

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021: TWENTY-FIRST 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](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) Partner Parish Website [www.stmcov.org](http://www.stmcov.org)

Deanery: [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk) Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST: 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer	Patrick and Nellie Finan & The Malle Family (Th'ksgiving)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August: St John Wall	9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August: St Bartholomew	10am Public Mass at SJW	Margaret Phibbs
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August: St Louis	10am Public Mass at SJW	Peter Delaney
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August: Blessed Dominic Barberi	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention (O'Donnell)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August: St Monica	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention (V)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August: St Augustine	10am Public Mass at SJW	The People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer	Zelko Roguz

**PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (60 seat capacity) 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) We are not full but  
are getting gthere – 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 Keesham, Mary Greenwood, Mary O'Brien, Elizabeth Richards, Thomas Sullivan, Kelly O'Neill, John Healy, Anne Brankin, Christopher Finan, James Holden, Thomas McGarry, John Kelly, Rev Alan Smith, Rev Patrick Branagan, Rev James Downey, Deacon David McCarrroll, Rev Isaac Savin, Mgr Canon Laurence Emery, Canon Laurence Hogarty, Rev Francis Toole. 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 →**

## 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.

**OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR:** Chloe Holden  
**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £165. Thank you

**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.

## 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** Past depictions of the future can be fascinating in themselves. Films such as *Metropolis*, *Things to Come* and *2001 A Space Odyssey* show how right and how wrong our forefathers were about today. It remains to be seen how accurate *Planet of the Apes* or *The Hunger Games* turn out to be!

The future for the Church and for individual parishes is clearly changing. Some change is outside our control, such as the pandemic. Other change we can shape, such as how the Church responds to Pope Francis's call to reflect in Synods across the world and the diocesan vision as we face, among other things, a reduction in the number of priests. It is now almost a year since that reduction affected St Joseph's, St Thomas More and the University chaplaincy. St Joseph's is now partnered with St Thomas More and shares a parish priest. The chaplaincy has a Deacon as its chaplain. Another priest helps in all these – **and** other places. The 9am Mass here has changed to 1045: it is simply impossible to sustain simultaneous Masses in neighbouring parishes (St Thomas More has a 9am). The pandemic has hit St Joseph's hard, just as it has hit many other places hard too. Fr Stephen, Fr Peter and Deacon David have been thinking about how we can all move things forward now that the pandemic is easing. You will find ideas and suggestions made on this sheet and in conversation in due course.

Clearly, we need to move slowly but surely to the new normal. That means St Joseph's and St Thomas More sharing more as pandemic guidelines ease. Sharing clergy, events, a common newsletter, expertise, and common concerns. Those interested in Justice & Peace for example have Zoomed with St Thomas More's J&P group. As the situation in parishes and diocese changes, we are encouraged to think freely and widely about what we do and who does it – priests or lay people? We are encouraged to be missionary.

Consequently, there are many new things we might try in terms of a second parish Mass, in terms of lay consultation and lay involvement and in terms of ensuring that this parish has the best possible future. That future can be shaped by a very important group – our committed, faithful and enthusiastic parishioners! Come and celebrate this parish and pray for it on September 8. Let us begin the festival year together and make it a time of positive progress. The future may be difficult to predict, but the future is where we are headed: we travel as pilgrims with Christ Himself!

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** The third of the Archbishop's priorities for the Diocesan Vision: *Unfolding God's Plan* is Liturgy and Worship. Pope Francis, Addressing the Pontifical Committee for Eucharistic Congresses in 2018, said: "In a Europe afflicted by indifference and swept by divisions and forms of rejection, Christians renew before everyone, Sunday after Sunday, the simple and powerful gesture of their faith: they gather in the Lord's name and acknowledge that they are brothers and sisters. And the miracle is repeated: in the hearing of the word and in the sign of the broken bread, even the smallest and the lowliest assembly of believers becomes the body of the Lord, his

tabernacle in the world. The celebration of the Eucharist becomes a cradle of attitudes that generate a Eucharistic culture, for it impels us to express in our way of life and our thinking the grace of Christ who gave himself..."

**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.

**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](http://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](http://coventry.foodbank.org.uk)

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

**DIOCESAN NOVENA FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI 18-26 August**

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

**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.**