

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Eighteenth 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, 2 nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <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>

In the Gospel today we hear the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. It is a great miracle, but it is merely a prelude to the much greater miracle of the Eucharist.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 and Altar Chairs. Have you seen our new acquisitions at St. Joseph's? 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.

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

Announcement. In case you missed it last week, His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, has asked 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 the University and 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. **He has asked Deacon David Palmer to take on the role of Chaplain here at the University.** Please pray for him and for me, and pray for the Archbishop as he tries to do what is best for every parish in his care.

Tailpiece:

*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.**