

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Sixteenth 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, 19 th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 5.00 pm	<i>Eddie Kelly RIP (Birthday)</i> <i>In Thanksgiving (RP)</i>
Monday, 20 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr</i>		<i>Jim O'Grady</i>
Tuesday, 21 st July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest</i>		<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 22 nd July <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i>		<i>Alison Rand</i>
Thursday, 23 rd July <i>Feast of St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	10.00 am	<i>Rebecca Clarke (Special Intention)</i>
Friday, 24 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i>		<i>Jim McConville</i>
Saturday, 25 th July <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i>		<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday, 26 th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 5.00 pm	<i>Abie Doherty RIP (Anniversary)</i> <i>Tom Joyce</i>

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

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:

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.

News from CAFOD. “I’m writing to let you know that the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which CAFOD is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on Tuesday, 14th July.

Sending this, I am so mindful of all the uncertainty in our parishes, and all that you are doing to adjust. We in CAFOD continue to hold you in our prayers.

Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, we are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus’ spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted.

So this month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving.

Whatever is possible at this time, we ask you continue to pray for the communities worst hit by this pandemic and its many effects. We and those we work with so appreciate your prayers and support.

Everything we do, in every region, is different because of this disease. The challenges are enormous and ongoing. But your support is enabling us through our Catholic networks, to adapt and respond.”

If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD on-line, please go to www.cafod.org.uk

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

It’s great that we are able to celebrate Mass in St. Joseph’s today and on future Sundays at 9.00am and 5.00pm. Thank you to the team of volunteers who have made it possible. We shall also have Mass at 10.00 on Thursday morning, followed by a time for private prayer until 2.00 pm.



Please remember to book for Sunday Mass, and please bring a mask or other face-covering to wear in church.



And stay this far apart.

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.

A New Crucifix. After a long time of waiting for the right opportunity, I am pleased to let you know that we are inheriting a large, beautiful crucifix to stand in our Memorial Garden at St. Joseph’s. It is coming from the Convent of St. Joseph in Liverpool which is closing down. I am very grateful to the Sisters who have agreed to let us have it, and to the Knights of St. Columba and the men who have made it possible for us to receive it and erect it.

The 10th Annual G K Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, 25th July. Funds will be raised for The Good Counsel Network on the 27 mile walk, for details of sponsorship and the Pilgrimage see; www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk and prayer requests can be emailed to catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk”

Mass Times in Coventry. A list of Mass times in all the churches of the Coventry deanery is available on the deanery website and on our parish notice board.

Baptisms and Marriages are now allowed in church again. Please get in touch if you wish to arrange to celebrate either of these Sacraments.

Tailpiece: A Useful Prayer in Times of Stress:

Lord, help me to remember when I’m having a bad day and it seems that people are trying to wind me up, it takes 42 muscles to frown, 28 to smile, and only four to extend my arm and smack someone in the mouth.

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