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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week: 3

Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Sunday Year: B

Saturday 10th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions		
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	James Clayton (Anniv)	
		Sunday 11th	9.00am	STM	Mass	Trevor Dixon (5th Anniv)
			11.00am	SJW	Mass	Patrick Whelan (Anniv)
Monday 12 th	Feria			No Mass		
Tuesday 13 th	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Mrs Carmela George (RIP)	
Wednesday 14 th	St Maximilan Kolbe	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Michael Hammond (Anniv)	
Thursday 15th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	6.45am	STM	Mass	Pro Populo	
		10.00am	STM	Mass	John Paul Brogan (Birthday Anniv)	
		12 noon	SJW	Mass	Sean Farrell (RIP)	
		7.00pm	STM	Mass	Clare Cunningham (Ints)	
Friday 16 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Laurence Wood (RIP) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 17 th	Our Lady	10.00am	SJW	Mass	James and Averil Simpson (Anniv) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		1.00pm	STM	Wedding Service of Ellie-May Brisco and Joseph Whitmore		
	Sunday 18th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
5.00pm			STM	Vigil Mass	John Archer (Ints)	
9.00am			STM	Mass	Joseph Cooney (Anniv)	
11.00am			SJW	Mass	Dolores Connolly (RIP)	

Our readings remind us of God's care, our call to live with kindness, and the importance of faith in Jesus. In the First Reading, Elijah is overwhelmed and seeks death in the wilderness. He feels alone and tired, but God sends an angel to give him food and water. This shows that God does not abandon us, even in our lowest moments. He sees our struggles and offers help. Elijah's journey to Horeb becomes possible because of God's care. We learn that God sustains us in difficult times. Like Elijah, we need to trust that God will provide what we need. His support helps us continue our journey.

St Paul tells us to avoid behaviours that grieve the Holy Spirit. We are called to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. This is how we should live as followers of Christ. His message is simple: treat others with love and respect. Holding on to anger and bitterness hurts us and those around us. By forgiving and showing kindness, we live like Jesus

In the Gospel, Jesus declares that He is the living bread from heaven. This bread gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. The Jews struggle to understand this message. Jesus emphasises that only those drawn by the Father can come to Him. This passage highlights the importance of faith in Jesus. By believing in Him, we receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus invites us to trust in Him and receive His life-giving presence.

Lord, thank you for your constant care and support. Help us to live with kindness and forgive others as you forgive us. Strengthen our faith in Jesus, the bread of life. Amen.

STM Website: www.stmcov.org.uk **SJW Website:** www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk
Facebook: Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker
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

OFFERTORIES

STM Collection: £565.50

SJW Collection: TBC

Thank you for your continued generosity

WELCOME to Mass today. A special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time. Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Patrick Henry (Requiem Mass on 20th August), **Tim and Irma Connolly, Jane Goodyear, Isabella Waugh** and **Philomena Ledwidge** (Requiem Mass on 3rd September) together with 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: Nigel Wooltorton, 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, Alice Rowland, John Walker, 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 and Joan O'Leary.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY is celebrated on Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics, therefore our duty to attend Mass. Masses at STM will be at 6.45am, 10.00am and 7.00pm; and Mass at SJW will be at 12noon.

Although this Solemnity marks the end of Our Lady's life on earth it is nevertheless a day of rejoicing – for it marks her entrance fully into the life of God when she received the reward of her absolute faithfulness and trust in God her saviour. Whilst in this world she was limited in her motherly care to the early church gathered around the apostles, now, from her place in heaven, she intercedes for the whole Church, in all time. She is our mother too, so let us come on this day to ask her prayers, so that the glory she now enjoys may, one day, be ours.

PIMMS, PROSECCO AND PUNNETS will take place on Sunday 18th August from 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the Presbytery Garden at STM. An afternoon of strawberries and cream with a little tippie (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) of your choice. Tickets priced at £5 and available after all Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION after Masses next weekend at STM for the Parish Development Fund.

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

OUR PRAYER CONGRATULATIONS to Florence Elizabeth and Joseph Leo who were baptised at STM last Sunday.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Over the next couple of weeks if you have any items for the newsletter, could we ask that they please be submitted by Wednesday of each week.

MASS 'N' MINGLE will continue during August, but there will be a more 'waistline friendly' gathering afterwards. Our thanks to our dedicated team of bakers who provide the cakes each week.

JOINT FACEBOOK PAGE: The Facebook page can be found by searching for 'Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker.' If you are a user of Facebook and haven't already, please do like our page and share with family and friends.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP will resume weekly gatherings on Monday 2nd September.

RED MISSION BOXES: Please could all Mission boxes for SJW be returned by Sunday 18th August for counting. For more information, please speak to Joyce Connolly.

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.

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

'SEEKING THE LIGHT' is an exhibition of textile art by Alexandra Kingswell, which takes its inspiration from the Bible and Christian spirituality. The exhibition will be held in Coventry Cathedral from 1st – 31st August. Admission free.

HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE is taking place on Sunday 1st September. A coach would cost between £16 - £20 if we have 53 people interested. This has been advertised in the local parishes, asking for numbers by Sunday 18th August. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would be interested in attending this event. Please tick if you would be willing to drive and take a passenger with you so we have a backup plan if numbers aren't feasible for the coach.

ANSWERPHONE MESSAGES: A few people have said they have phoned the Presbytery but did not receive a call back. Lola – that cat – hasn't been trained to answer the phone yet, so if you do call, and get no answer, please make use of the answerphone facility so your call can then be returned at the earliest convenience.

BOOKING MASSES: There will be one diary for booking Masses at both churches and we ask people to use the envelopes available at the back of both STM and SJW. Please fill in all the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the STM Presbytery letterbox. We ask that Masses be requested three months in advance of your required date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed as someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

'RING AND RIDE' From time to time, we come across parishioners who are unable to get to Mass for a few weeks following surgery or other reasons. It would be good to have a handful of drivers who we can call upon to pick these parishioners up and bring them to Sunday Mass, if they are able and would like to attend. If you are happy to be part of such a team, please email or speak with Fr Simon.

ARYPT FUND RAISER: The sponsored walk concluding with 'Mass in the Malverns' will be taking place on Saturday 21st September. For more information about the event, please see the details at the back of both STM and SJW or email Richard at arypt2022@gmail.com

NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI begins on Sunday 18th and ends on 26th August, his Feast Day. Blessed Dominic arrived in the Archdiocese in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845. Blessed Dominic had a well-known reputation for sanctity and holiness of life. He is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help. Novena prayer cards will be available at the back of both STM and SJW.

2024 CENSUS FORMS are still available at the back of both STM and SJW for anyone who is new to the parish or who has not yet updated their details. Thank you to all those who have returned forms.

LET'S GROW SERIES at Coventry Cathedral, a series of free weekly Thursday family sessions thinking about how to best care for our environment, with art, poetry, crafts and more. For more information, please visit the Cathedral website.

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.

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