

St. Joseph the Worker

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August, 2020



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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, 23 rd August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 2.00 pm Baptisms 5.00 pm	Fr. David Barry Tommy & Finley Brennan Michael & Margaret Higgins & Michael Higgins
Monday, 24 th August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>		James Greene (Anniversary)
Tuesday, 25 th August <i>Op. Memorials of St. Louis, or St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>		The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 26 th August <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest</i>		Ann Smith RIP
Thursday, 27 th August <i>Memorial of St. Monica</i>	10.00 am	Josephine Philomena O'Brien Cottrell
Friday, 28 th August <i>Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop</i>		Patricia Swain RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday, 29 th August <i>Mem. of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>		Margaret Nottingham RIP
Sunday, 30 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Walter Scott The People of the Parish In Thanksgiving

Welcome to St. Joseph's.

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, Peter Nottingham, Margaret Dunne and Kirsty Anatola.

Please pray for Elizabeth Piercy, Veronica Brownhill, Deacon Frank Lockett and all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canon Laurence Hogarty, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan, Francis Rowe, James Downey, Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole and Deacon David McCarroll, and also, Mary Greenwood, Mary O'Brien, Elizabeth Richards, Thomas Sullivan, Kelly O'Neill, John Healy, Anne Brankin, Christopher Finan, James Holden, Thomas McGarry and John Kelly. 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. This may have to change after next Sunday, but this week and the next I shall livestream Mass at 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."

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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 Patrick Dineen RIP (Anniversary).
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Sick and the Dying.

News! Announcement!

Welcome to Fr. Stephen Day who is going to be the new Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker. Fr. Stephen will continue to be the Parish Priest of St. Thomas More, but very generously he has agreed to take responsibility for St. Joseph's as well. The two parishes will continue to be separate, and St. Joseph's will continue to have a special outreach towards the University of Warwick.

I was joking last week that it was taking two people to replace me at the University Chaplaincy as Deacon David Palmer has been appointed as the new Catholic Chaplain and Fr. Peter Conley has agreed to work with Deacon David to celebrate Mass in the chaplaincy. Now it is clear that it takes THREE people to replace me!!! Fr. Peter will be the assistant Priest to Fr. Stephen and will have a particular role at St. Joseph's.

Next Sunday will be my last as Parish Priest here at St. Joseph's. It is unfortunate that this is all happening in the shadow of the pandemic because it means that I cannot say my goodbyes to you properly. What I can do is to celebrate three Masses next Sunday to allow more people to attend. As well as the regular 9.00 and 5.00 there will be Mass at 11.00. Please remember to book in if you wish to attend any of those Masses.

Thank you to everyone who has been saving crisp packets and bottle tops and bringing them to St. Joseph's. They have been going to a charity supported by the Girl Guides at Christ the King. However, please do not bring any more for the time being.

Baptisms. Today we welcome Tommy and Finley Brennan into the family of the Church. Please pray for them and for their family.

Gift Aid. Thank you to all the people who Gift Aid their offerings to the Church. Normally you would receive a letter from the Gift Aid officers in the Diocese telling you how much you have donated over the year. However, because of the pandemic, most of the office workers are working from home at present. This means that you will not be receiving the usual letters. If you need to know how much you have donated, please email Geraldine in the Parish Office by 1st September. If you have not already done so, please ask for your new box of envelopes. We are not having collections during Mass at present, but there is a basket in the porch for any offerings you wish to make. Thank you.

Building work next door. You may have noticed that the construction next door of the multi-storey car park and student accommodation came to an abrupt halt last March when the lockdown began. Apparently they are not intending to re-start work until January at the earliest.

Tailpiece. A parish priest was quietly enjoying a cup of tea one day when the parish secretary came running in. "Father, Father," she said. "It's the Second Coming. Jesus is here. What shall we do?" "Quick," said the priest, putting down his cup and running to his desk. "Look busy!"

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