

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF *St Thomas More* and *St Joseph the Worker*

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		STM	<b>NO Confessions</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>John Archer (Ints)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Joseph Cooney (Anniv)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Dolores Connolly (RIP)</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Bernard			No Mass	
		12 noon	STM	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Patrick Henry (RIP)	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Pius X	11.00am	STM	<b>Mass 'n' Mingle</b>	Jim Jackson (Mem Mass)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Queenship of BVM			No Mass	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St John Wall	10.00am	STM	<b>Mass</b>	Arthur Thornhill (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
				followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew	10.00am	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Harry Curtis (40 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniv)
				followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>	STM	<b>Confessions</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Mary Berry (Ints)</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Joe Kendall (Anniv)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Fr Peter and family (Ints)</b>

Our readings this Sunday guide us to live wisely and seek true nourishment in Jesus. They remind us of the importance of wisdom, the call to live according to God's will, and the promise of eternal life through Jesus. Let us strive to apply these teachings in our daily lives.

The First Reading from Proverbs speaks of Wisdom calling out to the naive and senseless. Wisdom invites them to leave behind their foolish ways and come dine at her table. This image of a banquet shows us that wisdom is not only valuable but also inviting and accessible. Wisdom's invitation is to a better life. It encourages us to abandon foolishness and embrace understanding. When we choose wisdom, we choose a path that leads to true fulfilment and joy. Accepting Wisdom's invitation means making better choices. It means seeking knowledge and understanding and applying them in our daily lives. Wisdom leads us to live in a way that pleases God and benefits ourselves and others.

St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians urges us to live wisely. He tells us to be careful in how we live, making the most of every opportunity. This means being aware of our actions and their impact on our lives and others. Living wisely also means understanding God's will. We must seek to know what God wants for us and follow His guidance. This involves avoiding things that can harm us, like drunkenness, and instead being filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul also encourages us to be joyful and thankful. Singing spiritual songs and giving thanks to God helps us stay focused on His goodness.

**STM Website:** [www.stmcov.org.uk](http://www.stmcov.org.uk)      **SJW Website:** [www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk](http://www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker

**Coventry Catholic Deanery:** [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

**STM Livestream webcam:** <https://www.youtube.com/@StThomasMoreCov>

**SJW Livestream webcam:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-lDw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-lDw)

**OFFERTORIES**

**STM Collection:** £666.00

**SJW Collection:** £541.88 (2 weeks)

*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, Tim and Irma Connolly, Jane Goodyear, Isabella Waugh and Philomena Ledwidge** (Requiem Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Woollorton, 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** after Masses today at STM for the Parish Development Fund.

**THANK YOU** to Fr David Burke, Fr Des and Fr Emmanuel for saying our Masses this week. Please read the newsletter carefully for Mass times over the next few weeks.

**OUR PIETY STALLS** are open after all Masses.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

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

**HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE** is taking place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. A coach would cost between £16 - £20 if we have 53 people interested. Final numbers today please. 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.

**ARYPT FUND RAISER:** The sponsored walk concluding with 'Mass in the Malverns' will be taking place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:arypt2022@gmail.com)

**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.

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

**READERS AT SUNDAY MASSES** may be interested in a free refresher programme that is being offered online in two sessions from 3-4pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. The first session focuses on ministry and the Word and the second focuses on the Lectionary itself and strategies to promote Scripture in parish life. To book a place please email [fr.allen.morris@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.allen.morris@rcaob.org.uk)

**AFTERNOON TEA** for Youngs Carers and CAFOD on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm – 4.00pm in MRR. Tickets priced at £14 via Mandy Woollorton at STM.

**OUR LADY'S CHAPEL** will not currently be open for private prayer until September. Apologies for any inconvenience. Please use Our Lady's statue in the grounds if you come and the chapel is closed.

**'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 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August. Admission free.

**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.

**'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.

**NOVENA TO BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI** begins on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and ends on 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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