



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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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## MAY IS MARY'S MONTH – AVE MARIA!

<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Tommy Dunne The People of India
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Live Stream Live Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Eileen Connolly RIP
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Alfred & Bridget Chalton
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May: <b>The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>	12.30pm <b>Public Mass</b> at SJW (for <b>University AND Parishioners</b> )	Richard Moore
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May St Matthias	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	Denis Doherty
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Elizabeth Shaw
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Intention of the family & partner of Eileen Connolly RIP The People of India

## CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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

**\*\*\* PLEASE BOOK BY 5PM SATURDAY: WE MAY MISS LATER BOOKINGS! \*\*\***

**WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET - FOLLOW MASS ONLINE**

Click on the link from the website home page or click on the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-ldVAmc&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 Connolly, Fr John Kearns CP, Prince Philip, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, Mason Scott, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, and all who have recently died, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Andrew McConville, Martin O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Brouder, Patrick Hastings, Michael Kelly, Bridget Kelly, Michael Brady, Patricia Sanders, Theresa McFadden, William Raley, Philip Bryan, Susan Donnelly, Canon Frank Woodward, Fr Denis Hickling, Fr Cathal Cassidy, Deacon James Duffy. 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



### 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 5pm 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 IS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH** at 1230. Although for students, **anyone is welcome to attend which will help if 1045 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:** The great command of Jesus is to love. To love God and to love one another. Jesus's ministry is all about that: and demonstrated most fully by His dying on the cross. 'Greater love has no man', He said, 'than to lay down his life for his friends'. We are thus declared His friends and the objects of His love. Love is to be the hallmark of the Christian because love is the hall mark of Christ. If we could only grasp the depth of that love. If we could only realise that if Jesus loves us enough to die for us, then who are we to look at our fellow human beings without love? If God can love them, how can we not! Our response to God is first to worship Him in love and then to serve Him in our fellow human beings. As Fr Peter notes below, we have a solid tradition of both those here. May we keep that up!

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** Since the parish's establishment in the 1960s we have welcomed people from many different countries, who have come to Coventry to live, work or study. Looking through our archives, I noted that there has been a strong tradition of supporting justice and peace causes, both internationally and locally. These have included raising awareness about child slavery, contributing to the Hope Coventry Winter Night Shelter and taking part in the Fair Trade and Live Simply campaigns. It is appropriate, in this year of St Joseph, that we honour this heritage. During June there will be a Zoom discussion group based on Pope Francis's new book about transforming society called *Let Us Dream*. Also, at the back of the Church, there are now two pictures of Saints either side of a map of the world that we can gain inspiration from. St Martin de Porres, canonised in 1962, the year we were formally established, is the patron of harmony between all races. Beatified in 1988, seven years after the present church was opened, and canonised in 2000, St Katharine Drexel dedicated her life, on the Feast of St Joseph (19<sup>th</sup> March 1891), to care for the Black and Native American communities. She echoes the guiding and nurturing role of St Joseph and witnesses to the example of St Martin, when she encourages us by saying: "If we wish to serve God and love our neighbour well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to him and them."

**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**

**PLEASE REMEMBER that parishioners and students alike are very welcome at either 1045 or 1230 Masses. There are seats available at 1230: don't feel you have to stand outside at 1045, try 1230.** We look forward to social distancing being eased and the prospect of allowing a bigger congregation in church.

**Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM followed by Exposition No 5.30pm Sunday Mass at SJW. It needs more volunteers...**

**Can YOU help?** Please tell one of the clergy if so. 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 last year.

**READING AT MASS** Deacon David has kindly offered to organise the return of readers at Mass. Please speak to him if you would be happy to read and he will explain the simple steps we still need to take to follow Covid rules.

**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 to end the pandemic.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £190 Thank you**

**MORE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & STEWARD WELCOME!** Especially if you can help at 5pm on Sunday.

**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)

**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](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost) or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

**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 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else not in your household.**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Tommy Dunne  
**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH**

*Mother of God's living Word,  
Glorifying Christ your Lord;  
Full of joy, God's people sing,  
Grateful for your mothering!*

