



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Third Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020

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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, 13th December Third Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Public Mass (12.30pm) 5pm Public Mass	Fr Alex McGavin (Kit Roberts) (Warwick Univ Chaplaincy Mass in term only) People of the Parish
Monday 14 th Dec	11.00am Live stream Mass (Funeral) at STM	~
Tuesday 15 th Dec	10am Live stream Mass	Mary Brogan
Wednesday 16 th Dec	6.30pm Live stream Mass, Advent reflection, Rosary and Adoration	Dolores Connolly
Thursday 17 th Dec	10.00 am Public Mass	Anastasia Whale
Friday 18 th Dec	10.00am Live stream Mass	Thomas Gallagher
Saturday 19 th Dec	10.00am Live stream Mass	Joan Kelly RIP
Sunday, 20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.45 am Public Mass 5.00pm Public Mass	Special intention (Jean) People of the Parish

WE ARE NOW LIVE ON THE INTERNET!

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, Bernardine (Bernie) Bell, Francesco Lionetti, John Folliard, Elizabeth Piercy, Veronica Brownhill, Deacon Frank Lockett, Deacon Peter Kilgallon, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joan Kelly, Alice Temple, Jane Owen, John White, Terence Brooks, Stephen McHale, James Synnott, Mary McKinney, Thomas Fanning, Josephine Mooney, Thomas Fox, Patrick McMahan, Hugh Gallagher, Margaret Bremner, Margaret Clancey, Eugene Vincent, Hannah Cullinane, Eugene Turkey, Erick Bergen, Garry Doyle, William Donahue, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev Michael O'Meara. 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

◆ MORE STEWARDS AND CLEANERS ARE NEEDED ◆

At the moment, we have a small number of volunteers, particularly for Sundays at 5pm and Thursdays, where there is almost no slack in the system, as a volunteer has had to withdraw. If any of the volunteers are unable to come – whether through sickness or holiday or needing to isolate – we will be close to having to cancel Masses at very short notice. We need enough people to make up a rota so that there are spare helpers to call on. Stewards and cleaners mean that we fulfill the conditions under which we can open, and we need to be absolutely confident that we can. It is not only a legal duty but a moral responsibility to keep people as safe as possible. Of course, only those who are fit enough and not in a vulnerable category can be expected to volunteer, so there is **no criticism** of small numbers. But if small numbers are all we have, then we can only be open for the Masses we can be sure those numbers can support. Please volunteer to one of the clergy if you can help. **THANK YOU to all our helpers!**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Carmel Silver RIP (Birthday)

PUBLIC WORSHIP: 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 Covid guidelines, and we thank you all for that.

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.

VENTILATION – We must keep fresh air coming in to minimise the risk of viruses in stale air.

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: The fact that we are now in a Year of St Joseph should fill every parish dedicated to him with joy and hope. Pope Francis's letter *Patris Corde* from last week is on the Vatican website

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

Only three pages, plus two of notes – an easy read. Joseph, the silent man of the Gospels, speaks eloquently in his acceptance of God's will for him and his love and protection of Jesus and Mary. No one was closer to the Son of God and His Blessed Mother than Joseph the carpenter, and after Our Lady, no one is a more powerful advocate for us in heaven. Joseph is the figure we meet last of all in Advent, when, at the Vigil Mass of Christmas, we hear how he does as the angel tells him. Joseph and all the Advent figures – the prophets, John the Baptist and Mary - are marked by their faithful listening to God and their following of His will. It is under those conditions that God does wonderful things in their lives: our faithful keeping of Advent allows God to enter our lives wonderfully too.

FR PETER REFLECTS: On the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th December) Pope Francis declared for us, as a parish, news of great joy. We have now begun a year of Celebrations, to honour St Joseph, as the Patron of the Universal Church. It will end on 8th December 2021. He has issued a special letter, about St Joseph, entitled *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) to express his compassion towards Mary and Jesus as their protector and ours as well. The Pope has also written a special prayer for us to say each day, asking for "the grace of graces, our conversion": Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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. You can buy excellent cards in support of many wonderful charities.

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. 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 Begins with Mass at 6.30pm. A website dedicated to the Pope's new encyclical see: www.humandevlopment.va/en/fratelli-tutti.html

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

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. Book on the parish website, by phone or by letter. Give name, numbers and phone contact.

Thank you

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Pandemic guidelines apply. No more than **6 people may be at a baptism** and **no more than 15 at a wedding**.

FUNERALS: These may still happen in church under the restrictions that apply to all public Masses with **no more than 30 people** present: 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: £ 220 Donations: £50