



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

*in Partnership with St Thomas More*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Racial Justice Day**

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

**Parish Website [www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) Partner Parish Website [www.stmcov.org](http://www.stmcov.org)**

**Deanery: [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk) Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)**

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| <b>Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January:</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time. Racial Justice Day</b> | <b>10.45am Public Mass</b><br><b>(No 12.30 Mass outside term)</b><br><b>5pm No Mass for the time being</b> | Patrick Maguire<br>~<br>~ |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb                                                                            | 9am Live Stream Mass STM                                                                                   | ~                         |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord                                    | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW                                                                               | Sr Sue Collins            |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb: St Blaise                                                              | 9am Live stream Mass at STM                                                                                | ~                         |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb                                                                          | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW                                                                               | Dolores Connolly          |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb: St Agatha                                                                 | 9.00am Live stream Mass STM                                                                                | ~                         |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb: St Paul Mikki & Companions                                              | 10.00am Live stream Mass SJW                                                                               | Jim Brennan               |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time</b>                       | <b>10.45am Public Mass</b><br><b>5pm No Mass for the time being</b>                                        | Anthony Armstrong<br>~    |

**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: George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Keon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Jennifer Shaw, Danny & Mary Harrington, Paddy Beausang, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling and Margaret Dunne.

**Please pray for the departed:** Canon Giles Goward, 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: Angela Camini, Antanas Kusenas, Bridget Preece, Edward Brewer, Patrick Martin, Maureen Newcome, Margaret Delargy, Margaret Grant, Beatrice Powell, James Fagan, Thomas Conry, Declan Conway, Rev David Condon, Mgr Michael Williams, Rev Denis Clancy, Rev Joseph Connelly. 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:**

**M**y 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

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**THE 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 RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY,** we are called to pray for the victims of racial prejudice and to work to end prejudice in all its forms. That work of course begins with each one of us, made as we all are, in the image and likeness of God.

**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** In the Scriptures for this Sunday, the promise is made in the first reading of God raising up a prophet to succeed Moses. He will speak with authority because God Himself will put His words into the prophet's mouth. In the Gospel the evil spirits put their word's into the mouth of the man they have possessed. Yet at the sound of Jesus's voice, at His command, the spirits flee. Here, Jesus speaks with authority because He is the very Word of God, the Word made flesh. What He says is spoken with authority because it is God who speaks. First, God sends His prophets, but finally He comes Himself in Jesus. No wonder the evil spirits were afraid, and so how great the reason for our confidence and trust. Jesus comes to conquer evil in all its forms and to lead those who trust in Him to the joys of salvation.

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** As the present lockdown continues, it is important that we keep remembering the decades-long magnificent, heroic, work done by the NHS and other key workers. I was moved to hear about Hussein, known as 'The Boy with two Hearts'. A poignant biography was published about him last year, at the start of the pandemic restrictions. The book charts how his family spent two years fleeing from Afghanistan to try and save his life. After undergoing an incredible 19 operations, Hussein lived for another 17 years. His brother, Hamed, with great gratitude, paid tribute to the doctors and nurses who cared for him: "It is a story of hope, shining a light on the wonderful healthcare system that my family will never take for granted." As a nation, may we, likewise, applaud such dedication too.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 2021** There will be no placing of ashes on peoples' foreheads in the usual way this year. That involves too much physical contact in a time of pandemic. Ashes will be part of Mass but how or whether to give them to individuals remains to be decided.

**HOW ARE YOU FINDING THE LIVESTREAM MASSES?** Please email with any comments you may have. About 30 people tune in on Sunday mornings.

**ASK YOUR MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling** on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain The evidence that babies can feel pain in the

womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**THE RECTOR OF OSCOTT COLLEGE** Canon Giles Goward, who was appointed the Rector of the college only last June, died last Wednesday after a short illness. Please pray for him, for the students and staff of the College, and for Canon Giles's family and friends.

**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.

**Thank you to all our volunteers!**

**GIVING TO THE PARISH** Set up a regular or single donation on the diocesan website:

([www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://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](http://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: £45.00**

**THANK YOU ALL CLEANERS AND STEWARDS!**

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