

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

In Partnership with St Thomas More Parish & Warwick Univ Catholic Chaplaincy

Sunday 2nd May 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MAY IS MARY'S MONTH – AVE MARIA!

SUNDAY 2ND MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Mark David Whale (Anniv) Intentions of Staff & Students
Monday 3 rd May: Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles	10am Live Stream Live Mass at SJW	Chris White
Tuesday 4 th May: Feast of the English Martyrs	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Annie Axisa Mangion RIP
Wednesday 5 th May:	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	People of the Parish
Thursday 6 th May	9am Live Stream Live Mass at STM click	~
Friday 7 th May	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Saturday 8 th May	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Mary Meehan RIP (2 nd Anniv)
SUNDAY 9TH MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Tommy Dunne RIP Intentions of Staff & Students

PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS on the parish website OR in writing OR by email
stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk OR phone 02476 419 111 (answering machine always on)

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: 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: Eileen Conolly, Fr John Kearns CP, Prince Philip, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, Mason Scott, Fr Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, and all who have recently died, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Nellie Finnan, Phyllis Dodds, Bridget Howe, Thomas Temple, Margaret Busby, Michael McMahon, Hugh Foley, Pawel Piper, Catherine Carolan, Gregory Freeman, Henry Moonan, Allen Cotta, Jane Kennedy, Andrew McConville, Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Fr James Dutton, Fr Francis Carr, Fr Walter Joret. 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-19: KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART** 

MORE VOLUNTEERS? CAN YOU HELP?

THANK YOU to all those who have come forward to volunteer steward and clean at Masses. **At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Parish Mass are impossible until more volunteers have come forward.** If you can volunteer, either now or in the future, please speak to one of the clergy. **More volunteers mean more events.**

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS AT ST

JOSEPH'S CHURCH TODAY at 1230. Although for the chaplaincy, **anyone is welcome to attend** which will help if 10.45 Mass remains full. **A warm welcome to all students!**

WHO'S WHO AMONG THE PARISH CLERGY..?

Fr Stephen - the tall one, with combed back hair and round glasses – is parish priest here **and** parish priest of St Thomas More

Fr Peter – not so tall, with a brummie accent and proud of it – is assistant priest here **and** assistant Catholic chaplain at the University

Deacon David – white hair and sounding like he comes from Surrey (which he does) – is the **Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University and the parish deacon here.** Do say hello and introduce yourselves: the clergy will be outside after Mass.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: In today's readings, the conversion of St Paul unsurprisingly caused mixed reactions among the disciples. How could such a feared persecutor of the Church suddenly be trusted as a fellow Christian? St Barnabas vouches for him, and Paul is finally accepted and begins his unique ministry of travelling, writing, preaching and healing. His conversion is recognised as being real. Jesus in the Gospel speaks of the need to remain in Him. He likens Himself to a vine and His faithful to its branches. This expresses the depth and the power of the relationship that He calls us to. Paul's life bore much Christian fruit because he made his home in Christ and grew, as it were, as a branch of the vine of Christ. Despite at first attempting to destroy that very vine, Paul's conversion is authentic. He is in Christ, and for the glory of the Father, bore much fruit. All the saints have done this, which is of course a very good reason they are saints! Our Lady bore much fruit – most obviously her divine Son Jesus but her exemplary discipleship of Jesus throughout her life brings us the fruits of her example and of course her love as our mother too. St Joseph in his faithful commitment to God's will, likewise, bears the fruit of love, example and devotion today. This bearing of fruit, this saintliness, is our vocation too.

FR PETER REFLECTS: On our parish feast day weekend we reflect on Pope Francis's words: Working persons, whatever their job may be, are co-operating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no-one is excluded. St Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work! (*Patris Corde*, 6).

THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 1 MAY
Thank you to all who came to pray and celebrate this great day. *St Joseph, pray for us!*

'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.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES
Sunday Vigil Mass at STM: 5.00pm Saturday
Sunday Masses: 9.00am at STM & 10.45am at SJW
& 1230 Univ Chaplaincy Mass at SJW

Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM followed by Exposition
No 5.30pm Sunday Mass at SJW. 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY MASS HERE means that Fr Stephen and Fr Peter can alternate once more celebrating at the 1045 Mass, as we did until December.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £75 Thank you

MORE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & STEWARD ARE WELCOME! If you feel able to help clean and steward, please tell one of the clergy.

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) 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

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk. Thank you.

PRAY THE ROSARY TO END THE PANDEMIC
Pope Francis has called for a Rosary marathon this month across the world for us all to pray for the end of the pandemic. This involves 30 Marian shrines across the world and began yesterday at Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. See www.walsingham.org.uk/2021/04/26/may-2021-rosary-mission/

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Over the next months the numbers allowed to attend 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.

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.

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.*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Chloe Holden, Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the Sick of the Parish and St Joseph's Candle for Victims of trafficking

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*Hail thou star of ocean, portal of the sky,
Ever Virgin Mother of the Lord most high.
Oh, by Gabriel's AVE uttered long ago,
EVA's name reversing, 'stablish peace below.*

