



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 7th February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday, 7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30 University Mass) 5pm No Mass for the time being	Jim Brennan ~ ~
Monday 8 th Feb: St Josephine Bakhita	9am Live Stream Mass STM	~
Tuesday 9 th Feb	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Anthony Armstrong
Wednesday 10 th Feb: St Scholastica	9am Live stream Mass at STM	~
Thursday 11 th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Jennifer Cummings
Friday 12 th Feb	9.00am Live stream Public Mass STM	~
Saturday 13 th Feb	10.00am Live stream Mass SJW	Sue McHugh
Sunday 14th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Day for the Unemployed	10.45am Public Mass 5pm No Mass for the time being	The McHugh Family ~

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, 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: Jim Bradley, 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: Thomas Conry, Declan Conway, Margaret Carr, John Hughes, Bridget McPartland, Joan McEntree, Ella Perdue, Kenneth George, George Stanners, James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Rev Matthias Brady, Rev Jim McGloin, Rev Daniel Daly, Rev William Conefrey, Mgr Canon Peter Lawler. 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 so 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 you 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 safe as possible. **THANK YOU to all our helpers!**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Chloe Holden
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick of the Parish
St Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Victims of Human Trafficking

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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.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: In the Sunday Scriptures this week, Job paints a less than cheery picture of human existence – repetitive, unrewarding, without a point. It is sometimes easy to think like this; our pandemic routines are very far from cheery, for example. But, as the Gospel tells us, Christ comes with an urgency and a clear purpose for human life. He comes to bring the good news of the Gospel, news of God's love and so of His interest in us. We have been created for a purpose, Christ comes to show us that and to help us fulfil it – pandemic or no pandemic!

FR PETER REFLECTS: "You'll never walk alone" is such a fitting epitaph for Captain Sir Tom. His brave 'little step' initiative for the NHS remains a giant, joy-filled leap for us to benefit from in the future. The simplicity of his visionary witness was hewn out of the bedrock of a conviction that: "Tomorrow will be a Good Day" if only everyone helps build up a culture of encouragement regardless of age, infirmity, social background or belief. Lent is appearing from within the Bethlehem star-lit gaze of the Church. Bringing many opportunities for us to become more Christ-like and so transform wherever we live. Let's not think of 'giving something up' but, like Captain Sir Tom, 'taking something on'. As St Mother Theresa says "doing small things with great love". He had no idea what his generosity would inspire – and neither can we our own. At this stage in the pandemic perhaps, more than ever, we mourn the loss of loved ones – the recently departed or those who went to their eternal rest long ago. My mind goes back to the Queen's first lockdown message, whose anniversary is shortly to arrive. She evoked a song of resurrection so familiar to us from Captain Sir Tom's war-time generation: "We'll Meet Again". Whatever our individual pace of life is currently, Jesus is our constant travelling companion. We never walk alone. He brings our loved ones with him as our "additional friends in Heaven" as St John Henry Newman describes them. They urge us on, applauding our every effort to grow in grace along our present Good Fridays. The dawn of Easter glory always shines to indicate our safest path. Until we greet those, gone before us, face to face, once again in God's house forevermore. That's the hope of every earthly 'au revoir' we make.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 Mass at 10.00am 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.

Likewise, the Holy Week liturgies will be modified to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus

HOW ARE YOU FINDING THE LIVESTREAM MASSES? Please email with any comments you may have. About 30 people tune in on Sunday mornings. Ring or email – Fr Stephen and Fr Peter always happy to hear from you.

ASK YOUR MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal 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

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

ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES
HANDS – sanitise, **FACE** – wear a face covering over mouth and nose, **SPACE** – stay 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 always be AT LEAST 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else.**
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 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 **get help** from a foodbank and how to **give help** by visiting coventry.foodbank.org.uk

SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED. Our Lady's School in Tile Hill is looking for governors. If you would like to know more, please ring the school to chat to the head, Mrs Askew on 02476466655.

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. Routine sick visiting is very difficult: there is always a risk of any visitor (clergy or lay) unknowingly bringing Covid-19 with them or unknowingly taking it away to give to others.

COLLECTION: £25 DONATIONS: £50

THANK YOU ALL CLEANERS AND STEWARDS!

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