

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

## *St Thomas More* and *St Joseph the Worker*

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></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>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>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>					
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Blessed Dominic Barberi			No Mass	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica			No Mass	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine	11.00am	STM	<b>Mass 'n' Mingle</b>	Elaine Fossett (Ints)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Passion of St John the Baptist			No Mass	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	10.00am	STM	<b>Mass</b> followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Patrick and Betty Commins (RIP Anniv)
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b> followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Marie Senechal (RIP Anniv)
		<b>4.15pm</b>	STM	<b>Confessions</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Frank Thompson (RIP)</b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Emrys Evans (RIP B'day)</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Dolores Connolly (RIP)</b>

Our readings remind us of the importance of choosing to follow God, living in loving unity, and facing the challenges of discipleship. They remind us of the importance of faith, commitment, and love in our lives. Let us reflect on these lessons and strive to live them out daily.

In the First Reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve. This decision is crucial for their identity and future. Joshua reminds them of God's faithfulness and the many ways He has delivered them. We too, face choices about our allegiance. We can choose to follow God or be swayed by other influences. Our commitment to God shapes our lives and our actions. Choosing God means putting Him first in everything. It means trusting His guidance and following His commandments. This choice is a daily decision, and it requires faith and dedication.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the difficulty of His teachings. Many of His disciples find His words hard to accept and leave Him. Peter, however, reaffirms his faith in Jesus. Following Jesus is not always easy. It requires accepting difficult truths and making sacrifices. Some may find this too challenging and turn away. Peter's confession shows true discipleship. He recognises Jesus as the Holy One of God and chooses to stay. This teaches us the importance of faith and commitment, even when the path is hard.

Lord, help us to choose You every day. Strengthen our commitment to follow Your ways. Fill our hearts with love and guide us through the challenges we face. Amen.

**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:** £745.50  
 STM Parish Development Fund: £598.70

**SJW Collection:** £148.00

**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, 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 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.

**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.

**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 their weekly gatherings on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE:** The coach will leave STM Car Park at 11.45am next Sunday morning. If you are attending the Mass, you will need to bring a chair to sit on for the Mass. There are 10 spaces still available on the coach, so if anyone would like to go, please let us know by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Coach spaces are £20 per person, which will be collected on the day. Cars can be left at STM.

**ARYPT FUNDRAISER:** 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 date before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

**PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS** to all those who have received examination results over the last couple of weeks. We pray for all those who now prepare to start a new chapter in their lives, whether at Sixth Form, College or University.

**READERS AT 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 Young Carers and CAFOD on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm – 4.00pm in MRR. Tickets priced at £15 via Mandy Wooltorton at STM. Please see poster for more details.

**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.

**AN EXHIBITION OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN** is coming to St Patrick's, Deedmore Road, Coventry, CV2 2HW. Visitors will be able to see a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin as part of a fascinating exhibition which will be on display from 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September. The Shroud is a linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a crucified man. Many believe it is the burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus after his crucifixion, and upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. The exhibition will also feature other displays and detailed information boards, which cover evidence revealed by historical and scientific research, explaining how the Shroud's image and bloodstains align with Gospel accounts. The exhibition will be open on Tuesdays to Fridays 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Saturdays from 12noon – 4.00pm and after Sunday Mass, from about 11.30pm – 1.00pm.

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

**ANSWERPHONE MESSAGES:** A few people have said they have phoned the Presbytery but did not receive a call back. Lola – the 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.

**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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