



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent - Day of Prayer for those preparing for Sacraments

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

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SUNDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of Prayer for those preparing for Sacraments</i>	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Eileen Kennedy & Daniel Mullen (Anniv)
Monday 22 nd Feb: Feast of the Chair of St Peter	9am Live Stream Mass STM click	~
Tuesday 23 rd Feb: St Polycarp	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Jim Bradley
Wednesday 24 th Feb	9am Live stream Mass at STM click 9.45am Live stream Stations of the Cross at STM click	~
Thursday 25 th Feb	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Dolores Connolly
Friday 26 th Feb CAFOD Lent Fast Day	9am Live stream Public Mass STM click	~
Saturday 27 th Feb	10am Live stream Mass SJW	Tom Flannigan
SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Day of <i>Day of Prayer for those preparing for Sacraments</i>	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Brian Ryan

WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET! FOLLOW MASS ONLINE

Click on the link from the website home page or click on the blue link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-ldVAmc&feature=youtu.be>

Please pray for the sick: including: Fr John Kearns CP, George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Jennifer Shaw, Danny & Mary Harrington, 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, Paddy Beausang, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Martha Brady, Catherine Ewing, Marie Chinn, Patrick Burke, Danny Mullen, James McGough, Patrick Hughes, Kathleen Colledge, John Gill, Olive Costello, Ruby Clarke, Margaret Kennedy, Alice McConway, John Bagge, Norah Norton, Bishop Joseph Cleary, Canon Dean McTieran, Rev Sean Farrell. 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 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**

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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

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 – 2 metres (or six feet). 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: Jesus begins His ministry by going on retreat—He spends 40 days alone in the wilderness, our model for Lent. While there He is subject to temptation as opportunities to sin are put before Him. This temptation is resisted, and Satan driven off, but he will figure again as Holy Week arrives. Now Jesus comes to the people and announces a simple but joyful message. ‘The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News’. In other words, God is drawing close, be sorry for your sins and believe the Gospel—Jesus comes to save all people. So, the very first thing that Jesus asks us to do is to repent, to turn our backs on sin (the Greek original that Mark wrote in means ‘about face’), then free of guilt we can walk with Him into God’s kingdom of love, peace and joy and live His risen life. There is an urgency in this as written by St Mark—now is the time! This Lent, seize the moment and make all our ‘nows’ a truly *Christian* moment.

FR PETER REFLECTS: My priest friends tell me that, while they’re not getting ready for virtual Master Chef, just yet, the quality of meal options being produced during lockdown has gone up massively! As someone who has zero culinary skills, I’m envious! Even boiling an egg is a challenge! These conversations remind me of two famous spiritual writers. St Teresa of Avila and Brother Lawrence were both members of the Carmelite Order, who commented on the importance of kitchen work. St Teresa, given her country of birth, knew a thing or two about Spanish Omelettes. She encouraged us to “Reflect that God is there among the pots and pans and that He stands at your side.” While Brother Lawrence, from Paris, the home of Quiche Lorraine, prayed: “Lord make me a Saint by baking and washing plates.” In the busyness of a monastery kitchen, he said he retreated to the “Oratory in his heart”. May we all appreciate, anew, the gift of food and those who share it with us.

LENT 2021: EVENTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARISHES SHARED ONLINE

Mondays 6.30pm Exposition & Meditation at STM

Wednesdays 7pm ‘The Poet’s Gospel’ An exploration of the Gospel in blank verse. This is an online resource produced by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/len-t-study-2021/> and listen to the first part whenever suits you. We then reflect and discuss via a Zoom meeting, logging on from 6.50pm on Wednesday for the discussion led by Fr Peter. Please email

stmcov@gmail.com for the link to the meeting

Fridays 6.30pm Exposition and meditation at SJW

Other events such as the Stations of the Cross will happen too, live streamed from either parish, and so accessible to all with an internet connection.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY This Friday we are called to fast and to support the world’s poorest through the work of CAFOD. Please bring your donation next Sunday.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER APPEAL This year CAFOD are making a special appeal for communities who have limited or difficult access to clean water. See <https://cafod.org.uk/> Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo at St Thomas More are taking up the challenge and being sponsored to walk 10,000 steps a day for 40 days. Please sponsor by clicking [here](#) and bring drinking water to those who walk for hours to fetch what we take for granted out of a tap.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT from 22 February. Buy fairly traded goods in Lent – *and always!*

LENT what are you giving up or taking on? Pray, fast, be generous, repent. Let Lent lift your Christian life! Make use of what’s on offer.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH We shall be making more of our patron beginning in March, the month of St Joseph, with use of an image and devotions to him.

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

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: £135.00

THANK YOU ALL CLEANERS AND STEWARDS!

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