

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021: The Solemnity of Pentecost: Day of Prayer for the Church**

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

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**COME HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HEARTS INSPIRE!**

<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b> <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> in SJW church (for University AND Parishioners) <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Jennifer Shaw The People of India
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May: Mary, Mother of the Church	9am Live Stream Live Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May: St Bede the Venerable	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	The Ints of the McHugh Family
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Priest	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Eileen Connolly RIP
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	Holy Souls
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May: Solemnity of Dedication	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</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>	Phyllis Deegans (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) The People of India

**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH – AVE MARIA!**

**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 ON SATURDAY: WE MAY MISS LATER BOOKINGS! \*\*\***

**WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET - FOLLOW MASS ONLINE: link below and on the website**

<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, 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, Albert Busby, Leo McKeown, and all who have recently died, Jennifer Shaw, Theresa Beresford and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Gladys Long, Agnes Hall, Baby Shane Griffiths, John O'Donnell, James Halloran, Mary Brankin, Thomas Gormley, Patrick Breen, Edna Bevins, Margaret Mulvenna, John McDonald, Martin Keane, Josephine Hopkins, Fr John Kearns, Fr Jim Ward, Deacon William Parker. 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 MORE THAN 1 METRE 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 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 and staff!**

**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.*

**FR STEPHEN WRITES: The Covid restrictions have changed in some important respects**, so what I write this week is hugely practical as we move slowly towards 'normal'. The Bishops of England & Wales issued guidance last Sunday. Face coverings, sanitiser and ventilation are still needed: no changes with these. Stewarding and cleaning must also continue. We are now asked to keep more than 1 metre (3 feet) apart rather than 2 metres (except if you do not wear a face covering: 2m still applies). This means we can fit more chairs in to the church and our capacity rises to 43 (Don't forget that we have two Sunday Masses open to all – 1045 *and* 1230). We may now include Bidding Prayers at Mass and 'The Body of Christ' and 'Amen' can be said individually at Communion. All this is of course slow but welcome progress. Please continue to pray that the pandemic may end and restrictions ease further. We all hope for that! As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the completion of the Easter mystery, the founding and empowering of the Church and thus the hope of salvation becoming real! Let us go forward in this Spirit-filled hope.

**FR PETER REFLECTS** on *Let us Dream*: For Pope Francis, every crisis is an invitation to stop, look, listen and re-imagine: He writes: 'Between the first step, which is to come close and allow yourself to be struck by what you see, and the third step, which is to act concretely to heal and repair, there is an essential intermediate stage: to discern, and to choose. A time of trial is always a time of distinguishing the paths of the good that lead to the future from other paths that lead nowhere or backward. With clarity, we can better choose the first. The second step, we need not just openness to reality but a robust set of criteria to guide us: knowing we are loved by God, called to be a people in service and solidarity. We need, too, a healthy capacity for silent reflection, places of refuge from the tyranny of the urgent. Most of all, we need prayer, to hear the prompts of the Spirit and cultivate dialogue in a community that can hold us and allow us to dream. Thus armed, we can read right the signs of the times and opt for a way that does all good'. (p51).

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND** As the Covid restrictions about going into private homes ease, it is possible to offer Communion once more to the housebound who ordinarily received it. If you are housebound and feel that you are ready and it is safe for you to receive Communion at home again, please contact one of the priests. They can of course offer confession and the sacrament of the sick. It is only sensible that basic precautions should remain in place as we are anxious that everyone is as safe as possible. You may or may not feel the time is right: that is entirely up to you.

**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.**  
**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.

**READING AT MASS** Henry Whitney is now kindly organising 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR LUKE**, a student of the University, who today is to come into the Church at the 1230 Mass. Good news for Pentecost! We wish him every blessing!

**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.

**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 tax payer**, sign up for Gift Aid which adds 25% to your giving at no cost to you. Please see June Palmer or contact the parish. You can also 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:** up to 30 people.

**FUNERALS:** under the restrictions on all public Masses, **no more than 30 people**, stewards and cleaners needed.

**CONFESSION:** May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. Please ask the priests.

**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.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £85 Thank you**

**ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES**  
**HANDS – sanitise, FACE – wear a face covering over mouth and nose, SPACE – stay AT LEAST 1 metre (or 3 feet) away from people not in your household. Seats must always be 1.5 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

*Thou wast the gate of heaven's high Lord,  
 The door through which the light has  
 poured.*

*Christians rejoice, for though a Maid,  
 To all mankind is life conveyed*



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