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9th January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Readings Year C Both churches have a hearing loop system



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9th BAPTISM of the LORD	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Michael Guyler RIP Maureen Gallagher RIP
Monday 10th <i>1st week, ordinary time. Feria</i>	Mass & Exposition STM	9.00 a.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday 11th <i>Feria</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Paddy Byrne RIP
Wednesday 12th <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Kitty Norris RIP Kathleen & Joe Gallagher
Thursday 13th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Peter Queenan RIP Joe McDonagh RIP
Friday 14th <i>Feria</i>	Mass & Exposition STM <i>No Mass SJW this week</i>	9.00 a.m.	Sean Convey
Saturday 15th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish Larry Farrell RIP
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Conboy Family Dec'd
SUNDAY 16th 2ND SUNDAY Of the Year (YrC)	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	O'Sullivan Family Dec'd Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris, RIP

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JANUARY—MONTH OF THE INFANT JESUS

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray...



FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW COMPULSORY IN CHURCHES

COVID SAFETY & THEOMICRON VARIANT

The news about the infectiousness of the omicron variant is not encouraging. **Please consider your own actions and decisions about what KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS SAFE.**

- **Face coverings are now compulsory by law. You must *NOT* enter church without one!**
- **Sanitise hands** on entry and exit
- **Keep a 1m distance** if you can
- **Ventilation** is important and will be kept up. Church will thus not be as arm as we'd like.
- **Lateral flow testing:** please test yourself each week so that if you know you have the virus you stay at home and don't spread disease.
- **Feeling ill:** if you feel unwell please stay at home until you are well. Do not risk passing on the virus.
- **Vaccination: all of our strongly urged to *HAVE YOUR JABS!*** This keeps others safe too and is *not* just about the individual who is vaccinated. Phone your doctor if you have any concerns about having it.

We Christians have a duty to take care of others and to neglect any of these ways of reducing infections is therefore to neglect our neighbour. We are all in this together.

CHURCH EVENTS

Please take part in anything in church only if you feel happy to do so. There are no rules that stop tea and coffee after Mass or Children's Liturgy or anything else that we have been doing recently. If you wish to take part, you can. **But we must wear face coverings and provide good ventilation.**

The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Communion may now be brought to the housebound routinely as before. ***Please contact* Fr Stephen or Fr Peter** by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. ***Please be in touch. Because of the pandemic we need to know that you are happy to be visited.***

THIS WEEKEND

THIS SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

We celebrate the start of Jesus's public ministry when He is baptised by John and the father and the Holy Spirit witness to who He is.

READERS AT STM...

This wk: Sat Mary Wilson **Sun** Debbie M

Next wk: Sat Louise Poole **Sun** Maureen Porter

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This returns today, Sunday 9 January. Thank you to all helpers.

THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We are now able to provide a series of classes in preparation for Confirmation. There is a **meeting this Wednesday at 5pm in the Margaret Roper Room** for interested parents and their children. The parish Confirmation with Bp William Kenney is on Thursday 3 March.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

This has restarted at STM and we hope to begin again at SJW. It would be sensible if people kept their masks on if not drinking or eating. Good ventilation—open windows—is a strict condition of meeting for tea and coffee

CHURCH ROOM HIRING

The halls are NOT for hire by outside organisations, but are available for parish groups, ***BUT*** this *depends on Covid regulations that apply at the time*. Please contact Amanda for STM (as on the back page) to arrange use or at SJW see Fr Stephen or Fr Peter.

***BUT* please be aware of these points—**

- The full guidelines outlined in the *Hirer's Pack* must be agreed to.
- Any group must complete and submit a **risk assessment** before using the room.
- The **room must be cleaned** by the users before *and* after use, **including toilets**
- **Windows must be open**, rooms ventilated.
- **No more than 25** people may be in the room at STM and no more than **20** at SJW.

PLEASE NOTE Guidance for the use of halls remains, for some reason not explained to us, far stricter than for the use of churches.

NEXT WEEKEND

SECOND SUNDAY of the year: PEACE SUNDAY

This annual day reminds us to pray and work for peace, and to help those affected by violence and war.

Ordinary (green) time returns as we ponder the mysteries of the events of Christ's life told to us in Luke's Gospel. The Sunday readings are from year C in the Sunday cycle, and the weekday readings are from Year 2 in the weekday cycle.

WALKING GROUP MEETS

The next walk is Sunday 16th January 2022 at 2pm from Kenilworth Abbey Fields car park. The walk is 3.5 miles and should take about 1.25 hours. The route is on hard surfaces and takes in Kenilworth Green Way and surrounding countryside. For more details or to share a

FINANCE: STM Collection 12/12, £385. 19, £385. 26, £225. **SJW Collection:** Not known at printing
Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times

lift then email stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com or see the parish What's On web page.

COMING SOON

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January. Pray for unity!

THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISHES

First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, on the Diocesan website [here](#) This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that in due course as we organise things in the parish, everyone may be well informed. We shall be meeting at the end of this month but there will be other ways too so that not being able to attend meetings is no barrier. Click [here](#).

There will be details next week of meetings for the two parishes. Everything will happen jointly and will thus be the first thing that the parishes have truly been able to undertake together since their paring by the Archdiocese. This process is about what the lay people think, and it is all lay people who are invited to contribute.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This is planned to take place **Sunday 29 May – Friday 3 June.** Details are on the diocesan website [here](#). The cost to fly and stay at the Hotel Beau Site, as we did last time, is **£925.00.** It is likely that things will not be completely normal but at least a pilgrimage is happening. There may be very limited provision for the sick and infirm this time due to Covid regulations. Please book yourself via Tangney Tours (there is a link form the diocesan website) if you wish to go. Claire Rutter at STM or Fr Stephen at SJW if you are interested can help answer any questions..

CARRIERS OF HOPE

Carriers of Hope are responding to the needs of refugees and others in Coventry. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website or Facebook page to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking [here](#)

COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, coventry.foodbank.org.uk

If you view this sheet on the web all links in blue are live – simply click them

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Chloe Holden



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

In this passage from Isaiah the Israelite people (saddened by their sin and the exile and suffering that resulted from it) are comforted by the prophet's message. God will send his servant and will take the people by the hand and lead them from darkness to light. In the person of Jesus, He has done just that. By the waters of the Jordan the ancient promises are publicly fulfilled. Jesus, Mary's Son and the carpenter trained by Joseph is revealed as the Saviour. He begins his public ministry by receiving John's baptism. The Spirit manifests Jesus's true identity: the hidden years are over and it is time to teach by word and miracle, by death and resurrection that God will indeed take his people by the hand and lead them home to him. By undergoing baptism from John, Jesus makes holy the waters of our baptism. At our own baptisms the Spirit was present too and given to us so that we might love and serve God. We do not need to live in darkness and guilt. We do not need to face difficulties and challenges on our own. Jesus leads us to freedom and the Spirit strengthens us in all our trials

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis continues his Catechesis on St Joseph by focusing on the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, to escape the persecution of King Herod. He writes:

Like many of our brothers and sisters facing injustice or violence today, Joseph and Mary were forced to migrate from their homeland because Herod sought to kill all the male children in Bethlehem of two years or younger. I think of Jesus in the arms of Joseph and Mary, fleeing, and let us see him in each one of the migrants of today. Migration is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes. It is a social scandal of humanity.

Let us pray: Saint Joseph, you who have experienced the suffering of those who must flee. You were forced to flee to save the lives of those dearest to you. Protect all those who flee because of war, hatred, hunger. Support them in their difficulties, strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity. Guide their steps and open the hearts of those who can help them. Amen.

STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIV.

WELCOME! Sunday Mass is at the Chaplaincy from today, **9 January, at 1230 during term time.** Please make yourself known to Deacon David, the Catholic Chaplain. Contact details on the front of this sheet. You can receive news of Chaplaincy and CathSoc events.

WHEN JESUS came to be baptised,

He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace,
To bear the sins of all mankind.



For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: STM Marie Curristan, Angela Prior, John & George Dalby, Elaine Fossett, Steve Fowler, Suzanne Hammond, Maura Bibby, Martin Smith, Ian Rogers, Peter Carvell, Lynsey Moore, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, June Phee, Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Baby Theo, Catherine Brookes, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maisie Reddan, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel McLeod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Anne Kenny, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John Gould. **SJW:** George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevin Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Danny Harrington, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling, Margaret Dunne, Anna Mallar

Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!

RECENTLY DEPARTED: STM Clay Hulme, Margaret Shaw, Andrew Chustecki, James Murphy, Edward McCann **SJW** Toni Banks, Eileen Williams, Tom Knowles, Philomena Irwin, Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey, Heather Mountford

ANNIVERSARIES. STM: Colm Gleeson, Elizabeth Byrne, Ann Smith, William Molloy, Elsie Flinn, Benjamin Thomason, Ron Rutter, Patrick Galvin, Margaret Gallagher, Sylvester Budkiewicz, Mary Vineall, Phyllis Smith, Christina Kelly, Kathleen Molloy, Mary Vowles, Catherine Mullen **SJW** Elen Synott, John Moss, Mary Collins, Michael McConnell, Paul Boland, Leonard Davies, Joseph Sullivan, Olga Maguire, Mary McCrave, Heineken Casson, Maureen Griffin, Patricia Fanning, Mary Shaw, Thomasina Dolan, Alban Eyres, Eileen Bryan, Julia Quinn, Katrina Clifford, Mary Kelly, Mary Verdon.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk. Everyone who enters is asked **sanitise hands, wear a face covering and respect distance. Please take a lateral flow test regularly and please have your vaccinations.**

BAPTISMS

Baptism may be celebrated, please with precautions above. Please see one of the clergy after a weekend Mass.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be celebrated with the conditions described above. Please make an appointment with Fr Stephen: six months notice best.

CONFESSION at STM

It is available before 5pm Mass on Saturdays in the well ventilated confessional and is also available by appointment at other times.

CONFESSION at SJW

Please ask one of the priests: the confessional at SJW is not ventilated and so cannot be used.

FUNERALS

Funerals may be celebrated, but please with the precautions above.

MASS

The Bishops, in line with guidance from the Government and scientists ask that we continue to -

Ventilate the church well

Sanitise hands

Cover mouth AND nose: this is compulsory

Keep a distance—at least 1 metre

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and to wider society. Please make sure you **have your Covid jabs:** if we don't catch Covid we can't pass it on. Test yourself too.

Pray for the end of the Pandemic



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GIVING TO THE PARISHES

1. There are collecting boxes by the church doors for use instead of offertory bags
 2. *Give online via the Diocesan Website* Go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work Enter personal details on the first box, click next, then select 'Coventry Styvechale' for STM OR 'Coventry, Canley' for SJW from the drop down list of parishes, the third box is for your card details.
 3. *Use a standing order.* You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on the STM website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](#) page. Complete the top part, post to the Presbytery. At SJW please see June Palmer
 4. *Put your offering in the Presbytery letterbox*
- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!**