

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

*in Partnership with St Thomas More*

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 Home Mission Day*

*Welcome to St. Joseph's.*



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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, 20 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.45 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<i>Peter Kennedy (Birthday) Twenty</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September <i>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>		<i>Matthew (Special Intention)</i>
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September		<i>Patrick Stynes (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>Memorial of St Padre Pio</i>		<i>Jack McCrave RIP (Birthday)</i>
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<i>Mothers</i>
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September		<i>Anna and Alan Brown (62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Memorial of Sts Cosmos and Damien, Martyrs</i>		<i>Doris and Bernard Johnson (Intentions)</i>
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.45 am</b> <b>5.00 pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Special Intention</i>

**TRACK & TRACE: A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IS TAKEN FROM ALL WHO ATTEND PUBLIC MASSES. Please bring you contact details with you on a slip of paper.**

**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 Beusang, Peter Nottingham and Margaret Dunne.

**Please pray for John Folliard, Elizabeth Piercy, Veronica Brownhill, Deacon Frank Lockett, Deacon Peter Kilgallon** and all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Donnellon, Sarah Temple, John Nugent, Philip Clarke, Catherine Conroy, John Henry Donnelly, Josie Daly, Francis O'Sullivan, Kevin Brown, John Purdue, Eileen Butler, Lucia Kalkins, Bernard Vincent Joyce, Florence Stephenson, Mary Reddy, Maureen Mullen, Norma Wilson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Prayer as you watch a Livestream Mass:**

*"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 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 pandemic:**

*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. St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for All University Students and Staff. St. Anthony's candle is burning this week for Deacon David's Intentions.**

## A NEW START...

**Thank you** to everyone who has greeted us so warmly as your new clergy arrived. That is very heartening for us. Thanks also to everyone who has a role in the parish for your work in running things. Please continue! There are many of you, such as servers, musicians and sacristan, whose roles are now impossible to carry out. Thank you for your patient waiting. And thank you to the stewards and cleaners who make it possible for us to be open for public worship.

Perhaps you'd like to know more about your clergy team and how things will work?

Fr Stephen has been a priest since 1998 and a secondary school RE teacher in Catholic education both before and after ordination. He's been at St Thomas More almost six years, before that was at St Anne's parish, Nuneaton. He has been chaplain to Bishop Ullathorne School since 2017. Fr Peter was ordained in 1991 and has been both an assistant and parish priest, a lecturer at Oscott College and a university chaplain. He will support Deacon David at Warwick University. Most recently he worked at St John Fisher. He is also chaplain to a Cardinal Wiseman School. Deacon David has just been appointed as the Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University as well as being the parish deacon here. After a career in the world of finance, David has also been the diocesan treasurer for several years. We are still of course settling in and working out routines. It is likely that Fr Peter will be the one of us you see most often. Deacon David will be responsible for the Catholic chaplaincy at the University as well ministering here. Fr Stephen will be dividing his time between the two parishes. But **all three of us** are here to serve in this parish.

Of course, things have changed, most obviously the 9am Mass is now at 10.45am. We hope that this necessary change has not been too difficult for anyone. Both St Thomas More parish and this one have had to change a Mass time to accommodate the sharing of priests. The routine is, at STM, Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 5pm, Sunday 9.00am. At SJW, Sunday Masses at 10.45am and 5.00pm. All Masses everywhere depend upon cleaners and stewards and the Corona virus being kept at bay.

There are some things we need to do fairly quickly at St Joseph's. First, the installation of a camera so that Masses and services may be shared in over the internet. A quote from a diocesan approved media engineer has been received at a little over £2000. There are no annual fees.

We want to increase security around the site and are investigating the installation of automatic movement detecting lighting.

We hope you can see these as genuine improvements and we know that Fr Harry had begun to investigate installing a camera before he was asked to move. If

anyone would like to give a donation to these things, we would of course be grateful for your help. Speak to one of the clergy.

Finally, again we **thank you for your faithfulness and witness at St Joseph's** and look forward to what lies ahead. May the Corona virus be conquered soon and may we be ready for the opportunities and challenges of parish life after it. God bless you all. St Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

Fr Stephen

**Fr Peter Reflects:** This is the fourth week of Pope Francis's 'Season of Creation'. One of my favourite places to pray in Lourdes is in front of the statue of St Margaret of Scotland. It lies amidst a beautiful umbrella of trees, just beyond the baths, before a bridge across the river. Her presence, in this setting, reminds us to see the care of the natural and human world as intrinsically linked – as St John Paul, Benedict XVI and his successor Pope Francis have taught. Margaret was drawn to Jesus through nature and inspired to serve him in others. She is often depicted holding a mirror – to judge herself as to her faithfulness to Christ. Pausing before her image, on pilgrimage, I recalled this bible verse: "For, over all, the glory of the Lord will be a canopy and a tent to give shade by day from the heat, refuge and shelter from the storm and rain." (*Isaiah 4:6*).

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**Church Weekly Collection:**

13<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> September £557.42

Clergy Training Fund: £51.05