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working in partnership with the Catholic Chaplaincy of Warwick University

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| Saturday 6 th | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4.15pm | STM | Confessions | |
| | | 5.00pm | STM | Vigil Mass | John and Patrick Regan (Anniv) |
| Sunday 7 th | | 9.00am | STM | Mass | Peter, Siân and Aaron Hughes (RIP) |
| | | 11.00am | SJW | Mass | Dolores Connolly (RIP) |
| Monday 8 th | Feria | | | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 9 th | Feria | 10.15am | SJW | Mass | Fr Bernard Maddock (RIP) |
| Wednesday 10 th | Feria | 11.00am | STM | Mass 'n' Mingle | Jerry O'Mahoney (RIP) |
| Thursday 11 th | St Benedict | 9.15am | STM | Mass | Philip and Madeleine Sheridan (60 th Wedding) |
| | | 11.00am | STM | Requiem Mass for Lesley Phillips (RIP) | |
| Friday 12 th | Feria | 9.15am | STM | Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Mr and Mrs Cunningham (Ints) |
| Saturday 13 th | Our Lady | 10.15am | SJW | Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Pro Populo |
| | | 4.15pm | STM | Confessions | |
| Sunday 14 th | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.00pm | STM | Mass | Pro Populo |
| | | 9.00am | STM | Mass | Nigel Rowley (RIP) |
| | | 11.00am | SJW | Mass | Special Intention (Conley) |

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Claire Rutter and Amanda Kelly at STM and Henry Whitney at SJW. They can be contacted using the emails below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted by calling 0121 230 6240 or by emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

STM Website: www.stmcov.org.uk **SJW Website:** www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk
Twitter: @StThosMore **Facebook:** @StThosMore
Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

STM Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@StThomasMoreCov>
SJW Livestream webcam: www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-lDW

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity

STM Collection: £797.00
STM Peter's Pence: £387.00
SJW Collection: £394.00
SJW Peter's Pence: £106.00

WELCOME TO MASS: Our Gospel reading shows Jesus visiting His hometown of Nazareth. Despite His wisdom and miracles, the people reject Him because they see Him as just a carpenter's son. This lack of faith amazes Jesus. His experience in Nazareth shows us how important faith is. Even though He had the power to perform miracles, the people's unbelief limited what He could do. This teaches us that our faith plays a crucial role in receiving God's blessings. Jesus challenges the people with a new way of thinking, and it is just too much for them. God is indeed a person, but perhaps we are also more comfortable with the idea of God than an actual encounter. This Gospel reminds us that God calls us and speaks to us through the ordinary mundane events of life. As we recognise those callings and moments in the ordinary, we can then enter the extraordinary.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Baby Natalia Mendieta, Margaret Russell, Patricia Anderson, Lesley Phillips (Requiem Mass on 11th July at STM), **Paul Mackey, Francis Csaszar, Gregory Deeley** (Requiem Mass on 1st August at STM), **Shelia Ottley** (Requiem Mass on 31st July at STM) and **Carmela George** (Requiem Mass on 25th July at SJW) and all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Darrel Cemm, Carol Ann Little, Edith Whatling, Margaret Eason, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, Peter Kennedy, Baby Alice, John Walker, Tim and Irma Connolly, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Maureen Pearson, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, Keelin Treharne, Josie McElroy, David O'Grady, Joan O'Leary.

WE PRAY FOR Marcel Jeremi Cuber and Hudson Healey who were recently baptised at STM and SJW. We pray for them and their families.

THE MONTH OF JULY is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. As Adam slept, God opened his side, removed a rib and formed Eve, the mother of all the living. As the New Adam slept the sleep of death on the cross from His open side blood and water flowed, symbols of baptism and the Eucharist, symbols of the second Eve, the Church, the Mother of all the living. Through blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home. The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE TWO PARISHES: As you will have heard and read over the last couple of weeks, Fr Peter will be moving in the summer to his new post at Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Gregory in Bearwood. We thank him for all he has done whilst with us and wish him well, assuring him of our prayers as he prepares to take up this new role in his native hometown of Birmingham. Together with Fr Peter's move, Deacon David has also retired from his role as Chaplain

at Warwick University. This has been a fruitful and rewarding ministry over the last four years and has resulted in many baptisms and confirmations taking place. We thank him for the witness and work he has done with the students.

There will be no 'on-site' replacement for Deacon David at the University which ultimately means that, because there is only one Priest over St Thomas More, St Joseph the Worker, St Thomas More Primary School, Bishop Ullathorne and the Catholic Chaplaincy at Warwick University, there must be changes in the daily and weekly schedule in order to ensure both pastoral and sacramental provision for a number of people.

We have been exceptionally lucky – even spoiled – for the last three or four years to be in a situation of being able to offer two daily Masses between STM and SJW. The reality, however, is that between those two Masses, less than 12 people were attending. Setting aside Mass attendance during the week, the key factor for consideration now, is that it is not healthy or sustainable for one priest to be celebrating Masses 'back-to-back' on a regular basis. With this in mind, the provision of daily Masses will be divided between STM and SJW.

Over the next couple of weeks, the following timetable will be introduced and will continue through to Advent. The timetable has taken into consideration the needs of our Primary and Secondary Schools, the University and various Masses which have already been established and are well supported.

Masses to cover Sunday obligation will be celebrated as Saturday 5.00pm at STM, Sunday 9.00am at STM and 11.00am at SJW. When the University term begins at the end of September, there will be an additional Mass at 12.30pm in SJW.

Weekday Masses at St Joseph the Worker will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesdays and Saturdays with the Saturday Mass concluding with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. At St Thomas More, weekday Masses will be celebrated at 11.00am on Wednesday (followed by the Mingle), then 10.00am School/Class Mass on a Thursday and 10.00am on Friday followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The weekday timetable is manageable by one priest and means that both STM and SJW have a balance of Mass, Exposition and Confessions. Please note, as is set out on the front of this week's newsletter, that the weekly schedule will now be combined and the venue for the Masses marked by each day.

Many might look at this new timetable with the thinking that 'we are losing Masses', because the Mass is not being celebrated in a particular church. This is becoming more of a reality in many parishes as the shortage of priests is becoming more apparent. This new timetable is a wonderful opportunity to foster our two parish communities and to find times and ways in which we can work more closely together. It is worth noting that most people who come to daily Mass actually drive to it, and both St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker are only an eight-minute drive from each other, so easily accessible to all.

Moving forward we need to adapt to make things sustainable. I know in the past we were encouraged to be rather parochial in our outlook, but looking to the future, we will need to be more focused on our area and cluster than merely looking to our own parish. Our mission remains the same, to sustain and foster our own faith that we may be the leaven in our own time and place and missionary disciples of Our Lord.

'A LITTLE WHIP ROUND': It is a tradition that, when a Priest leaves a parish, the parishioners have a collection so that a presentation can be made to him. For the next couple of weeks, there will be a basket at the back of SJW, in which anyone who would like to contribute to Fr Peter's collection, can do so. This will then be presented to him on Sunday 14th July.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES at both STM and SJW will be changing in the next few weeks in order to comply with the new guidelines and regulations that have been put in place. This means that the cameras will only be live when a Mass or service is due to take place.

NEXT WEEK is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The Second Collection at all Masses is for Apostleship of the Sea, also known as Stella Maris (Star of the Sea). The Apostleship of the Sea is Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. There are envelopes at the back of church for anyone who would like to Gift Aid their donation. More information can be found online www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk and there are leaflets available at the back of the church.

DEACON LEO will celebrate ten years since his Ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday 20th July. To mark and celebrate this occasion, there will light refreshments available in the MRR after the 5.00pm Mass. Please do come along and help celebrate this anniversary.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Sometimes people who have faithfully attended Mass and been part of the parish stop coming because they are frail or unwell. Some of these become lost and no longer receive the Sacraments. If you know of any parishioners who would welcome a visit, please let Fr Simon or Deacons Leo and David know. A visit, by either them or one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, can then be arranged.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses with a variety of cards and gifts available.

SJW BBQ will take place after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Hall after Mass today. Please do buy your ticket in advance, as this will let us know how many to cater for. Please bring plates of salad or national dishes to accompany the BBQ items. Drinks will be provided. The BBQ will also double as our farewell to Fr Peter.

TAIZÉ PRAYER this Sunday 7th July at 5.00pm in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral or in the Chapel of Unity should it be raining. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE there is a problem with the landline at SJW, so if you need to speak to a priest, please call Fr Simon on 024 7641 1900.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS are available by request. If you would like one printing, please speak to Fr Simon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Canon Jonathan Veasey (former Curate of STM Parish) who has been appointed as the new Vicar General for our Archdiocese and for Canon Brian McGinley, who has been appointed as the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATIONS: The Mass of Ordination will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 12noon on Tuesday 16 July. Due to limitations on space the Mass is by invitation only. All are welcome to join online via the Cathedral's livestream, which can be accessed via the Cathedral website at www.stchadscathedral.org.uk. The booklet for the Ordination will also be available via the website. We pray for Canon Monsignor Timothy Menezes (Former Parish Priest of STM) and Canon Richard Walker as they prepare for their Episcopal Ordinations. Later in the year, we look forward to welcoming Canon Monsignor Timothy back to STM for a Mass of Thanksgiving.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR Deacon David Bench as he prepares for his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 20th July in St Chad's Cathedral.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meet on Monday evenings in the MRR from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

RETREAT AFTERNOON on Sunday 4th August from 2.00pm – 5.30pm hosted by the Kingdom of God Charismatic Prayer group in the MRR. The guest speaker will be Br Colin Calmiano. Are welcome for this afternoon of prayer and reflection, which will conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

ALTAR SERVERS: Assisting at Mass in an important service to God and his Church which adds to the outward dignity of our worship at Mass. It would be great to have more children in both STM and SJW involved in altar serving so please encourage your children in this. A child can start serving after they have made their First Holy Communion. If any children would be interested, please speak to Fr Simon or Deacon Leo.

POLISH LADIES' PRAYER GROUP meets every second Sunday in the MRR from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. A time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. For more information about this group, please contact Aneta on 07710272613, or by email at aneta.mielech@gmail.com or feel free to pop in. Next meeting 8th September.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL If you or a relative are going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

PIMMS, PROCESSCO AND PUNNETS on Sunday 18th August. More details to follow, but please make a diary note.

MARCH FOR LIFE will be taking place on Saturday 7th September in London. A coach is being organised leaving from All Souls Church at 9.45am, seats priced at £20. For more information, please see the poster at the back of church or contact All Souls on 02476 674161 for more information.

LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC: The monthly meeting to support and accompany 18+ LBGTQ+ Catholics, their family members, and friends in a safe and respectful setting will be held at 7.00pm on Sunday 21st July at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please speak to Deacon Leo 024 7641 9731 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE is taking place on Sunday 1st September. This year the Mass will be celebrated by Abbot Paul Gunter OSB. Last year, a number of parishioners attended the Mass and suggested looking at the minibus. Obviously, September is a little while off, but with August on the horizon it is a difficult time to organise. If anyone would like to attend this pilgrimage, please let Fr Simon know.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES: To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS can be donated at the back of both STM and SJW. All stamps collected will be donated to the RNIB charity, which helps to create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.

DEANERY ENEWSLETTER: We have a new Deanery ENewsletter for Coventry and Nuneaton. To sign up for it, please visit www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES Joshua and Charles Hourihan, John Higgins, John Harris, Jeffrey Hopkins, John Leaver, Rita Carberry, Edward Mulhall, Victor Brown, Pauline McCormick, Elizabeth McCarthy, Winifred Adams, Lilian 'Marg' Stubbs, Eleanor Cox, Julie O'Sullivan, Maureen Davison, Dr Desmond Atherton, Evelyn Hemming, Joseph D'Arcy, David McKenzie, Agnes Pearson, James Gilbride, John Davies, Catherine Blackwell, Elizabeth Beaufoy, Ellen Duffy, Grace McCabe, Jeremiah Joy, Hyacinth Nichols, Sean McCallion, Martin Doran, John O'Brien, Nora O'Keefe, Rev Fr Philip Cleary, Bryan O'Connor, Lilian Bialek, Robert Davis, Fr Liam O'Connor, Albert Bateman, Mary Wheatley, Nora Nolan, Bernard Swinden, Elizabeth Lenton, Ann Donoghue, Henryk Cerowski, Donna Lewis, Margaret Hinch, Maurice Cunningham, Mary Harshaw, Joan Flynn, Joan Imojah, Mary Baker, Michael Crampsie, Margaret Synnott, Iris Gamble, Margaret 'Peg' O'Brien, Rosie Harris, James Fulton, John Merrigan, Joseph Molloy, Gerald Harland, Martin Brennan, Daphne Berrill, Gianfranco Piazzon, Gertrude Somers, Jack Gerrard, Ellen Hayward, Jeremiah Cronin, Kathleen Toms, Teresa Calvert, Martin Clifford, Ernest McCarron, Kathleen Bailey, Maria Detheride, Catherine Mellor, Brain Pratt, Winiefred Robins, Michael Quinn, Elizabeth Mangan, Mary Russell, Nancy Anderson, Pat Ryan, Patrick Halton, Henry Gettlevog.

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| READERS FOR JULY | STM | 6 th | 5.00 pm | Mary Wilson |
| | | 7 th | 9.00 am | Clive Robinson |
| | | 13 th | 5.00 pm | Monika Rozanski |
| | | 14 th | 9.00 am | Kris Pears |
| | | 20 th | 5.00 pm | Janet Ward |
| | | 21 st | 9.00 am | Sonia Carvell |
| | | 27 th | 5.00 pm | Ashford & Quinita |
| | Aug | 3 rd | 5.00 pm | Mandy Crilly |
| | | 4 th | 9.00 am | Ann Fernandes |
| | SJW | 7 th | 11.00 am | Lorraine |
| | | 14 th | 11.00 am | Maria |
| | | 21 st | 11.00 am | John |
| | | 28 th | 11.00 am | Godwin |
| | | Aug 4 th | 11.00 am | Jacqueline |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 7th July Taizé Prayer in the Cathedral Ruins
- 16th July Episcopal Ordinations via Livestream
- 21st July LGBTQ+ meeting at Stoney Road

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN JULY

- 14th July Apostleship of the Sea
- 21st July Church Flowers at STM

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