

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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| 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 |

In the Gospel today Jesus calls Simon “the Rock” and says that He will build His Church on that rock.

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.”

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

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.

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

Building work next door. You may have noticed that the construction next door to St. Joseph's of the multi-storey car park and student accommodation came to an abrupt halt last March when the lockdown began. I have been trying to find out what their plans are and apparently they are not intending to re-start 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.