



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Second Sunday of Advent 6th December 2020, Bible Day

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

Sunday, 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Public Mass 12.30pm Public Mass 5pm Public Mass	Sean Furey & Family Warwick University Chaplaincy Mass (Final Mass of Term: Mass resumes next term) Jane Birman
Monday 7 th Dec: St Ambrose	6.00pm Live stream Mass & Exposition at STM	~
Tuesday 8 th Dec: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Live stream Mass	Roger and Christine Lanigan & Family
Wednesday 9 th Dec: St John Diego	6.30pm Live stream Mass, Advent reflection, Rosary and Adoration	Doris and Bernard Johnson
Thursday 10 th Dec: St Edmund Gennings	10.00 am Public Mass	Lost Souls
Friday 11 th Dec: St Damascus I	10.00am Live stream Mass	Bridget Hennessey
Saturday 12 th Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe	10.00am Live stream Mass	Special Ints Banks Family
Sunday, 13th December: Third Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Public Mass 5.00pm Public Mass	Fr Alex McGavin (Kit Roberts) 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: Mary Turner, Martin Griffin, Thomas Carroll, Betty Rushworth, Thomas Lewis, Dorothy Gormley, Isabel McKay, Mary Miller, Catherine McNaughton, John Stanford, William Grant, Alice Temple, Jane Owen, Rev Michael Knight, Rev Hugh Molloy, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Drinkwater, Rev Cyril Barlow. 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.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for The Staff and Students of Warwick University

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the McCaul Family

PUBLIC WORSHIP RESUMES today at 10.45am, followed by the **Chaplaincy Mass at 1230pm**, and **Mass at 5.00pm** and then **Thursday 10.00am Mass** as before lockdown. **We must first thank the volunteer cleaners and stewards** without whom we would not be here together. Public worship is totally dependent on their efforts. Secondly, we must maintain our keeping of the Covid guidelines and I thank you all for that. In particular, do not forget...

HANDS – please remember to sanitise and to touch as little as possible. Please take away the news sheet on your seat so that no one else touches it.

FACE – wear a face covering over mouth and nose. If cannot do this, you must keep 2 metres or 6 feet away from everyone else.

SPACE – keep more than 1 metre (or 3 feet) away from people not in your household. Please do not move the seats unless to move closer to a family member. **Seats must not be moved for any other reason and must always be 1 metre from the aisle and the point of Communion, and anyone else** behind, beside or in front of you if not in your household. (If you do not wear a mask, your seat must be 2 metres distant). When you move for Communion, or to enter or leave the church, remember that the shortest route may always not be the safest – keep 1 metre distance (2 metre if no mask) at all times.

Please follow instructions from stewards – they are there to help make sure that these guidelines are followed.

The good news about vaccines mean that we move ever closer to the end of all this – but it isn't over yet.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: Today, Mark's Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist, whose urgent message, echoing Isaiah's is that we need to be ready, for the Lord is coming. Straighten the crooked, level the road, we are told, and so remove any obstacle that would prevent Christ coming not only into the world but into our own hearts! John is the unique prophet who not only bridges the prophecies of the Old Testament in to the New, but also lives to see Him whom who foretold, and not only foretold but as a martyr to truth, dies for Him too. He is happy to point people away from himself to Christ, and so is no obstacle but indeed a straight way by which others may come to welcome Christ into their hearts. Including us if we heed his message.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Seeing more and more Festive decorations in houses along the city streets has given me a real lift this week. As St John Paul II declared: "The message of the Christmas tree is constantly that life stays "evergreen" if we make a gift of it in friendship and sincere affection, in fraternal help and forgiveness, in time shared and reciprocal listening." The individual colours of the hanging baubles point us to Jesus's Gospel message. Green expresses St Paul's teaching that "all creation was created through Him and for Him" – especially ourselves. Blue is the symbol of Mary, who longed for Our Saviour's birth and her "let it be" is the constant invitation to offer the gift of our lives in God's service. Gold is the fruit of Christ's love we are called to transmit. And Red his passion and death for us and for all. While White is the sign of the risen Lord ever present. May the Star of God's radiance shine through all we think, say and do, as we become 'living' Christmas trees this Advent.

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 are donating to, select 'Coventry: Canley'). **Thank you for your giving, especially in these times**

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. Ask for help – or indeed give it!

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.

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 with Fr Peter on Wednesday evenings via the webcam from church and begins with Mass at 6.30pm. For a website dedicated to the Pope's new encyclical see: www.humandevopment.va/en/fratelli-tutti.html

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thank you to our stewards and cleaners who have made known their availability over Christmas. The Christmas Masses will be

Christmas Eve: 4pm Livestream only with carols

Christmas Eve: 9pm Public early 'Midnight' Mass

Christmas Day: 1045am Public Mass

To avoid any possible overcrowding it will be necessary to book a place at the public masses. We cannot fit in any more than 50 people. Details of how to do this will be on next week's sheet and on the parish website. **Thank you**

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Pandemic guidelines apply. No more than **6 people may be at a baptism** and **no more than 30 at a wedding**.

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: £ 290 Donations: £45