

St. Joseph the Worker

Twenty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

30th 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, 30 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Walter Scott Special Intention In Thanksgiving
Monday, 31 st August Optional Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne		In Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Tuesday, 1 st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation		
Wednesday, 2 nd September		
Thursday, 3 rd September Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope		
Friday, 4 th September Optional Mem. of St. Cuthbert, Bishop		
Saturday, 5 th September		
Sunday, 6 th September Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.45 am 5.00 pm	Delia O'Hagan & Family Hannah Milner & Family

Welcome to St. Joseph's.

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

Please pray for John Folliard, 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 Leonard Emery, Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Canon Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Brendan O'Malley, J. Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J. Holland, and Deacon Francis Andrews and also David Bowen, Bridget Snow, Charlotte Watts, John O'Sullivan, Albert McKay, Michael Connolly, Johanne Powell, Jack Edward Gannon, Patrick James Turley, Thomas Thorton, John McKenna, Benjamin Phillips, Louis Heckelbout, Thomas Corbett, John Cremins, Bridget Harris and Thomas Russell. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass on Thursday. Fr. Stephen intends to continue with Mass on Thursdays, but not this Thursday when both he and Fr. Peter are unavailable.

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on YouTube. The 11.00 Mass will be livestreamed today, but things will change next week. Fr. Stephen still hopes to livestream Mass on Sundays, but it will not be at 11.00. For today, go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and click on "Sunday Mass". While you watch the 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 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 for Delia Snow.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for St. Joseph's Parishioners.**

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.

Deacon David Palmer has been appointed as the new Catholic Chaplain at the University, and Fr. Peter Conley has agreed to work with Deacon David to celebrate Mass in the chaplaincy. Fr. Peter will be the assistant Priest to Fr. Stephen and will have a particular role at St. Joseph's.

Change of Mass Time: Because there is already a Mass at 9.00 am at St. Thomas More, from next Sunday onwards there will no longer be Mass at 9.00 am at St. Joseph's. Instead Mass will be at 10.45 am.

E-Card. I received the message below and I am under orders to put it on the newsletter.

Dear Fr Harry,

We have created a card online for people to write their farewell and sign it, the link is below:

<https://www.groupgreeting.com/sign/6da72cc87b0072b>

Please, could you send it to all the parishioners?

You can NOT open the link yourself, otherwise it will spoil the surprise for you! It will be sent to you automatically on Sunday 30th after the evening Mass.

We are also creating one for Geraldine. And here is the other link, this time for Geraldine's card.

<https://www.groupgreeting.com/sign/30f9b8ded996659>

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.

1st September. Pope Francis has established the first day of September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October).

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 and has not re-started since. Apparently they are not intending to re-start work until January at the earliest.

Birmingham Justice & Peace Assembly 2020: The Climate Emergency: Listening To The 'Cry Of The Earth And The Cry Of The Poor'. This year the Assembly will take place ONLINE, with one-hour sessions over three evenings at 7.30pm: Monday, 28th September, Wednesday, 30th September, Friday, 2nd October and culminating with an Evening Prayer with Archbishop Bernard on Sunday, 4th October at 7pm. Sessions include: Ecological Conversion – an 'examination of conscience' on our care for our common home; Prepare the Future – building back better to address the climate emergency; and Local Government Responsibilities – planning for the West Midlands. For info and to book go to <https://bit.ly/JPasssembly2020> or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

My new address. I shall be leaving St. Joseph's on Monday. My new address will be:

Our Lady Help of Christians

59 Hollow Way

Cowley, Oxford

OX4 2ND

Tel: 01865 770910; Email: help@olhoccowley.co.uk

Tailpiece. After Mass one Sunday morning, a young boy announced to his mother, "Mum, I've decided to become a priest when I grow up." "That's lovely," replied his mother, "But what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

And finally .. a rich man came up with a clever plan to make sure that those closest to him would always do their best to keep him healthy. He gave £100,000 each to his housekeeper, his doctor and his parish priest with instructions that it was theirs while he was alive, but when he died the money was to be cremated with him. This worked very well, but the time came when, despite their efforts, the rich man died. As they were returning from the funeral, the housekeeper broke down and admitted that she had not been strong enough to burn all that money and that she had only put £75,000 into the coffin. The doctor sighed and confessed that he too had given way to temptation; he had only put £50,000 into the coffin. They both looked at the priest. He smiled and said, "I'm ashamed of the two of you, but don't worry. I took your envelopes out and put in a cheque for the whole £300,000."

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