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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 28 th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Aspell Family (Ints)
Sunday 29 th		9.00am	STM	Mass	Deacon Tony Colby (Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo
Monday 30 th	St Jerome			No Mass	
Tuesday 1 st	St Thérèse of Lisieux	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Eleanor Collins (RIP)
Wednesday 2 nd	Holy Guardian Angels	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Nellie McCann (RIP)
Thursday 3 rd	Feria	9.15am	STM	Mass (School)	Brian Whittaker (RIP)
		11.00am	STM	Holy Hour for Vocations	
		7.00pm	STM	Holy Hour for Peace	
Friday 4 th	St Francis of Assisi	10.00am	STM	Mass	Paul and Daniel Costa (Ints)
		11.00am	STM	Holy Hour with guided talks	
		7.00pm	STM	Holy Hour with the Saints and Blessed	
Saturday 5 th	Our Lady	11.00am	STM	Holy Hour for the Sick of our Parishes with Anointing	
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Liam Mee (Anniv)
Sunday 6 th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	STM	Mass	Lennox Lindsay (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Sr Mary Naughton, Johanna Richardson and Anne Clarke (RIP)
		3.15pm	STM	Holy 'half' Hour for Children	
		5.30pm	STM	Solemn Benediction	

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.

In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasises that good works done in His name are valuable. This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in His name. By recognising and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community.

Let us pray, Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognise and support the good works done in Your name. 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: TBA

SJW Collection: TBA

STM Fr Hudson's Collection: TBA

SJW Fr Hudson's Collection: TBA

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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** (Requiem Mass 15th October at STM), **Jenny Craig, Kurt Lawlor, Marie Craig, Maggie Smith** 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 Guiseppina Flocco.

OCTOBER is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Devotion to Mary has always been at the heart of our life and worship as Catholics. Since medieval times in England and Wales, there has been a long-standing practice to pray the 'Hail Mary' at Mass after the last intercession of the Prayers of the Faithful. This seems particularly appropriate during the months of May and October, and for the key Marian Feasts. It's a good time to remember that Mary's 'yes' changed the world. At the Annunciation, Mary said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, who asked her to give birth to God's son, freely accepting God's will in her life. In March 2020, Catholics and other Christians across England took part in the re-dedication of the country to the Virgin Mary. The original dedication took place in 1381, when King Richard II made a series of 'entrustment vows' at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi. The country was in a period of turmoil and the King turned to the Virgin Mary for protection. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. So let us all turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek her intercession and ask that she will always be 'our most gentle Queen and Mother.'

OUR BUMPER NEWSLETTER is usually published on the first Sunday of each month, but with several things happening this coming week, it seemed a sensible idea to be a little early in printing. Please remember the purpose of the bumper edition is to give plenty of notice for the different events and meetings which will be happening in the coming month, so when you get home, get your diaries out and make a note!

'DINE AND DEVOUR' FOOD NIGHT after the 5.00pm Saturday Mass today 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.

THIS SUNDAY is the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is a day set aside to raise awareness about the challenges faced by migrants and refugees around the world, in order to promote solidarity and compassion toward them. Our Holy Father has chosen the theme, 'God walks with His people' and reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray for those who are lost, exhausted or who face obstacles in their migrant journey. May they know God's presence along the way, and may He bless those that care for them.

LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH: Live in solidarity with those in poverty by supporting a local food bank. Collection boxes available at the back of both STM and SJW. Thank you to everyone that donates for your continuing support.

PLEASE NOTE that Mass at STM on Thursday is at 9.15am and there is no Mass at SJW on Saturday morning this week.

QUARANT'ORE EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FESTIVAL

Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th October 2024

*'Sweet Sacrament divine:
hid in thine earthly home'*

Quarant'ore is the ancient tradition which is believed to have begun in Italy during the 16th century in honour of the forty hours during which the Body of Our Lord rested in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion invites us to watch before the Lord, and in this extended period of adoration to offer in his presence our prayer for the Church and its mission.

Quarant'ore is an opportunity to commune with God. It offers a period of reflection where we can pause and take stock of our relationship with him, his mission for ourselves and how we are living out our vocation. It is an opportunity to move away from the busy schedule of our lives and simply be with the Lord. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend time with the Lord during these forty hours.

St Alphonsus Liguori once wrote, 'know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.'

Our 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 and to echo the words of Fr Francis Stanfield, 'Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home; lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come.' The Quarant'ore will also be interspersed with 'themed' Holy Hours, the Divine Offices and the Holy Rosary.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of church for people to volunteer to watch before the Lord during the Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival. During the forty hours, there must be two people present in church to ensure the safety of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are leaflets available at back of both STM and SJW which gives further details about the times and schedule during these forty hours. Please do take a copy.

Everyone is encouraged to come along and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. St John Paul II said, 'the Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world.....let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever.'

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.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after Masses with a variety of Mass cards for all occasions and other items for sale.

THE FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS was first authorised in 1608 by Pope Paul V, in honour of Guardian Angels, then in the 1670s, Pope Clement X made October 2nd the official date for the Feast of Guardian Angels. Both Christians and non-Christians believe that angels exist, and their main job is to protect and guide us through our lives. We are encouraged to make the prayers to the Guardian Angels part of our daily routine.

O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day/night, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on. There are four corners to my bed, there are four angels round my head. One to watch, and one to pray, and two to bear my soul away. Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 4th October. Through the Second Collection taken at Masses next week we can help to fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, can carve a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training center. Gift Aid envelopes are available today ready for the collection next week and there will also be the option to give your donation on a card reader in the porch. If you give by the envelopes and are a Taxpayer, please remember to tick the Gift Aid box, therefore increasing your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Let us continue to pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who face a daily struggle for the necessities of life and in particular for the work of CAFOD.

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.

SARAH COLLINS who has been the Headteacher at STM School since 2019 will be leaving at the end of this academic term. During her time as Headteacher she has guided the school through an Ofsted and S48 inspection and of course the educating of our children at home during the pandemic. We thank her for her dedication and witness to the school over the years and assure her of our prayers and every blessing as she prepares to begin a new chapter in her life.

CHURCH FLOWERS in September have been created using no bought flowers and more natural greenery and foliage sourced from gardens, therefore lowering our carbon footprint, etc. During this time, people have been very generous in donating foliage from their own gardens. Although the Season of Creation finishes on October 4th, we shall continue to create our displays from natural foliage. A container is provided in the porch at STM for contributions (beside the Food Hub boxes) on Wednesday and Thursday.

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.

QUARANT'ORE ROSARIES: These will be offered during the forty hours of devotion. If you would like to lead one of the Rosary's, please sign the sheet at the back of STM.

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.

HOLY HOUR WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place at STM on Saturday 5th at 11.00am. During the Holy Hour, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered for those in need of healing. If you are scheduled for surgery or to go into hospital, please do come along to the Holy Hour.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: St. Marie's in Rugby will be welcoming The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto on 6th/7th October. Please see the poster for more information.

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL: Many of our parishioners at both SJW and STM are generous in helping to support the work of our local foodbanks. During the month of October, we would like to encourage people to put together a food bag to donate to the Foodbanks. There will be information next week on the items that are suitable and needed by the foodbanks.

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: It is now possible to support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations. It allows for more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. The required information is Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meet on Monday evenings at 7.00pm in the MRR. All are welcome.

AN OPENING MEETING with Bishop Richard Walker will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 7.00pm in Our Lady of the Assumption. This will be an opportunity to meet with our new Area Bishop, but also to learn more about how the formation of the cluster parishes and working together as parishes will unfold. There is an open invitation to all parishioners at STM and SJW to attend this meeting. The invitation is extended particularly to those who are involved with groups within our parishes.

DEANERY LEAFLET: Please take one of the new Deanery leaflets which outlines the forward planning for the Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery.

BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm. Bishop Timothy was Parish Priest at STM from 2004 – 2011. This Mass will be a chance to offer our congratulations and prayers to him. If you will be staying for refreshments afterwards, would you please tick the sheet at the back of STM.

SJW WEBSITE is currently unavailable. We are looking into this and hopefully will have it up and running again soon. The weekly newsletter can be viewed online at the STM website or at www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk our Deanery website. It is also possible to sign up for the Deanery Newsletter.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA in 2025 will be celebrating their Centennial Year. They would like to hear from any former Knights. Please contact Paul on 0751 0681457 or Peter 07565 766103 for more information.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMNA QUIZ NIGHT will take place on Friday 18th October at 7.30pm in Christ the King Social Club. Teams of 2 to 5 people are welcome. £10 for each team and £1 to come and support your team. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

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 are required.

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.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: STM Catholic Primary School in Coventry has an exciting opportunity for a Headteacher. Please see the School website, the Holy Cross MAC website or MyNewTerm for further details. Closing date for applications is midday on 9th October 2024.

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 3.45pm in the MRR. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Bazaar, please do come along.

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

COVENTRY NEWMAN CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the MRR. The talk entitled 'The Arts and Reconciliation: Peace-making in Paint and Poetry' will be given by Reverend Mary Gregory who is Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS: We are collecting stamps for RNIB in the boxes at the back of the churches. Please ensure that stamps are trimmed with 1cm of paper around the edge. Please separate British and Overseas stamps. Please do not include pre-printed postage marks.

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 donate money to our school, which can be spent how they choose.

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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER on Sunday 6th October at 5.00pm in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

POLISH LADIES' PRAYER GROUP meets every second Sunday in the MRR from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. A time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. For more information about this group, please contact Aneta on 07710272613 or feel free to pop in.

KNITTED BABY CARDIGANS are required by the University Hospital 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 20th October at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please speak to Deacon Leo 024 7641 9731 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

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.

FR SIMON wishes to thank everyone who has shown support and offered prayers since his 'marvellous mishap' in August. You will probably begin to see a little more of him (avec beard!) now that the physio has started, and he is able to get about more and say Mass. He has enjoyed meeting a few parishioners whilst out and about – a number of them perusing the wine aisle in the shops. Clearly the advice of St Paul in 1 Timothy 5:23 to, 'stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses' is taken to heart by many of our parishioners!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd – 6 th	Quarant'ore Eucharistic Festival
4 th	CAFOD Family Fast Day
8 th	Bazaar Planning Meeting at STM
9 th	Open Meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption
10 th	Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishopp Timothy
22 nd	Newman Circle Meeting

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS MONTH:

Arthur Upham, Thomas Higgins, Maud Grace, Janina Jawdoszak, Terence Duffy, Nellie McCann, Bridget Mitchell, James Holton, Danny Bedding, Agnes McGroarty, Robert McGhee, Andrew Clark, Andrew Neeson, Ian Reilly, Elizabeth Hayes, Peter McLaughlin, Arthur Baxter, Clifford Borda, Rose Green, Elizabeth Loughran, Margaret Sumner, Charles Addison, Kit Roberts, Martin Owens, Keith McGawley, Isobel Higgins, Anna Downey, Maria Darby, Mary McCormack, Malcolm Shanley, Ann Leigh, Margaret Chambers, Teresa Brown, Joan Sharry, Ivor Rouzel, Margaret McHugh, John Comer, Patricia Arnett, Eileen Smith, Peter Dargan, Anthony Armstrong, Margaret O'Kane, Dorothy Bromidge, Patrick Fearon, William Browne, Josephine Ferry, Bridget Boyd, John Clements, Kenneth Brown, Eileen Winter, Zygmunt Branski, Daisy Smith, Ronald Sharpe, Thomas Norris, Brian Roberts, Marion Mullens, Joan Bell, Jan Zajac, Nora Curristan, Catherine David, Margaret McMahan, William McCann, Paul Kenny, Maud Maher, Andrew & Elizabeth Gavin, Nancy Allen, Desmond Drew, Margaret Arnold, William "Liam" Mee, Mario Sajeve, James Conroy, Peter Allen, Edna Horton, Eugene Heavey, David Nisbet, Alan Stock, Jessie Townend, Violet Hastings, Margaret Lawlor, Roger Willets, Eileen Black, Henry O'Doherty, Brian Wilson, Maureen O'Leary, William McDonald, Patrick Donnelly, Mary Smith, Donald Mulligan, Karl Janota, Barbara Joyce, Phyllis Gibbons, Mary Callaghan, Thomas Griffin, Hugh Mulvenna, Leonard Fawcett, William Harris, Michael Keehan, Frederick Cooke, Frances O'Neil, John Magrane, Helen McDonnell.

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER:

5 th /6 th October:	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
19 th /20 th October:	APF World Mission Sunday

READERS FOR OCTOBER	STM	5 th	5.00 pm	Mary Wilson
		6 th	9.00 am	Maureen Porter
		12 th	5.00 pm	Ashford and Quinita
		13 th	9.00 am	Marisa Gunn
		19 th	5.00 pm	Monika Rozanski
		20 th	9.00 am	Ann Fernandes
		26 th	5.00 pm	Mandy Crilly
	Nov	27 th	9.00 am	Catherine Smith
		2 nd	5.00 pm	Janet Ward
		3 rd	9.00 am	Debbie Middleton
	SJW	6 th	11.00 am	John
		13 th	11.00 am	Godwin
		20 th	11.00 am	Jacqueline
		27 th	11.00 am	Alanna
Nov	3 rd	11.00 am	Val	

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