



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2020

**** NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL NEXT WEEKEND ****

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Hall Manager: The hall is currently shut due to the pandemic regulations.

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

Sunday, 29th November: First Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Live stream 12.30pm Livestream Watch here	Clare Curtis (Anniv) Warwick University Chaplaincy Mass The Faithful Departed
Monday 30 th Nov: St Andrew, patron of Scotland	10.00am Live stream	Deceased Members of the Christian Trade Unionist Association The Sacred Heart (thanksgiving Carol & Zita)
Tuesday 1 st Dec: St Edmund Campion	10am Live stream	Kathleen Mulroe & Family
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	6.30pm Live stream followed by Advent reflection, Rosary and Adoration	Caroline Scott
Thursday 3 rd Dec: St Francis Xavier	10.00 am Live stream	Sean Furey & Family
Friday 4 th Dec: St John Damascene	10.00am Live stream	Thomas Furey & Family
Saturday 5 th Dec: St Birinus	10.00am Live stream	Tracy Halton & Family
Sunday, 6th December: Second Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Public Mass 12.30pm Public Mass 5.00pm Public Mass	Sean Furey & Family Warwick University Chaplaincy Mass People of the Parish

WE ARE NOW LIVE ON THE INTERNET!

ALL MASSES MAY BE JOINED USING THE WEB CAMERA

Click on the link from the website home page or use the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-ldWAmc&feature=youtu.be>

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, Edith Whatling 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: John Mulligan, Vincent Conry, William Pearse, Baby Katharine Lewis, Catherine Allsop, Maureen Mooney, Cornelius McPartland, Elizabeth Dudley, Etta Seery, Mary Perry, Ellen Mullen, Mary Turner, Martin Griffin, Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Rev Peter John Rogers, Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Rev Liam Macfarlane. 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. Amen

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.

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The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for The Faithful Departed of the Parish
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the McCaul Family

FR STEPHEN WRITES: Public worship will resume here **next Sunday at 10.45am**, followed by **Sunday 5.00pm** and **Thursday 10.00am** as before lockdown. Even though Coventry is in Tier3, the highest tier of restrictions in England, public worship may happen, **BUT** only as long as we follow the guidelines: keep at least 1 metre apart, sanitise hands, wear a face covering, follow stewards' directions and clean all touched surfaces after Mass. (If you are exempt from wearing a face covering you must stay 2metres away from everyone else, and they must be 2m from you). Once again, the work of stewards and cleaners becomes vital and **we thank them** for their efforts. These efforts are not just for us, but for the wider community so that St Joseph's plays our part in minimising the spread of infection.

As we begin the wonderful season of Advent, the time of hopeful waiting, we know that most of the time we don't actually like waiting – we want what we want *now*. But a hopeful waiting is what all who expect God to fulfil His promises must experience. Like the prophets of the Old Testament, like Mary and Joseph, and John the Baptist our faith should make us ready, in expectant hope, for God's plans and purposes in Jesus Christ to come to pass. We know that Covid-19 will be defeated by vaccines, but we still have to wait. We know that God's will is always done, but we have to wait to see it triumph. The coming of Christ marks the time of that ultimate triumph.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Using poetic language, Saint John Henry Newman advises us to "watch" for the Lord's arrival – as he "moves upon the deep harmonies of truth and love and draws us to become holier the closer he comes." (*Parochial and Plain Sermons IV*, 22). Advancing in Advent grace, according to Newman, means that we "aim at forming judgments about persons, events, rank, fortunes, changes, (and) objects" as "God looks at the world." (*Parochial and Plain Sermons V*, 3). St John Henry invites us to be "consistent Christians" who pray "for what scripture calls an honest and good heart", or "a perfect heart", and, "without waiting, begin at once to obey him with the heart you have..." (*Parochial and Plain Sermons IV*, 22).

NOVEMBER DEPARTED LIST If you have names to go before the altar, please email them or put them through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

DURING THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN...

GIVING TO THE PARISH You can set up a regular or 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'.

Thank you for your giving: the parish still has the bills to pay, of course.

CHRISTMAS CARDS It will not be possible to sell any Christmas cards from a parish piety stall this year. (Or indeed anything else). We are sorry about that. You can buy excellent cards in support of many wonderful charities. These are some suggestions with links.

Aid to the Church in Need website <https://acnuk.org/>.

CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Friends of the Holy Land website <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

Catholic Children's Society website

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

CHURCH WEBCAM It is now possible to join in with all the worship here over the internet via a link on the home page of the parish website. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of this facility, please do. We are grateful for the £500 already received towards it. St Joseph's is now visible all over the world – isn't that a good thing?

KNOW ANYONE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOD? Find out how to **receive help** from a foodbank and how to **give help** to support one by visiting coventry.foodbank.org.uk

KEEP IN TOUCH... Fr Stephen and Fr Peter can be contacted by phone or email. We are trying to discover the sick and housebound, so please contact us if you wish to. You might find an answering machine sometimes, but we will get back to you. **St Joseph's Presbytery phone number is temporarily out of order due to BT.** Please use other numbers given overleaf

CAROLS BY ZOOM We are hoping to have an opportunity to sing carols over Zoom in due course. Details soon.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS including FRATELLI TUTTI BY POPE FRANCIS Fr Peter will provide some prayerful thoughts on Wednesday evenings via the webcam from church. This begins with Mass at 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS, STEWARDS AND CLEANERS...

We are faced with the difficult task of planning for a Christmas. One thing is certain: **Christmas in all our churches will NOT be normal this year.** Any public Masses will have to be stewarded and then cleaned afterwards and have no singing or socialising in the church. **Would everyone who is willing to steward and clean over Christmas please email the parish?** Say if you are available for Christmas Eve afternoon or Christmas Eve late evening or Christmas Day at 10.45am. You might be able to volunteer for more than one time but please feel no pressure to do so. **We need to know volunteer numbers.** Times will be dependent on volunteers and have to co-ordinate with our partner parish St Thomas More. Simultaneous Masses must be avoided in case either Fr Stephen or Fr Peter must isolate or is ill: one priest could still celebrate all the Masses *without* last minute changes.

Thank you

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: These are now suspended except in cases of emergency. Watch this space.

FUNERALS: These may still happen in church under the restrictions that apply to all public Masses with **no more than thirty people** present and stewards and cleaners are **obligatory.**

CONFESSION: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: This remains available of course, under the guidance given for the safety of all involved – carers, relatives, priest **and** the person receiving the sacraments in an emergency.

CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Collection: £25.00