

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the

## Blessed Virgin Mary

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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, 16 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<i>Ronald Pegg (Anniversary)</i> <i>James Eric Simpson and Averil Simpson</i>
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August		<i>Nellie McCann</i>
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August		<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest</i>		<i>Terence Doherty</i>
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot</i>	10.00 am	<i>In Thanksgiving (JC)</i>
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope</i>		<i>Gabrielle Crawford RIP (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Memorial of the Queenship of Our Lady</i>		<i>Crawforth Family (Intentions)</i>
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> August <b>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>2.00 pm Baptisms</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<i>Fr. David Barry</i> <i>Tommy &amp; Finley Brennan</i> <i>Michael &amp; Margaret Higgins &amp; Michael Higgins</i>

Today we are celebrating the transferred Solemnity of the Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**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.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://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."

**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.

**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.*

At the time of our Parish Mission three years ago we described ourselves as "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." I am very grateful to those who wish make sure that the parish of St. Joseph the Worker may continue in this way even in these times of change and pandemic.

**We can't meet face to face, but we are starting to discover the advantages of some modern technology. So, in preparation for my departure, I am writing to invite you to a zoom meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, at 7:30 pm. The link to the meeting is below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729736818?pwd=MIk1ZWpkeWpRnJlZ0Z0SzhCUT09>

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**Welcome.** Last week I welcomed Deacon David Palmer and his wife, June, to St. Joseph's. Deacon David has been appointed as the new Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University. I can add some further information today about the Chaplaincy. As Deacon David is a Deacon, he is not permitted to celebrate Mass or hear Confessions. With that in mind, Fr. Peter Conley has agreed to work with Deacon David. It is rather flattering to think that it takes two people to replace me! Deacon David will be the chaplain; Fr. Peter will help.

**Congratulations** to Edmund Bradley who will be receiving his First Holy Communion this morning. Please pray for him and his family.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus)

**Tailpiece.** Little Paul was going to a birthday party. As he left his house his Grandmother said, "Bye, bye. Have a good time." His Mother chimed in "Be good." Paul stopped, turned, and asked in puzzlement, "Which am I supposed to do?"

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