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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 7th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Dcn Tony and Sheila Colby (Anniv)
Sunday 8th		9.00am	STM	Mass	Helen McDonnell (1st Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Philip Collins (RIP)
Monday 9 th	St Osburg			No Mass	
Tuesday 10 th	Feria			No Mass	
Wednesday 11 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Margaret Murphy (RIP)
Thursday 12 th	Most Holy Name of Mary			No Mass	
Friday 13 th	St John Chrysostom	10.30am	STM	Mass	Celebrants Intentions
Saturday 14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross			No Mass	
	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	John & Ellen Merrick (Anniv)
Sunday 15th		9.00am	SJW	Mass	Fr Harry Curtis (40th Anniv Ordination)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo

Welcome to Mass today. We extend 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.

Our readings guide us in understanding God's healing power, His justice, and our call to live out our faith.

In the First Reading from Isaiah, God promises to deliver and heal His people. He will turn barren landscapes into flourishing life. This shows God's care and commitment to those who are suffering. God's promise of healing can bring comfort to those who feel hopeless. He transforms dry lands into streams of water, symbolizing new life and hope. This reminds us that no situation is too difficult for God to change. We are called to trust in God's promise. When we face challenges, we can remember that God has the power to bring healing and new life. Just as He promised to the people in Isaiah's time, He promises us the same today.

In the Second Reading, St James speaks about treating people equally. He warns against showing favouritism to the wealthy. This contradicts faith in Jesus Christ, who honours the poor in spirit. St James teaches us that everyone deserves to be treated with respect. Wealth or status should not determine how we treat others. God values each person equally, regardless of their material possessions. This reading challenges us to examine our own behaviour. Do we treat people differently based on their wealth? True faith calls us to see and honour the dignity in every person, just as God does.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech issue. Despite Jesus' instructions to keep the miracle quiet, the news spreads widely. This story shows Jesus' compassion and power to heal. We all suffer from spiritual deafness at times. Sometimes we don't want to hear God's voice or the opinions of others. Jesus can heal us, just as He healed the deaf man, if we take time to listen. To overcome our spiritual deafness, we need to spend more time in prayer. Listening to God, rather than just speaking, can open our hearts to His healing. Jesus will heal us if we humbly ask Him to do so.

Let us pray. Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. 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: £685.50

SJW Collection: £280.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Philomena Ledwidge, Fr Peter Blundell, Elizabeth Keane (Requiem Mass at SJW on 27th September), and **Fr Terry McGuckin** 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: 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, Josie McElroy, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, Keelin Treharne, David O'Grady and Joan O'Leary.

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation.

CHURCH FLOWERS in September will be created using no bought flowers and more natural greenery and foliage sourced from gardens, therefore lowering our carbon footprint, etc. As we begin the Season of Creation and we think more about the world which God has created, this is a lovely way to appreciate the beauty of creation which God provides in the natural world.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP STM Mondays 7pm in MRR.

AFTERNOON TEA for Young Carers and CAFOD on Saturday 14th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm in MRR. Tickets priced at £15 via Mandy Wooltorton at STM. Please see poster for more details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY begins again on Sunday during the 9.00am Mass at STM. Our thanks to everyone who leads the liturgy for the children/families 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.

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY MAC MASS will be held at 10.30am in STM on Friday this week. At this Mass, we will welcome the pupils from the school within the Holy Cross Mac as they celebrate a Votive Mass of the Holy Cross. We pray for pupils and staff, and all those who work to support the life of our schools, that through their teaching and learning they foster communities that radiate the image, likeness and message of Christ himself. This Mass is open to any parishioners who would like to attend.

ARYPT FUNDRAISER: 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

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.

THIS SUNDAY, if it wasn't a Sunday would be the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady. We all enjoy celebrating a birthday – the lower ones anyway! – so it is only right and just that we too celebrate Our Lady's birthday. Before you leave Mass, make a visit to Our Lady and ask for her intercession for yourself, your family and friends, our parish and the world in which we live.

'DINE AND DEVOUR' FOOD NIGHT on Saturday 28th September following from 5.00pm Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a plate of food from their own heritage for a 'bring and share' table. Drinks will be provided. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church for people to indicate what they will be bringing.

PARISH WALK: Next Sunday (15th) along Coventry Canal from Coventry Arena to Hawksbury Junction and back, with refreshments at the Greyhound Inn. 3 miles/1.25 hours plus extra for refreshments. Meet at Coventry Station for the 12.56pm train to Coventry Arena station or meet at Coventry Arena station at 13.05pm. For more information, please see the poster.

LOURDES PETITIONS: Deacon David and June Palmer are going to Lourdes on 13th September with HCPT. They are happy to take any petitions people may have and leave them to be prayed for in the Grotto there. Please give them to Deacon David, June or Fr Simon by Tuesday 10th September.

EDUCATION SUNDAY is celebrated today. As we commence the beginning of a new academic year, let us entrust to Almighty God all who are involved in the provision of Catholic education in our schools, colleges and universities. We pray that Christ the Teacher will strengthen their faith and fill their hearts with courage and hope. In your prayers this weekend, please do ask for God's blessing upon all those who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING on Friday 27th September from 10.00am until late. Claire and Mary invite you to their annual fundraiser for MacMillan at 192 Kenpas Highway. All welcome.

BLESSING OF GRAVES will take place on Sunday afternoons during October at Canley (6th), St Paul's (13th), London Road (20th) and Lenton's Lane (27th). All at 3.00pm.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL are holding their Opening Evening on Thursday 26 September from 6.00-8.00pm.

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL takes place from 16th – 22nd September. During this week, there will be two Holy Hours held in SJW (17th) and STM (19th) where we can come together to pray for peace in these areas of conflict.

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.

QUARANT'ORE EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL at St Thomas More Church from Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th October 2024. Like last year, it will be possible to a sponsor a candle for a particular intention that will burn for the forty hours before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to sponsor a cable, priced at £5.00, please use the forms at and hand them and the donation in via the envelopes available at the back of both churches.

'REJOICE AND BE GLAD' Five sessions of shared prayer and reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, 'Gaudete Exsultate'. The five sessions will take place in the meeting room at St Osburg's Church, Barras Lane CV1 4AQ, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, beginning on Monday 7th October 2024 and on October 14th and 21st, November 4th and 11th. Participants will receive a free copy of 'Gaudete et Exsultate', for use between sessions. If you are interested in taking part in these sessions, please contact 07528644617 or 07403625292. Deadline for registration is Friday 27th September 2024.

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

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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