



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 28th February 2021

Second 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, 28TH FEBRUARY SECOND 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) | Brian Ryan |
| Monday 1 st March: Feast of St David, Patron of Wales | 9am Live Stream Mass STM click | ~ |
| Tuesday 2 nd March: Feast of St Chad | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW | Victims of the Pandemic |
| Wednesday 3 rd March | 9am Live stream Mass at STM click 9.45am Live stream Stations of the Cross at STM click | ~ |
| Thursday 4 th March: St Casimir | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW | Michael Lanigan (1 st Anniv) |
| Friday 5 th March: World Day of Prayer | 6.30pm Livestream Mass at SJW | John & Julia Simcox |
| Saturday 6 th March | 10am Live stream Mass SJW | Fr Oliver Kemp |
| SUNDAY 7TH MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being) | Martha Connolly (18 th Anniv) |

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: Fr Oliver Kemp, 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: John Bagge, Norah Norton, Hugh Rowan, Joseph McKeown, Patrick Doherty, Rosetta Stanners, Mary Lee, Michael O'Brien, Roland Black, Sarah Knowles, Mini Parkin, Kevin Verdon, Henry McEwan, Josiah Morgan, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Canon Peter Raylor, Rev Terence Luxton, Canon Anthony Allport. 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

+++++ **COVID LATEST: STILL IN LOCKDOWN** +++++

Now that the Government has announced its plan to ease lockdown restrictions gradually over the next four months, we may all rightly be thankful. That may mean 'nearly over', but by definition it certainly means 'not yet over'. Therefore, very little can change just yet. It is of course indoor meetings that are most strictly controlled because they carry more risk than being outside. This means that 2 metre distancing, stewarding and cleaning, sanitiser, track and trace and face masks over mouth and nose MUST continue for months yet. We have done very well as a community in all this: we must not slacken off now. The virus is still active, still infecting people. We can continue to play our successful and caring part in making sure it doesn't infect people in church. **Thank you** to all our volunteers and thank you to all of you who sanitise, keep your distance and wear your masks properly. - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

We **ALL** have a Christian duty to keep everyone in church **and** in wider society safe as possible.



THANK YOU to all our helpers who clean and steward!

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

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.

← KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART →

FR STEPHEN WRITES: Abraham's faith is tested by God asking him to sacrifice his own son. He reluctantly prepares to do this, but God stops him. Now not only has God seen his faith but Abraham realises the importance of it too. Atop another mountain, centuries later, the voice of God is heard again, witnessing to the Sonship of Jesus. Here, in the Transfiguration, Jesus's glory is revealed. But the sacrifice is yet to come. This is Jesus, God the Son but He will become the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Just as Abraham's faith allowed God's will to be done, so will Jesus's. Abraham offers the ram and becomes the father of a great nation. Jesus offers Himself (atop the hill of calvary) so that all might enter the kingdom of Heaven, the eternal nation of God's people, forgiven and saved. Hill tops are places that give us a new perspective. No wonder it is on hill tops that God reveals to us His glory, that we might see things in a very different way...

FR PETER REFLECTS: On 2nd March, the feast of St Chad, the Archbishop will celebrate a mass in the Cathedral for all victims of the pandemic. It is a comfort to recall that our local Saint, John Henry Newman, had a remarkable ability to, as Jesus did, "dwell amongst" those who had lost loved ones. He wrote many letters to console individuals and families – especially if he could not meet with them directly. Newman advises us that everyone grieves in his or her own way. Each person needs space to come to terms with the strong waves of emotion they will go through and not feel crowded by our natural concern to immediately respond. Newman recognised the delicacy of each individual's circumstances and that we must be aware of these before we make contact. May St John Henry Newman teach us the stillness of compassion, combined with the generosity to act, as witnesses to the Gospel of Christ's healing and risen presence, to all who grieve.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Monday marks the start of March, Joseph's month. Pope Francis has designated a year of St Joseph. See the Pope's letter *Patris Corde* on the Vatican website. An image will be blessed and we shall, beginning on 1 March use the prayer Pope Francis has given

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: 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.

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. Please email stmcov@gmail.com for the link to the meeting 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 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.

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.

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 25 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: £125.00

DIOCESAN ONLINE SURVEY Please complete a new survey reflecting on your experiences during the pandemic. Responses will help the Archdiocese to understand what effect the pandemic has had, and how we move forward. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found on the homepage of the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

LENT – SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL!