



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments**

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

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<b>SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>(No 12.30pm University Mass)</b> <b>(5pm No Mass for the time being)</b>	Paul Guthrie (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9am Live Stream Mass STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March: St Turibius	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Fr Oliver Kemp
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Peter Wills
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March: <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Fr Paul and The Ordinariate Community
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	People of the Parish
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Live stream Mass SJW	Sue Clisham
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>(No 12.30pm University Mass)</b> <b>(5pm No Mass for the time being)</b>	Susan Martin

## 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-ldWAmc&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 Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, Jim Bradley, Canon Giles Goward, and all who have recently died, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Frances Power, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joan McArthur, James Weir, Elsie Lamb, Austin Lilley, Joyce Ellis, John McCrave, Vincent Grace, Fr Bob Wright, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr Francis Davis, Mgr John Welch. 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 Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Chloe Holden

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the

Sick of the Parish.

St Joseph's Candle burns this week for Victims of trafficking

### MORE VOLUNTEERS?

**THANK YOU** to all those who have come forward to volunteer steward and clean at Masses. It is wonderful that we may have the great Three Days of Holy Week as public liturgies. The 1045am Mass remains very well catered for too. At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Mass are impossible as not enough volunteers have come forward. This may well change as the Covid conditions change. *No one should be doing anything that are not comfortable with* in these pandemic days. If you feel that you can volunteer, either now or in the future, please speak to one of the clergy. What happens publicly in church is determined by the number and availability of volunteers: more volunteers mean more events. No one is keener for this than the clergy.

**THANK YOU** to all our helpers who clean and steward and to all for keeping to the guidelines

### PLEASE BOOK FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

We are running a booking system for Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3.00pm and Holy Saturday 7.30pm. Please book on the website **OR** in writing through the Presbytery front door **OR** by phone. Please also book by phone **OR** in writing for Sunday Masses too.

**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.

## PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES

**Sunday Vigil Mass at STM: 5.00pm Saturday**

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

**Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM followed by Exposition**

**No Sunday Masses at SJW at 1230 or 5.00pm for the moment. We need more volunteers...**

**Please make use of live streams:** you will find Mass, Stations of the Cross, Exposition, meditations, and much else broadcast from the two parishes. See news sheets.

**FR STEPHEN WRITES** The readings today speak of the great covenant that God is to make with His people, signed, as it were, in His Blood spilt when, lifted up on the cross, Jesus endures the Passion for love of us. Today, Jesus points us firmly towards what is to happen, and although His followers did not grasp what He meant when He said it, they finally saw exactly how wonderful His love is on the Cross. That Blood is the new covenant of love: God wants to bestow forgiveness and eternal life on all who would believe in Him. He expresses that love perfectly: I love you enough to die for you. As the beautiful hymn says *My song is love unknown, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be, O, who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** Pope Francis spurs us on as we approach Holy Week: "In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference (*Fratelli Tutti*, 224). Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of Tenderness." (*Message for Lent 2021*).

### TUESDAY: DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR

**COVID-19** The Bishops have asked Catholics to join in praying for all those affected by the virus, their carers, and the faithful departed. There will be a **public Mass at 6pm at St Thomas More** for this intention.

### NEXT SATURDAY: CONFESSION 10am-12noon

**at ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH** For some of the time Fr Stephen will be joined by Fr Peter

### 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/lent-study-2021/> and listen to the fifth 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](mailto:stmcov@gmail.com) for the link to the meeting

**See the parish websites.**

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

**ZOOM MEETING** Cathy Wattebot and Peter O'Brien are planning a devotional time for Lent over the internet on Monday 29 March in the evening. This happened just before Christmas too and was much appreciated by those who joined. Please contact Peter or Cathy if you would like to take part.

**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.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER. We can have the whole of Holy Week celebrated in public thanks to volunteers.

All the Masses and liturgies are much reduced by the direction of the Bishops— no Palm procession, no procession to an altar of repose and no watch before the Blessed Sacrament, and no individual veneration of the Cross (done altogether from our places), no fire at the Easter Vigil or sprinkled Holy water.

**Holy Thursday 7.30pm, Good Friday 3.00pm,**

**Holy Saturday First Mass of Easter 7.30pm**

**GIVING ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS** The new boxes of envelopes are ready at church but clearly it is not straightforward to distribute them to everyone. Have you considered giving by standing order, direct from your bank account to the parish's? And, if you are an income taxpayer, have signed up for Gift Aid which adds 25% to your giving at no cost to you? Please see June Palmer or contact the parish.

### VOLUNTEERING TO STEWARD & CLEAN

Please see front page. **Volunteers are essential** if we are to keep open the doors of the church.

**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 **get help** from a foodbank and how to **give help** by visiting [coventry.foodbank.org.uk](http://coventry.foodbank.org.uk)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** Over the next months the numbers allowed to attend may slowly increase.

**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 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: £320.00 Donations: £430.00 Thank you for all that you give to the parish in time, money, or effort**

### 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.