

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021: 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: HOME MISSION DAY**

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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 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY HOME MISSION DAY</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> No 12.30pm University Mass	Charles Connolly (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September: Feast of St Matthew	10am Public Mass at SJW	Joyce Connolly (B'Day)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10am Public Mass at SJW	Kath & John Connolly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September: St Pius (Padre Pio)	10am Public Mass at SJW	The Duffy Family
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September: Our Lady of Walsingham	10am Public Mass at SJW	The Palmer Family (Intentions)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10am Public Mass at SJW	Michael Moran (B'Day)
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER: 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass for Students</b> <b>at the Chaplaincy Centre</b>	The People of the Parish

**PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (65 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 there (some weeks only five spare seats)– 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! \*\*\***

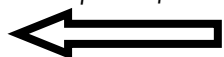
**WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET - FOLLOW MASS ONLINE: link below and on the website**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-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, Margaret Dunne, 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, Fr Ben-Ove Jakobsson CHS, Deacon Michael McGrail, Br Ambrose May OFM Cap and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Charles Connolly, John Donnellon, Sarah Temple, John Nugent, Philip Clarke, Catherine Conroy, Josie Daly, Francis Sullivan, Kevin Brown, John Purdue, Eileen Butler, Rev Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Reilly, Rev Peter Lees, Rev John Stewart, Canon David Mellor, Rev Peter Lloyd, Canon Albert Adams, John Bale, Deacon Michael McCormack, Mgr Michael McTernan. 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**



## EASING COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Bishops have asked that we continue to maintain safe practices in church. We renew our thanks to our cleaners and stewards **VENTILATION – windows and doors will remain open, HANDS – sanitise, FACE – wear a face covering over mouth and nose, SPACE – stay 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 at indoor events. **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.

**OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR:** Chloe Holden  
**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £145 Thank you**

## HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

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

*In the first instance, one of the clergy will come to see you*

+ **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***

(The Chaplaincy Mass returns to campus next week)

**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** The first reading speaks of the suffering of the good, who are made to suffer by the bad. This should remind us of Jesus and by extension of any good Christian who, in standing up for what is right, is ridiculed or scoffed at. So much of what Christians believe is seen by the world as irrelevant or out of date. Being 'old-fashioned' can hardly be a sin in itself! If chastity, honesty, patience and sacrifice are mocked simply for being behind the times then isn't it the times that are wrong?

In defending what is right, we must never rely on ourselves alone, puff up our own egos and lord it over others. In the Gospel, Jesus does not criticise the ambition to be first, but states what being first means. A servant: trusting, childlike, in the power of God. Children, in their innocence, can teach grow ups many things. They, in their weakness, simplicity and trust show where we must follow if we are to be right in our relationship with God.

**God bless you**

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** Archbishop Bernard's themes for the Diocesan Vision are designed to link into the preparations for the world-wide Church Synod entitled: Communion, Participation, Mission 2021-23. Pope Francis will launch this process on the weekend of 8/9 October (see [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)). The Archbishop will introduce our part in this global initiative at St Chad's on 17 October (See the Archdiocese of Birmingham website for details). The Pope explains that the nature and purpose of the Synod is: "...not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken the dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts and give strength to our hands."

**WARWICK UNIV CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY MASS** will resume in the **Chaplaincy Centre** (not in St Joseph's Church) next Sunday at 1230pm.

### DIOCESAN ONLINE EVENTS

**Life in the Spirit** Details on the diocesan web site

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2021 Sat 9 Oct, 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.**

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th, every 5 years, and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet and to register a place at Mass. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st Oct.

**EASING COVID RESTRICTIONS** It is now possible to have the church open more than we have so far. We are working this out this week so as to facilitate some times of private prayer and other devotional activity. We need to consider not only Covid, but, with no resident priest, security becomes the main consideration. Details next week.

**APF MISSIO 'RED' BOXES:** Please bring your mission appeal boxes to the Church and hand them in at the Sacristy, so that they can be counted.

**CAFOD FAST DAY** is on 1 October with the collection at Sunday Mass on 3 Oct. The theme this year is helping those whose livelihoods and homes are threatened by climate change.

**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/>

**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.**

**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.

**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.**

**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)

**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.**