



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Parish Website [www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) Partner Parish Website [www.stmcov.org](http://www.stmcov.org)

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| <b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b><br><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> | <b>10.45am Public Mass</b><br>(12.30pm Univ Mass is back on 25/4/21)<br>(No 5pm Mass for the time being) | Thanksgiving (DC)              |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April   | 9am Live stream Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>  |                                |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW   | Eamon and Jenny Duffy          |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April  | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW   | Private Intention (PC)         |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April   | 10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW  | The Pittaway and Hare Families |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | 6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW   | Private Intention (PJC)        |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> April   | 10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW  | The Simcox Family              |
| <b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b><br><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>                                | <b>10.45am Public Mass</b><br>(12.30pm Univ Mass is back on 25/4/21)<br>(No 5pm Mass for the time being) | The Conley and Harris Families |

## A HAPPY and BLESSED EASTER TO ALL! CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

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:** Prince Philip, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, Mason Scott, Fr Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, Jim Bradley, Canon Giles Goward, and all who have recently died, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Kath Conley, Mary Fitzgerald, Owen Brown, Christopher Shaughnessy, Robert Fletcher, Matthew Moloney, James Agnew, Patrick Brady, Denis O'Keeffe, Mabel Turner, Edith Brown, Daniel Conway, William Noble, Philip Campion, Joseph Bennet, Fr Bob Wright, Canon Bernard Gerald Hodgson, Alice Gould, Bridget O'Neill, Mary Barr. 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

**← COVID-19: KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART →**

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. The 1045am Mass remains well catered for too. **At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Parish Mass are impossible until more 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 of course. 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.

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS RETURNS on 25 April at 1230.** Although for students, **anyone is welcome to attend** which will help if 1045 remains full.

**THANK YOU** to all our helpers who clean and steward and to you all for keeping to the Covid guidelines. Our volunteer stewards and cleaners have done a great job. If any more of you can volunteer, please do. **THANKS!**

**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** In November 1981, Pope St John Paul II declared: 'Right from the beginning of my ministry in St. Peter's See in Rome, I consider this message [of Divine Mercy] my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church, and the world. It could be said that precisely this situation assigned that message to me as my task before God'. What is this message of Divine Mercy? At heart, it is about the very nature of God Himself. In the Old Testament God revealed His longing for the wicked to turn from their wickedness and live and on the Cross God revealed again His gift of mercy 'Father, forgive them...' It was in Krakow in the 1930s that St Faustina received a revelation of God's mercy that has become the popular form of devotion to God's mercy. Trust in Jesus is at the centre of this – there is thus nothing novel or new-fangled in devotion to the Divine Mercy. It is devotion to Jesus to which He Himself has called us always since His first words in Mark's Gospel – 'Repent and believe'. As John-Paul II said 'Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God'.

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** We navigate any given circumstances, where careful decisions are needed, depending upon whose 'shoes' we put on to mentally 'walk around', in our minds, what is happening to us. We might, initially, choose the comfort of our own footwear. Before comparing and contrasting it with brands provided by the trusted wisdom of family, friends or the wider community. Whichever we pick, to start travelling the terrain before us, we should always use the ability for making the right choices we call our conscience. This word, from its Latin root, means 'bringing together – in order to know'. During our imaginary journey, St John Henry Newman, our local Midlands Saint, says that the evidence we gather about how to best proceed needs to be informed by the commandments and teachings of the Church. He likened this process to being like a mountaineer searching for the next secure toe and finger hold, when climbing the rock of life's experiences, as we move towards heaven as our goal. As we see where we need to go next, we hear Jesus say deep within our hearts: "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." (Jn 20, v20).

**'LET US DREAM' POPE FRANCIS'S NEW BOOK** Later in the spring we hope to have a Zoom based consideration of this new work. Watch this space.

### **THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER I MAY**

This is obviously a special day for the parish when we celebrate our patron saint. **There will be a Mass at I am which we want to be public.** *If you can volunteer to steward and clean please tell the clergy!* Please bring your own tea/coffee/whatever and then we can have a safe and legal social gathering outside in the garden. Numbers will still be limited in church alas, but this great day, as restrictions begin to ease, is an opportunity to do something special at last, however modest it may seem.

**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 not in your household.*

**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**  
**The 1230 Chaplaincy Mass at SJW returns on 25 April**  
*No Sunday Mass at SJW at 5.00pm for the moment. We need more volunteers...*

Please make use of live streams: you will find Mass, Exposition, meditations, and much else broadcast from the two parishes. See news sheets or websites for web links.

**WE ARE FILLING UP AT 1045 MASS...** There will be an extra Mass at 1230 when university term begins again on **April 25** but **until we have more volunteer stewards** it remains **impossible** to increase the number of Parish Masses. We are sorry if you can't be fitted into the church: our Covid safe number is a very limiting 30. Our partnered parish St Thomas More currently has spaces at both its weekend Masses if you wish to go there while this problem lasts. (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am).

**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? If you are an income taxpayer, sign 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: £95. Thank you for all that you give.**

### **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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER OFFERING,  
CARDS AND GOOD WISHES**  
*May God bless you all this Easter Season.*