



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021: Palm Sunday

### Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

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<b>SUNDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> with Blessing of Palms ( <b>No Procession</b> ) <b>(No 12.30pm University Mass)</b> <b>(5pm No Mass for the time being)</b>	Susan Martin
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW 10.45am Live Stream Stations of the Cross at SJW	Thanksgiving (DC)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Live stream Mass at SJW 10.45am Live Stream Stations of the Cross at SJW	The people of the Parish
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention (Kim and John)
<b>The Easter Triduum:</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30pm Public Mass of the Lord's Supper at SJW	Kath and John Conley
<b>Good Friday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.00pm Public Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at SJW 7pm Live Stream Stations of the Cross at SJW	
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30pm The First Public Mass of Easter at SJW	Deceased Members of the Harris and Conley Families
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION 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>	Jim Feeney (1 <sup>st</sup> 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-ldVWAmc&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:** Mason Scott, 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: Vincent Grace, William Armstrong, Joseph Convey, Annie Evans, Charles Underhill, Nancy Doyle, Catherine Carey, Kathleen French, Patrick Lynch, John Brown, Patrick O'Brien, Ethel Morrell, Joe Anderson, Robert Ellis, Jim Feeney, Fr Bob Wright, Fr John Callaghan, Deacon Ray Zacaroli, Canon Brian Withers, Fr Phil O'Reilly. 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? CAN YOU HELP?

**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 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, Holy Saturday 7.30pm and Easter Sunday 10.45am**. 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.. Seats must always be AT LEAST 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else.**

#### **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.

**WE ARE FILLING UP AT 1045...** There will be an extra Mass at 1230 when university term begins again later in April but **until we have more volunteer stewards** it remains **impossible** to increase the number of Masses. Our partnered parish St Thomas More has spaces at both its weekend Masses if you wish to go there while this problem lasts. (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am)

**FR STEPHEN WRITES** Today is a day of contrasts. We begin with the crowds hailing Jesus as king as He rides into Jerusalem. 'Hosanna!' they shout. But then His mission is to be accomplished by betrayal, rejection, pain and death. The 'Hosannas' become 'Crucify Him!', the joyful palms become clenched fists and the Cross. All this He submits to, meekly, without complaint for our sakes. We leave Mass today having heard of that loving sacrifice, knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son. Reflect on that love, rejoice in that love, thank Him for it and look forward to the glory that His resurrection promises us.

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** In Holy Week, Pope Francis reminds us: "The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father. May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter."

#### **LENT 2021: EVENTS SHARED ONLINE**

**Monday 6.30pm** Exposition & Meditation at STM

**Wednesday 12.45pm** Stations of the Cross

livestream from St Thomas More

**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 sixth 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.**

#### **HOLY MONDAY 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. Please contact Peter or Cathy if you would like to take part. [peter.o.brien@nhs.net](mailto:peter.o.brien@nhs.net)

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

**Please book a place** via the **website**, or **phone** or in **writing**. All the Masses and liturgies are much reduced at the direction of the Bishops— alas, 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.

**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: £ 150.00 Donations: £30.00 Thank you for all that you give to the parish in time, effort or money**

#### **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.