

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 1st August 2021: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Parish Website www.sjtcoventry.org.uk Partner Parish Website www.stmcov.org

Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer) (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Hannah Milner
Monday 2 nd August: St Peter Julian Eymard	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Tuesday 3 rd August	~	
Wednesday 4 th August	10am Public Mass at SJW	The Bayliss Family
Thursday 5 th August: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Friday 6 th August: Feast of the Transfiguration	10am Public Mass at SJW	Darcy & Family
Saturday 7 th August: St Cajetan	10am Public Mass at SJW	Jennifer Ryan
SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass for summer) (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Charles Connolly (Anniv. of B'Day)

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION... Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (43 seats at both 1045 & 1230 Masses) on the parish website OR in writing OR by email 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-lDWAmc&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: Martin Quinn, Eileen Connolly, Michael O'Shaughnessy Fr Oliver Kemp, Albert Busby, Leo McKeown, Bernadette Feehan, Jennifer Shaw, Theresa Beresford, Ellen Hull, Lacy Kyle, Jim Cook, John Simcox, Valerie Hartley, Ryan O'Grady and all who have recently died, Fr John Burns, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Conway, Philip Blee, Annie Folan, Edna Haycock, William Garry, Colin Bridgewater, Anna Gill, John Griffin, Bridget Connelly, John Devine, Edward Power, Gwen Rees, Emily Poacher, Rev Philip Lynch CO, Rev Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Leach, Rev Francis Gwinnett. 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 MORE THAN 1 METRE APART

THE END OF COVID RESTRICTIONS...

The Bishops have asked that we continue to maintain safe practices in church. That means that in practical terms very little will change in what we do before, during and after Mass. We renew our thanks to our volunteers for their work. Fr Stephen comments further on the next page.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £120.

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

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. He is based at 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. Fr Peter is at SJW nearly every day

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.

Don't hesitate to be in contact if we can help.

ALL MASSES ARE NOW PUBLIC Please come and celebrate Mass in person if you are able. The weekday Masses, with their small congregations, are obviously the safest way to come back to Mass and not only see how the church is kept safe but also of course to celebrate Mass.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a great promise to us. The crowds have seen the great miracle of Jesus feeding them with just a few loaves and fishes. They want to see more but cannot begin to guess how much more Jesus has to give them. They want to know how to work for God, and Jesus tells them to do that is to believe in Him whom He has sent. So, they wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that He is the one they should believe in? God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. That was a sign to be believed in. So, Jesus promises yet more, that He Himself is the Bread of Life, that He is all the food we need to travel not through the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. He calls us to focus on Him, to enjoy a life-giving relationship with Him who is the Bread of Life.

As Pope Benedict so brilliantly write in his book *Jesus of Nazareth* 'Before there can be bread the seed, – the grain of wheat – first has to be placed in the earth, it has to "die", and then the new ear can grow out of this death. This is why the world's religions used bread as the basis for myths of death and resurrection of the godhead, in which man expressed his hope for life out of death...' Pope Benedict goes to write that the reality and truth of this is only in Jesus. 'Yes, it really did happen, Jesus is no myth. He is a man of flesh and blood, and He stands as a fully real part of history. We can go to the very places where He himself went. We can hear his words through his witnesses. He died and he is risen. It is as if the mysterious Passion contained in bread had waited for him, had stretched out its arms toward him; it is as if the myths had waited for him, because in Him what they long for came to pass.'

FR PETER REFLECTS: Another of the themes Archbishop Bernard highlights, as part of the Diocesan Vision: *Unfolding God's Plan*, is Liturgy and Worship. St John Paul II states: "The hymn of praise, which resounds in the heavenly halls and which Jesus Christ the High Priest introduced into this land of exile, has always been continued by the Church in the course of so many centuries, with constancy and faithfulness, in the marvellous variety of its forms...popular singing, which is a bond of unity and a joyful expression of the community at prayer, fosters the proclamation of the one faith...I wish to thank the composers, conductors, musicians, performers, and also the heads of societies, organizations and musical associations for their efforts to promote a repertoire which is culturally rich and expresses the great values linked to biblical revelation, the lift of Christ and the saints, and the mysteries of life and death celebrated by the Christian liturgy. Religious music likewise builds bridges between the message of salvation and those who, while not yet fully accepting Christ, are sensitive to beauty, for "beauty is a key to the mystery and a call to transcendence" (*Letters to Artists*, n.16). (*Address to the International Congress of Sacred Music*, 2001).

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER Our Lady's Birthday AND the Fortieth Anniversary of St Joseph's

Church. Something to celebrate! We want to have an evening Mass and a social event afterwards. Please put the date in your diary and if you can help, please say so to one of the clergy. **Thank you.**

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.** You may or may not feel the time is right: but, **please, BE IN TOUCH IF YOU DO!**

THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE Once the summer is over, we should be hearing more about this and will find out how to be involved. Keep up to date with what's happening on the diocesan website. Everyone in the diocese will be invited to contribute.

READING AT MASS Henry Whitney is now kindly organising readers at 1045 Mass. If you would like to read, please speak to him, or one of the clergy.

GIVING ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS 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) click on Donate (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church, 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

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.

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

God's will it was that made her Mother of the Son.
Mary's will was ever let the Father's will be done.

So it is the Father's will, in glory with her Son,
Mary reigns as heaven's queen, her earthly work now done

SPACE – STAY MORE THAN 1 METRE APART

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAYS... Lord, slow me down: allow me to notice You in Your creation and in the people that I meet. Help me to remember that rest is part of Your plan for all people and that nothing lasting is created without wisdom, patience, and time. Keep me from hurrying past what matters and do not let me be so busy that I use Your gift of time without remembering You who gave it to me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen