

St. Joseph the Worker

Eighteenth 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, 2 nd August <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am 2.00 pm Baptism 5.00 pm	<i>Mary Beausang RIP</i> <i>Nam-Kha Jozef Lewandowski</i> <i>Marie Francis RIP</i>
Monday, 3 rd August		<i>Margaret Maloney</i>
Tuesday, 4 th August <i>Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>		<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 5 th August <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>		<i>Martin Spencer (Birthday)</i>
Thursday, 6 th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	10.00 am	<i>Charles Connolly RIP (Birthday)</i>
Friday, 7 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Comps, Martyrs, or St. Cajetan, Priest</i>		<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday, 8 th August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>		<i>Maura Garry</i>
Sunday, 9 th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	9.00 am 5.00 pm	<i>May McCrave RIP (Birthday)</i> <i>Deceased Looney Family & Friends</i>

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

Please pray for those we know who are sick including: John Foliard, George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Jennifer Shaw, Danny & Mary Harrington, Paddy Beausang, and all the sick.

Please pray for Chrissie Mullen, Fr Joseph Tynan and Deacon Frank Lockett and all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Richard Philip Lynch, CO, David Ford, Cuthbert Brown, James Gough, Francis Gwinnett and Deacon John Lynch, and also, Anna Gill, Nora Griffin, John Griffin, Bridget Connelly, John Devine, Edward Power, James Simpson, Ellen Mary Wade, Gwen Rees and Emily Poacher. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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

The public celebration of Mass at St. Joseph's

It's great that we are able to celebrate Mass on Sundays at 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. 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.

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 Abie Doherty RIP.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.**

Baptism: Today we welcome Nam-Kha Jozef Lewandowski into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and for his family.

Job Vacancy. Birmingham Diocesan Trust is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker or an alternatively qualified professional with significant multiagency safeguarding experience, to its Safeguarding Team. For more information please visit the Archdiocese website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

Jam Sale. Thanks to Eileen Joyce for selling her home-made jam outside the church to raise funds for the parish development fund. And thank you to everyone who supported her.

A New Crucifix and Altar Chairs. Have you seen our new acquisitions? We have inherited a large, beautiful crucifix that is now standing proudly in our Memorial Garden. It has come from the Convent of St. Joseph in Liverpool and has been erected this week. I have been hoping that we could have a focus of some kind in the Garden and this seems perfect to me. I am very grateful to the Sisters who agreed to let us have it, and to the Knights of St. Columba and the men who have brought it here and put it up. The Sisters also allowed us to have three chairs for the sanctuary in the church, and again they are exactly what I have been hoping to get ever since we were consecrated.

Tailpiece. In case you missed it last week, 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. 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 University chaplaincy in due course. Please pray for me, and pray for the Archbishop as he tries to do what is best for every parish under his care.

For no obvious reason this cartoon came to my mind:

*They said, "You'll never succeed in that parish."
They said, "You'll never make an impression on that lot."
They said, "You'll never find the key of the wine cupboard."
Well, two out of three ain't bad!*



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