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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week: 3

Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Sunday Year: B

Saturday 14 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
				STM	Vigil Mass
Sunday 15 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	STM	Mass	
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Fr Harry Curtis (Ints) Pro Populo
Monday 16 th	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian			No Mass	
Tuesday 17 th	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Charles Connolly (RIP)
		2.00pm	SJW	Holy Hour for Peace	
Wednesday 18 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Tanja Skendrovic (Anniv)
Thursday 19 th	Feria	6.30pm	STM	Holy Hour for Peace	
Friday 20 th	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions	10.00am	STM	Mass	Dennis O'Sullivan followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 21 st	St Matthew	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Katie Aubrey (RIP B'day) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
Sunday 22 nd	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Jimmy Fahy (Ints)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Don Sammons (RIP)

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.

Today's readings guide us in understanding faith, suffering, and discipleship and teach us to listen to God's word, act on our faith, and follow Jesus' path. Reflecting on these themes helps us grow closer to God and strengthens our commitment to our faith.

Isaiah speaks about the servant who listens to God and does not turn away. This shows us the importance of being attentive to God's voice in our lives. We are called to be open and willing to hear what God has to say to us. Listening to God means being present and paying attention. It involves setting aside time for prayer and reflection. By doing this, we can understand God's will for us and how we should live. In our busy lives, it can be hard to find quiet moments. But making time to listen to God can bring peace and direction.

St James teaches us that faith without works is dead. This means our actions must reflect our faith. Believing in God is important, but we also need to show our faith through our deeds. Helping others and living out our faith go hand in hand. When we help those in need, we show the love of God in action. Our faith becomes alive and active through our good works.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples who they think He is and Peter responds, "You are the Messiah." This moment is a turning point in the Gospel of Mark, leading towards Jesus' suffering and death in Jerusalem. Following Jesus means accepting His path, even when it is difficult. Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him. This means we may face challenges and hardships as part of our faith journey.

Let us pray. Lord, help us to listen to Your voice and follow Your path. Give us the strength to live out our faith through our actions. May we take up our cross and find true life in You. 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: £611.70

SJW Collection: £274.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Fr Peter Blundell (Requiem Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on 1st October), **Elizabeth Keane** (Requiem Mass at SJW on 27th September) **Jenny Craig, Kurt Lawlor** and **Marie Craig**, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Catholic Evangelisation.

NEXT SUNDAY: Father Hudson's Society

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: In 2013, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the 'Joy of the Gospel' entitled 'Evangelii Gaudium'. In it he encouraged the Christian faithful to 'embark on a new chapter of evangelisation' whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, is celebrated this Sunday and it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord in Matthew's Gospel to evangelise and to 'go therefore and make disciples of all nations.'

THIS SUNDAY is the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival at Oscott College, an event which has been scheduled to coincide with the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress that takes place at the Quito Metropolitan Convention Centre in the Ecuadorian. The Congress aims to make known Jesus Christ in his Eucharistic Mystery as the centre of our Catholic life and the heartbeat of our mission to heal the wounds of the world. Representatives from each parish and deanery have been invited to Oscott, but for all of us, it is a chance to consider how often we come to sit before the Lord during times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider coming along to our usual slots of on Friday morning at STM, Saturday morning at SJW and Saturday evening at STM or looking ahead, making use of the Quarant'ore Festival taking place in a few weeks.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION is blooming! Grateful thanks to everyone at STM who has contributed to the church foliage arrangements with grasses, blooms and seed heads from their gardens. If you have some interesting long-stemmed foliage we will attempt to use all donations. A container is provided in the porch for contributions (beside the Food Hub boxes) on Wednesday or Thursday.

JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING on Tuesday 17th at 7.00pm in the MRR. All welcome to come along and learn about the group.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meet on Monday evenings at 7.00pm in the MRR. All are welcome to come for a time of prayer and praise.

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

PARISH WALK on 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 at the back of both churches.

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

'DINE AND DEVOUR' FOOD NIGHT on Saturday 28th September following from 5.00pm Mass at STM. 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.

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.

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL takes place from 16th – 22nd September. There will be two Holy Hour's taking place this week. We have all seen the distressing images and reports on television, so these Holy Hours are a chance to come together to pray for peace in these areas of conflict and for all those whose lives have been affected and devastated by the ravages of war.

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.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS: Please see the posters and use the postcode CV3 5DE to search for our own STM Primary School in the 'ASDA Rewards App' to help collect much needed funds for the School. Each time you shop at ASDA, they will donate money to STM School, which they can then spend how they choose.

BOOKING MASSES: We ask that Masses be requested three months in advance of your required date. Preferred dates cannot always be guaranteed as someone else might have asked for a particular date before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL are holding their annual Open Evening on Thursday 26th September from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see their website for more information.

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 (priced at £5.00 each) for a particular intention that will burn for the forty hours before the Blessed Sacrament. please use the forms at the back of both churches, place in an envelope with your donation and hand them in.

'REJOICE AND BE GLAD' Five sessions of shared prayer and reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, 'Gaudete Exultate.' The sessions will take place at St Osburg's Church from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Monday 7th, 14th and 21st and again on November 4th, 11th. A free copy of 'Gaudete et Exultate' will be provided. Please contact 07528644617 or 07403625292 register by 27th September.

SEPTEMBER BUMPER NEWSLETTER: Spare copies of the bumper September edition are available at the back of both churches.

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 on 0121 230 6240 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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