Ann Doherty
Tuesday, 7 th July		Bridget O'Connell (Birthday)
Wednesday, 8 th July		Thomas Griffin (Anniversary)
Thursday, 9 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00 am	Betty Neary (Birthday)
Friday, 10 th July		Karen Lanigan
Saturday, 11 th July <i>Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe Day of Prayer for Europe</i>		The People of the Parish
Sunday, 12 th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	In Thanksgiving (JC)

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 & Mary Harrington, Paddy Beausang, and all the sick.

Please pray for Odilia Takyombweine and all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Francis J. Grady, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Frs. Henry Haywood, Leo Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetheton and Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Elsie Maud Hockenhill, Ernest McCarron, Jack Howarth, Catherine Rogers, Thomas Griffin, Kathleen Bailey, James Mullen, Ida Moore, Mary Pearce, Christopher Donovan and James Lillis. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on Youtube each week at 10.00. This will happen today, and it will continue after we re-open for public Mass. If I can master the technology (very doubtful) I may be able to upload the film of the 9.00 Mass so that you can watch it at 10.00. Go to our website (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."

Re-opening St. Joseph's for the celebration of Mass

I have written a long letter to accompany this newsletter. Basically, the news is that St. Joseph's will open for public Mass next Sunday at 9.00 am. We are short of volunteers to help as stewards and cleaners at the 5.00 Mass, and therefore we cannot have Mass next Sunday evening. But I look forward to welcoming you next Sunday morning.

Let me repeat a few points I made last week:

- If you would be able and willing to help either as a steward or a cleaner at either the 9.00 or (especially) the 5.00 Mass, please contact the Parish Office THIS WEEK, identifying which job and which Mass you would be available for.
- When we do open we shall have restricted numbers of people in the church. To make sure that there will be a place for you, **you have to "book" your place.** Please let me know by telephone, email, letter, note through the letterbox, carrier pigeon, etc., which Mass you would like to attend. We can only accommodate 30 people, with social distancing, and if more than that number turn up, some people will not be able to come into Mass.
- The Bishops have said that the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still suspended. You don't *have* to come to Mass on Sunday. This is especially the case if you are shielding or vulnerable in any way. I shall continue to stream the Mass and give as much support as I can so you can join in at home.

There is much, much more information on the attached letter, so please take time to read it.

On Thursday of this week we shall have a public Mass at 10.00 am. It will be followed by the opportunity for private prayer until 2.00 pm. You don't need to book for this Mass, but we shall only be able to take 30 people. It will be first come, first served.

Sea Sunday. Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. For more about the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Prayer in time of pestilence:

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.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

Weekly giving to the Parish. I am very grateful for the great generosity of those who have offered to make donations to the Parish or have left offertory donations in my letterbox during the lockdown. Thank you very much. Now that we are starting to celebrate Mass again as a community from next Sunday you could bring your envelope to Mass, or bring it to the presbytery. If you are not coming to Mass here, you may wish to set up a Standing Order, so please email me for details. It is also possible to set up a regular or a single donation to the parish via the diocesan website. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk, click on Donate (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church you're donating to, please select 'Coventry: Canley'.

Diocesan Trust Secretary. The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs.

Adventure Holidays at Alton Castle: Fun for all the Family. This summer, why not experience a staycation like no other? At Alton Castle, they offer action-packed, outdoor family holidays, staying in a beautiful 19th Century castle. Stays are from Mondays to Fridays. All stays are COVID-19 secure, so that you can relax and enjoy your holiday in your social bubble. For info ask erin.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Tailpiece: As the parishioners were leaving the church after Mass one Sunday, a thoughtful person greeted the priest. "Father, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and the love of God!" The priest was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Please tell me why." "Well," the parishioner explained, "it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding, and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

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