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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 21st	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Jimmy Fahy (Ints)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Pro Populo
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Guisseppina Flocco (Ints)
Monday 23 rd	St Pius Pietrelcina			No Mass	
Tuesday 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Sinead O'Carroll-Bishop (RIP)
Wednesday 25 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Margaret Murphy (RIP)
Thursday 26 th	Feria			No Mass	
Friday 27 th	St Vincent de Paul	10.00am	STM	Mass	Macaria Mendoza (Anniv) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		1.15pm	SJW	Requiem Mass	for Elizabeth Keane (RIP)
Saturday 28 th	Our Lady	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Corina and Joe Lawlor (Ints) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Aspell Family (Ints)
Sunday 29 th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	STM	Mass	Deacon Tony Colby (Anniv)
		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 invite us to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service inviting us to examine how we live our faith and interact with others.

The Book of Wisdom speaks of the just person suffering because of their righteousness. The wicked plot against the just, trying to see if God will save them. This passage reminds us that living a righteous life may lead to suffering and opposition. We can learn from this reading that true wisdom is not always appreciated. Sometimes, doing the right thing brings challenges and hardships. However, we are called to remain faithful and trust that God sees and knows our struggles.

St James speaks about the conflicts that arise from selfish desires. James urges us to seek peace and righteousness instead of giving in to jealousy and selfish ambition. He reminds us that true wisdom comes from God and leads to good deeds. Righteous living means putting God's will above our own desires. It involves seeking peace, being gentle, and showing mercy. These actions reflect God's wisdom and bring harmony into our lives and communities.

In the Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness, telling them whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him. This lesson on humility and service is crucial for us. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need. By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus' example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.

Let us pray. Lord, grant us true wisdom to seek Your will above our own. Help us to serve others with humility and love. Guide us to live righteously and in peace. Amen.

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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: £604.30
STM Catholic Evangelisation: £299.40
SJW Collection: TBC
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WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Fr Peter Blundell (Requiem Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on 1st October), **Elizabeth Keane, James Gleeson** (Requiem Mass on 10th October at STM), **Joan Walsh, 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, Joan O'Leary and Guseppina Flocco.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Father Hudson's Society.

'DINE AND DEVOUR' FOOD NIGHT next Saturday 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Over the last couple of weeks, there have been occasions where some of our daily Masses have been cancelled as we have been unable to find cover. If one of these Masses had been requested for your intentions, please note that they have been moved to the next available date.

PARKING AT STM: Could we politely ask that, if you are attending the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass, if you are able and mobile, you park on the school site and leave the spaces by the Presbytery and Our Lady for those less mobile. Could we also ask that people do not park along the front of church by the white bollards. This area should be kept clear at all times in case emergency vehicles need to park.

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: If you have some interesting long-stemmed foliage we will attempt to use all donations. A container is provided in the porch at STM for contributions (beside the Food Hub boxes) on Wednesday or Thursday.

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 along.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM which is celebrated this Tuesday has been raised by the Holy Father to a Feast Day. The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established around 1061 when, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad (c1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. Richeldis was not a visionary like the children in Lourdes and Fatima. She was a woman of faith, she pondered, meditated and prayed. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. Walsingham is therefore a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation, a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. Pilgrims come to Walsingham, like Mary, to conceive Our Lord in their hearts, that they may bring Him forth into the world, rejoicing with His Mother. May Our Lady of Walsingham pray for us as we strive to make Christ known to all in our world today.

THANK YOU to all those who came and supported the Afternoon Tea event last Saturday. A total of £542 was raised and will be divided between the Young Carers and CAFOD. Thanks also to all those who helped to prepare and serve the refreshments.

NEWMAN CIRCLE MEETING on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in the MRR at STM. Veronica Whitty will give a talk on 'Estelle White: Composer and Hymn Writer.'

MACMILLAN FUNDRAISING DAY 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.

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.

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.

BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES will be coming to STM on Thursday 10th October to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving. Bishop Timothy was Parish Priest at STM from 2004 – 2011. This Mass will be a chance to offer our congratulations and prayers to him.

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.

KNITTED BABY CARDIGANS are required by the University Hospital in Coventry and Warwickshire for premature babies. If you, or any friends can knit any, they can be given in at church, so that the Knights of St Columba will pass them to the Coventry Clothing Charity.

LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC: The monthly meeting to support and accompany 18+ LGBTQ+ Catholics, their family members and friends in a safe and respectful setting will be held at 7.00pm on Sunday 29th September at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, speak to Deacon Leo 024 7641 9731 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

QUARANT'ORE: 3rd – 6th OCTOBER: There are sign-up sheets for people to volunteer to watch with the Lord during the Eucharistic Festival. During the forty hours, there must be two people present in church to ensure the safety of the Blessed Sacrament. Others, if not signed up, are welcome to come and spend time with the Lord. This Eucharistic Festival will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in love of the Lord himself in the most precious gift of the Blessed Sacrament. Please take a leaflet for more information.

QUARANT'ORE VOTIVE CANDLES: If you would like to sponsor a candle, priced at £5.00 each, for a particular intention that will burn for the forty hours before the Blessed Sacrament, there are forms at the back of both churches. Place in an envelope with your donation and hand them in via the Collection bags or Presbytery letterbox.

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.

'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 Oct and again on 4th, 11th Nov. A free copy of 'Gaudete et Exultate' will be provided. Please contact 07528644617 or 07403625292 to register by 27th September.

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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