

St. Joseph the Worker in Partnership with St. Thomas More



*Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
6th September, 2020*

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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, 6 th September <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.45 am 5.00 pm	<i>Delia O'Hagan & Family</i> <i>Hannah Milner & Family</i>
Monday, 7 th September		<i>Abie Doherty RIP (Hindle Family)</i>
Tuesday, 8 th September <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		<i>Ann Healy</i>
Wednesday, 9 th September <i>Memorial of St. Osburg, Abbess, or</i> <i>Optional Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>		<i>Rose Goodwin</i>
Thursday, 10 th September <i>Memorials of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, or</i> <i>St. Egwin, Bishop</i>	10.00 am	<i>John Shannahan</i>
Friday, 11 th September		<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Saturday, 12 th September <i>Op. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>		<i>Dan & Ellen Kelleher</i>
Sunday, 13 th September <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Education Day</i>	10.45 am 5.00 pm	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Katie Aubrey RIP (Birthday)</i>

Fr Peter will celebrate a Private Mass for your intentions on the days when Public Mass does not take place.

Welcome to St. Joseph's.

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 Beausang, 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: Mgr. Thomas (Tom) Fallon, Frs. Anthony (Tony) Taylor, Arthur McCrystal, David Walter Hutt, Dominic Round, and also, Agnes Newbold, Brian Connor, Catherine Sherlock, Elizabeth Rebecca Dobbie, Jack Brennan, James Grant, Lilian Chatwin, Francis Joseph Morris, Sarah Clarke, Hazel Clifford, Louis Owens, Jenny Dunne, Rose Connor and Joe McKelvie. 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 Katie Aubrey RIP (Birthday).
St. Anthony’s candle is burning this week for the Lawless Family.**

Change of Mass Time: Because there is already a Mass at 9.00 am at St. Thomas More, from today onwards there will no longer be Mass at 9.00 am at St. Joseph’s. Instead Mass will be at 10.45 am.

Fr Peter Reflects: This is the second week of Pope Francis’s ‘Season of Creation’. St John Paul II chose the phrase “the Ecology of Human Growth” as short-hand for the spiritual, social and natural environments we find ourselves in. The deeper a person’s relationship with God is, the greater his or her commitments to protecting the ecologies of their culture and the natural world will be.

Birmingham Justice & Peace Assembly 2020: The Climate Emergency: Listening To The ‘Cry Of The Earth And The Cry Of The Poor’. This year the Assembly will take place ONLINE, with one-hour sessions over three evenings at 7.30pm: Monday, 28th September, Wednesday, 30th September, Friday, 2nd October and culminating with an Evening Prayer with Archbishop Bernard on Sunday, 4th October at 7pm. For information and to book go to: <https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020> or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

Weekly Gift Aid Envelopes. If you have not already done so, 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 Stephen writes: Next Sunday 13 September I begin as the new parish priest and I look forward to being with you.

Fr Peter will be introducing himself this morning, as I shall next week. It is a sad fact that the current pandemic restrictions now make getting to you know you all much

more difficult for both of us than we would like. Please bear with us! We shall do our best.

First, in looking back, I thank Fr Harry for his help with the practicalities of handing things over to me, the newcomer. I thank him for his help and advice. You will miss him as your parish priest. His fellow clergy in Coventry will miss him as a much-valued member of the deanery, a colleague and friend. We intend that at some point we shall welcome Fr Harry back to the parish for a proper farewell and presentation.

Looking forward, the vibrant community that is St Joseph’s must be sustained and nurtured. There are some exciting projects being developed at St Joseph’s and I intend to explore these, particularly the creation of a part time lay post to help the parish run and grow. Over the next week or two I am going to explore the costs and practicalities of installing a live webcam at St Joseph’s, thus broadcasting worship to anyone with a computer connected to the internet. Many churches in the city have found that a great help. There is one at St Thomas More, accessed via the web site.

The parish’s link with the university chaplaincy should be encouraged and strengthened. I am grateful to Dcn David for his involvement in the parish and that he is to work in the chaplaincy, assisted by Fr Peter. The link is thus maintained and because of them, set to be strengthened.

Please pray for Fr Peter, Dcn David and for me, as we shall for you. May God Grant an end to the pandemic, health to us all, and every grace and blessing on this parish. St Joseph, pray for us! God bless you all.

Fr. Harry has sent the following message: “I should like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who has sent gifts and messages of support and prayers as I leave St. Joseph’s. It has been like Christmas!! Thank you to Victoria and Bernardo for organising the card, which was lovely and a new concept to me. As I said before, St. Joseph’s will always be a part of me, and I shall remember you all in my prayers. God bless you all. Fr. Harry”.

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