

St. Joseph the Worker

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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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, 12 th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am	<i>In Thanksgiving (JC)</i>
Monday, 13 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Henry</i>		<i>John Herbert</i>
Tuesday, 14 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>		<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 15 th July <i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		<i>The Brogan Family</i>
Thursday, 16 th July <i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	10.00 am	<i>Abie Doherty</i>
Friday, 17 th July <i>Op. Memorial of Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs, or of St. Kenelm, Prince of Mercia</i>		<i>Bridget Greene</i>
Saturday, 18 th July		<i>Fr. Louis</i>
Sunday, 19 th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 5.00 pm	<i>Eddie Kelly (Birthday)</i>

Welcome back to St. Joseph's. It is a great pleasure to be able to celebrate Mass with you again. Today 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.

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 Vincent and Denis O'Neil, Mrs. Harrington, and all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. John Power, Frs. Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Brian Halton, Geoffrey Wamsley, CO, Arthur Warburton, Philip Cleary and Liam O'Connor, and also Yolande Meneaud, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Maria Detheride, Joseph Judge, Catherine Mellor, Brian Pratt and Annie (Teresa) Shannon. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Streaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on Youtube. I intend to film the 9.00 am Mass, and if I can work out how to do it, I shall upload it onto YouTube for 10.00 am. 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."

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

Our exile is over!!!! Thanks be to God.

Today we shall celebrate Sunday Mass as a community for the first time since last March – that's nearly a third of the year. It is a day of real joy (as opposed to virtual joy). This Sunday we shall only have one Mass at 9.00 am. Next Sunday, thanks to several generous volunteers, we shall be able to have our regular two Masses, 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Let me repeat a few points:

- We 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 call and let me know which Mass you would like to attend.
- Those attending Mass should
 - Wear a mask or face covering
 - Remain 1 metre+ apart unless you are in a "social bubble"
 - Sanitise hands on entering and leaving the church
 - Listen to the stewards' guidance
 - Leave the chairs in their place
 - There are no kneelers in the church, so if you wish to kneel, please do so on the carpet in front of (not beside or behind) your chair.
- During Mass there will be no
 - Second Reading, Bidding Prayers or long sermons
 - Altar Servers, Readers or Eucharistic Ministers
 - Children's liturgy or Offertory procession
 - Physical sign of peace
 - Communion from the Chalice
 - Singing
 - Collections (baskets will be in the porch as you leave if you wish to make an offering)
- Giving out Holy Communion
 - Before Holy Communion is distributed, I shall hold up the Host while I am at the altar and announce, "The Body of Christ". Everyone will reply together, "Amen."
 - When you come to receive Holy Communion, wait until the stewards direct you and then come in single file.
 - Communion will only be given on the hand. Hold out your hands as far as you can towards me. Receive in silence.
 - Return to your place as directed.
- After the 9.00 Mass the church will be closed at 10.00 for cleaning.
- Windows and doors will be kept open so, unless the weather picks up, you will need a coat.
- The church will be thoroughly cleaned after each Mass.
- The hall and toilets will not be available.
- You still 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. Government advice is still that people over 70 or those with underlying health issues should limit social contact. However, the advice has been relaxing over recent weeks, so if you are over 70 or have underlying health issues, it's up to you whether you come to Mass or not. People with COVID symptoms, or those who live with people who have symptoms, are asked not to come to the church, please.

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 in Thanksgiving.
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.

Tailpiece: A village priest was known for his weakness for trout. He loved trout and he loved to fish. "But not on Sunday!" he preached in the sermon. The next day one of his parishioners presented him with a fine string of fish. "I think I ought to tell you, Father, that I caught these trout yesterday, on Sunday." The priest hesitated,

gazed appreciatively at the speckled trout, and then he accepted the gift. "The fish aren't to blame for that," he said piously.

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