

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 29th August 2021: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Hall Manager: The hall is currently shut due to the pandemic regulations, except for tea and coffee after 1045am Mass.

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

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

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer	Zelko Roguz
Monday 30 th : Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward (Bank Holiday)	10am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click	~
Tuesday 31 st : St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne	~	~
Wednesday 1 st Sept: Day of Prayer for Creation	9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click	~
Thursday 2 nd	~	~
Friday 3 rd : St Gregory the Great	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention (McHugh)
Saturday 4 th : St Cuthbert	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention (Dowling)
SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer	The People of the Parish

PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (60 seat capacity) on the parish website OR in writing OR by email

stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk OR phone 02476 419 111 (answering machine always on) We are not full but are getting there – if you book we can tell you if we've run out of seats!

***** 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, Margaret Dunne, Ben Swoboba and Anna Mallar.

Please pray for the departed: Michael 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: John Kelly, David Bowen, Bridget Snow, Charlotte Watts, John O'Sullivan, Albert McKay, Johanne Powell, Thomas Thorton, John McKenna, Benjamin Philips, Louis Heckelbout, Thomas Corbett, John Cremins, Bridget Harris, Fr William Savin, Mgr Canon Laurence Emery, Canon Larry Hogarty, Rev Frank Toole, Rev Brendan O'Malley, Canon Joey Nightingale, Mgr Canon Leonard Emery, Mgr James Crichton, Rev Bernard Salt, Rev Thomas O'Doherty, Rev Jim Holland. 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



END OF COVID RESTRICTIONS - NOT QUITE!

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 cleaners and stewards **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.**

ALL MASSES ARE NOW PUBLIC Please come and celebrate Mass in person if you are able and feel safe being out and about. **PLEASE BOOK FOR 1045 SUNDAY – phone, email, note through the door or on the website. We are not full but can give you warning if we are IF you book.** The weekday Masses, with their small congregations, are obviously the safest way to come back to Mass. You may also see how the church is kept safe. If you have not been back yet, now's the time.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £275. *Thank you*

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.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Please contact the clergy by phone, letter or email and one of us will arrange to come

+ **SUNDAY MASSES ACROSS THE PARISHES** +
Vigil Mass for Sunday: Sat 5.00pm at STM no need to book, spaces available
Mass 9am at STM: no need to book, spaces available
Mass 10.45am at SJW: please book, limited spaces
(Chaplaincy Mass suspended for the summer)

FR STEPHEN WRITES: THE FUTURE (Part 2) In today's Gospel, Jesus signals a future of faith not so much dependent on a written law but on a living relationship, a relationship with Him. This does not mean that there are no commandments, but rather that we are led by the Risen Christ – we follow Him and not written regulations. He is the pattern of our life, provides the strength to live it and offers mercy when we are sorry for our failings. This is a radical change in the minds of His listeners. In the Church, change has happened and continues to happen. Just look at the effects of the pandemic: more than half of our pre-lockdown Mass goers are not coming, social activities are restricted, income is reduced. There will be more change to come as eventually society learns to manage life with the virus and congregational numbers settle into whatever the number will be – whether greater, the same or less. The diminishing number of priests will continue to affect things too. So what can we do? First, celebrate in faith all that God has done for us and pray for the Spirit's gift of wisdom as we go forward. We can do those things on 8 September when rejoice in 40 years of the church building. Please come! (Do book to avoid disappointment, seating is limited). Secondly, we go forward in faith and openness. Will the parish have changed so as to need new approaches to Mass times, social events, fundraising, and consultation? The next twelve months will reveal a lot for this parish and every other parish too. For us, this is also a celebratory year: we rejoice in the past building of this church, we live and act in the present, we plan for and go forward into the future.

FR PETER REFLECTS: The fourth theme of the Archdiocesan vision: *Unfolding God's Plan* emphasised by Archbishop Bernard is Social Outreach. Pope Francis explores how the role of men and women scientists must always serve Justice: "No scientific knowledge should stand alone and believe it is self-sufficient. In its specificity, (it) contributes to the growth of a new culture capable of building society by promoting the dignity and development of every man and woman. In the face of new challenges, you, dear friends of science, are entrusted with the task of bearing witness to the possibility of constructing a new social bond, committing yourself to making scientific research close to the whole community, from the local to the international one, and showing that together it is possible to overcome every conflict. Science is a great resource for building peace! I ask you to accompany the formation of the new generations teaching them not to be afraid of the effort of research. The Master (Jesus) also lets Himself be sought: He instils in everyone the certainty that when one seeks honestly, one encounters the truth. The changing age needs new disciples of knowledge, and you, dear scientists, are the teachers of a new generation of peacemakers." (*Message to the International Meeting of*

'Science for Peace', 2nd July 2021 on the feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows whose shrine is located near to the Italian National Laboratories for Nuclear Physics).

RESTORING THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION The Bishops of England and Wales are considering bringing back the obligation to be at Sunday Mass on Advent Sunday. They are keen that we do not lose sight of the gift of Sunday, the Lord's Day and ours. See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

THE PARISH HALL This is very gradually being brought back into use. **First, by the parish for tea and coffee** after the 1045 Mass. It is not yet open for general bookings.

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Our Lady's Birthday and the Fortieth Anniversary of St Joseph's Church.
6.30pm Mass followed by light refreshments

We will be joined by Fr Harry Curtis, previous parish priest. Please come to celebrate our church! Under normal circumstances we'd be inviting the world, but currently the 65 seats we have must go to parishioners first, of course.

PLEASE BOOK IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND
BY PHONE, LETTER, EMAIL, LIST IN PORCH

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.**

CONFESSION: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. This is easily done after Mass or beforehand if you ask in good time. See the priests.

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

CARRIERS OF HOPE are supporting the needs of refugees in Coventry—including from Afghanistan. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website <https://carriersofhope.org.uk/> to see the latest needs.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in **Haiti** to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in **Afghanistan**, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in **Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan** and north-east **Nigeria**. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. **Thank you.**