

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September, 2020

Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest

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, 27th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.45 am 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Special Intention
Monday, 28 th September		Holy Souls
Tuesday, 29 th September Feats of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels		Fr David Nixon RIP
Wednesday 30 th September Memorial of St Jerome, Doctor of the Church		Oliver Muldoon
Thursday, 1 st October St Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church	10.00 am	Sr Mary Naughton RIP (Anniv)
Friday, 2 nd October Memorial of the Guardian Angels		Michael Gleeson
Saturday, 3 rd October		Jim & Philomena Foley
Sunday, 4th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.45 am 5.00 pm	People of the Parish Caroline Duignan & Family

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 or give them to a steward

Please pray for the 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 the departed, 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: Norma Wilson, Douglas Wheeler, Edward Gerety, James McPartland, Jessie Townend, Margaret Sullivan, Violet Hastings, Stephen Barr, Margaret Lawler, Deacon Tony Colby. 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 for Lilian Benham. Our Lady Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention (Annie). St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Parishioners who are Key Workers.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: The announcements that came from the government's top scientists and from the Prime Minister himself last week were clearly disappointing. The Corona virus has not gone away. We must all still take action to keep everyone as safe as possible by reducing our risk of spreading the virus. Face masks, keeping our distance, sanitizing hands, cleaning and good ventilation are all proven to reduce risk. We seem to be pretty good at this at St Joseph's. It is important that as a Catholic community we do our part to support the common good of all. But the uncertainty continues – which, paradoxically, is about the only certain thing now – yet the virus will pass, a vaccine will come, medical knowledge will advance. In the meanwhile, as St Padre Pio put it, we need to pray, to hope and not to worry. Padre Pio knew suffering and opposition in his life, yet he also knew God's joy and consolation. He was given the stigmata and bore, often bleeding, the marks of crucifixion in his body. He was given also great graces in listening to people and his ministry in the confessional was so sought after that he spent long hours doing nothing else. He died in 1968, and his life and miracles are well attested. His comment serves to remind ourselves that whatever and wherever, we have a duty of love to God and our neighbor, and that whatever and wherever, we are loved by God. It is in his parents' love that a child grows most fully. As His children, it is therefore in His love that we too grow most fully into His people.

FR PETER REFLECTS: This is the final week of Pope Francis's Season of Creation. Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day 2008 reflecting on the sacrament of baptism spoke of the scars on the face of the earth in terms of the "Erosion, deforestation, the squandering of the world's mineral and ocean resources". As well as devastating the "Environment – the habitat we fashion for ourselves...when the human spirit is all but crushed through the exploitation of persons "St Francis of Assisi restricted the torn fabric of the tapestry of society and nature around him, by his Faith in Christ crucified – whose presence shelters and heals all wounds. May we be inspired to do the same, through Jesus's grace.

**BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY
4TH OCTOBER AT 7PM 2020: The Climate
Emergency: Listening To The 'Cry Of The
Earth And The Cry Of The Poor'.**

<https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020>

or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

WEEKLY GIFT AID ENVELOPES. Please ask for your new box of Gift Aid envelopes. We don't have collections during Mass at present, but there is a basket in the porch for any offerings you wish to

make. You can also bring offerings to the Thursday Mass or post them through the presbytery letter box. If you wish, you can set up a regular or a single donation on the diocesan website:

(www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) click on Donate (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church you're donating to, select 'Coventry: Canley').

FR HARRY'S CONTACT DETAILS at Our Lady Help of Christians:

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CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Collection: £201.00

Donations: £155.00

Clergy Training Fund: £5.00

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS: First thank you to all who steward and clean, without whom there could be no public Masses here at St Joseph's. Are there any others who might help, particularly at 5pm Mass? Please speak to one of the clergy, or an existing helper.

WEB CAM & LIVE STREAMING

We continue to move this forward. In the meanwhile, if you are not attending Mass in person, do attend online. For example, at St Thomas More, our sister parish, via the website www.stmcov.org. If anyone would like to make a donation specifically to support this facility at St Joseph's, please speak to one of the clergy. We'd be very grateful for your gift. Please spread the word that we are to go online. Online parishes have found themselves watched by many people from all over the world, in what are really very encouraging numbers.

TRACK & TRACE NHS SMARTPHONE APP

There is now a QR code displayed in the porch for use with the NHS app on smartphones. It is another way of operating track and trace, alongside taking your details or handing in the completed slips. We should be using track and trace – whichever method.

WARWICK UNIVERSITY TERM

The university term begins fully on Monday 5 October. Please pray for Deacon David as he prepares for his ministry as the Catholic Chaplain with Mass the day before, and for all the students who are returning to begin study in these challenging times.



St Joseph the Worker, pray for us!