

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Seventeenth 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, 26 th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 5.00 pm	Abie Doherty RIP (Anniversary) Tom Joyce
Monday, 27 th July <i>Memorial of Blessed Robert Sutton, Martyr</i>		Tom O'Brien
Tuesday, 28 th July		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 29 th July <i>Memorial of St. Martha</i>		Ben Swoboda and Anna Malar RIP (Anniversaries)
Thursday, 30 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop</i>	10.00 am	Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris
Friday, 31 st July <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>		Marjorie Fletcher (Birthday)
Saturday, 1 st August <i>Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop</i>		Abie Doherty RIP
Sunday, 2 nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 2.00 pm Baptism 5.00 pm	Mary Beausang RIP Nam-Kha Jozef Lewandowski Marie Francis RIP

In our Mass today Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth more than anything else we can ever have and we should not allow anything else to come between us and the Kingdom.

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on Youtube. Because we now have a public Mass at 9.00 I have had to change the time of our livestreamed Mass to 11.00 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:

"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@kenelmoyouthtrust.org.uk

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

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 at St. Joseph's.

Announcement.

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, has honoured me by asking me to become the new Parish Priest of two parishes in Oxford: Our Lady Help of Christians in Cowley, and Sacred Heart in Blackbird Leys. Unfortunately, this means that I have to leave St. Joseph's and the University Chaplaincy. I shall be moving after the last Sunday of August in order to be in place in Oxford in time for the start of the new school year. The Archdiocese will make further announcements about St. Joseph's parish and the Chaplaincy in due course. Please pray for me, and pray for the Archbishop as he tries to do what is best for every parish and chaplaincy under his care.

The public celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's and the University Chaplaincy

It's great that we are able to celebrate Mass in St. Joseph's on 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.

I shall not be able to celebrate Mass at the Chaplaincy over the summer, and as I wrote above I shall be leaving Coventry before the new academic year starts at the end of September. I am sorry that this will prevent me from saying goodbye to you all properly, but perhaps we can arrange something in a few months' time when things are hopefully a bit easier.

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. I am pleased to let you know that at St. Joseph's we have inherited a large, beautiful crucifix to stand in our Memorial Garden. It has come from the Convent of St. Joseph in Liverpool and it will be erected this week. 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 brought it here and arranged to erect it. They have also brought us three chairs for the sanctuary, which again are exactly what I have been hoping for.

Jam Sale. After the 9.00 am Mass today, Eileen Joyce has very kindly offered to sell her home-made jam outside the church to raise funds for the parish development fund. I am very grateful to her, both for her generosity and also for helping us to return to a sense of community. But please keep a safe distance from other people as you shop.

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus

Tailpiece: A young couple invited their aged parish priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having. "Donkey," the little boy replied. "Donkey?" replied the startled priest. "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the boy. "On the drive back from church I heard Mum say to Dad, 'Remember, we're having the old ass for dinner tonight?'"

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