

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

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.

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.sjtwoventry.org.uk) and click on "Sunday Mass". While you watch a live stream of Mass say this prayer:

Act of Spiritual Communion:

"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.

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, 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

For most of you the "term" is now over and the holidays have begun. I hope you have a great time and I look forward to seeing you next autumn. If you are staying here over the summer I should love to hear from you. Please send me a message and let me know what you are doing and where you are living.

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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.

As for the Chaplaincy at Warwick University, I don't think I shall be able to start celebrating Mass there before the new term starts at the end of September (if then). Firstly, the Chaplaincy building is under different authority and I have no authority to say when it will open, and in the second place we couldn't ensure a reliable system of stewards and cleaners over the summer.

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.

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.