



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 24th January 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Word of God Day

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Parish Website www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk Partner Parish Website www.stmcov.org

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Sunday, 24th January: Word of God Day	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30 Mass outside term) 5pm No Mass	Michelle Moore ~ ~
Monday 25 th Jan: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul	~	~
Tuesday 26 th Jan: Sts Timothy & Titus	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Pauline Darcy
Wednesday 27 th Jan: Blessed Edward Oldcorne	~	~
Thursday 28 th Jan: St Thomas Aquinas	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	John-Paul Maguire
Friday 29 th Jan: St Vincent of Saragossa	9.00am Live stream Mass STM	~
Saturday 30 th Jan: St Nicholas Owen	10.00am Live stream Mass SJW	Frank and Mary Baynes
Sunday 31st January: Racial Justice Day	10.45am Public Mass 5pm No Mass	Patrick Maguire ~

WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET! FOLLOW MASS ONLINE

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: Canon Giles Goward, 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, and all who have recently died, Gerald Byrne, Fr Pat Joyce, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Anderson, Daniel Donnelly, Sylvia McAvoy, Louise O'Connor, Margaret Cunningham, Michael Carroll, Edward O'Connell, Colin Jones, Peter Poacher, Winifred Skimming, Angela Caminati, Mgr Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Rev Anthony, Timlin, Fr Vincent Royles, Fr Charles Smith, Canon Kevin Good, Rev Mortimer Loftus, Fr John Berry, Fr David Condron, Deacon Michael Ainsworth. 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

+++++ **THE PANDEMIC: WE ARE NOW IN LOCKDOWN** +++++

The Government regulations state 'You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship... You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship'. We shall remain open unless told otherwise and as long as we have volunteers. We must at this critical time, follow all the pandemic guidelines. Please make sure that you are familiar with what to do—see other page. These measures, if properly followed, help prevent the transmission of the virus. Restrictions can be changed by the government at short notice: please be aware that all our arrangements might therefore have to change quickly too. Equally, the availability of volunteers and clergy might suddenly change through illness or the need to isolate. The website, news sheet and notices on the church doors will carry news. Please remember that the obligation to be at Mass remains suspended. No one should be doing anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Please consider carefully any risk you may be taking in coming to Mass. Is your own health good? Are you responsible for caring for someone else? Do have a job that places you at risk or needs you to stay away from risk? What do your family think? Have you been exposed to Covid-19? When you do come always remember - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE KEEP APART BY 2 METRES (6 FEET)** We ALL have a Christian duty to keep everyone in church and in wider society as safe as possible.

THANK YOU to all our helpers! We'd be shut without you!

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Chloe Holden
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick of the Parish

CHANGES TO OUR ROUTINE

The worsening pandemic affects us all. **We must all be very careful to do all that we can to keep each other safe – sanitiser, face coverings and keep your distance. KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART!**

The effects of the pandemic and the necessary regulations mean that **our routine has had to change. When conditions allow, more Masses will of course return.**

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES

Sunday Masses: 9.00am at STM & 10.45am at SJW

Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM

No Saturday Evening Mass at STM at the moment

No Sunday Evening Mass at SJW at the moment

Please make use of the live streams.

Remember that things may change at short notice:

check the website, a notice will be put on the church door.

TODAY IS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis instituted this day as annual opportunity to ponder anew with gratitude and faith the gift of Holy Scripture. In its page, God reveals Himself to us.

'Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ' St Jerome once said. We hope to have an online Lent course based around Scripture for this year continues to be the 'Year of the Word'.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *Abiding in Christ*. The Chapel of Unity in the city has organised worship by Zoom online, this Sunday at 2pm. Please email Janet jefward99@yahoo.com for a Zoom link so that you can take part, and for more details.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: The preaching of Jonah stirs the sinners of Nineveh to repent. God has no need to punish them. In the Gospel, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John from their nets and they follow Him for they too want to follow a new life. Jesus's first recorded words are about the nearness of God's kingdom and a command to us to 'Repent and believe'. Leave behind old sinful ways and believe in the loving and merciful God. A fresh start. The Ninevites were spared earthly disaster by their fresh start. The first Apostles - and you and me - are offered new life indeed—the life of the risen Christ. As we hear Holy Scripture today, remember that as today's Sunday of the Word of God reminds us, Scripture is not simply a collection of nice holy stories. It is written at the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit to reveal the Father's plan for our salvation through his Son. It is thus words 'alive and active', bringing God's presence and will to the world today – here and now! Therefore, Scripture deserves reverence and attention. That is why Eastern Christians acclaim the reading of Scripture with a commanding announcement 'Wisdom! Let us attend!' In God we find all wisdom; it is folly not to give Him our attention wherever we find Him.

FR PETER REFLECTS: A headline in my paper caught my attention, as it reminded me of my late Aunt's hobby: "Feathered friends to get us twitching in our gardens". Through her trusty war-time binoculars, she joyfully pointed out to me sparrows, robins, goldfinches, starlings, and blue and grey tits. This weekend the RSPB invite us to log their presence too. On my shelves, I have a fascinating book by the writer John Stott called: *The Birds Our Teachers*. He points out that Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, tells us to notice the birds of the air – because they remind us of God's love. Stott then quotes the famous

rhyme by E Cheney: "Said the Robin to the Sparrow I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so". Said the Sparrow to the Robin, "Friend, I think that it must be they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me".

ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES

HANDS –sanitise your hands and 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 you cannot do this, keep well away from everyone. **Extra distance MUST make up for no face covering.** (2M+).

SPACE – keep more than **2 metres (or 6 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 AT LEAST 2 metres from the aisle and the**

point of Communion, and anyone else behind, beside or in front of you if not in your household. When you move for Communion, or to enter or leave the church, remember that the shortest route may always not be the safest – **always keep AT LEAST 2 metres distance.**

VENTILATION – We must keep fresh air coming in. Please follow instructions from stewards – they are there to help make sure that these guidelines are followed.

GIVING TO THE PARISH 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

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.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: *In emergencies only*
FUNERALS: under the restrictions on all public Masses, **no more than 30 people**, stewards and cleaners needed.

CONFESSION: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. Please ask the priests.

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: £45

JOB OPPORTUNITY: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY

LAND. This Christian Charity seeks an Office Administrator. The salaried position is important for our future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties incl maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. You need good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with using IT (particularly MS Office). Hours of work negotiable – min 20 hours per week, Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from our Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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