

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF *St Thomas More* and *St Joseph the Worker*

*working in partnership with the Catholic Chaplaincy of Warwick University*

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week: 3

Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Sunday Year: B

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
				5.00pm	STM
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	STM	Mass	Job Jose (Ints)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Mendieta Family (Ints)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	5.30pm	STM	Vigil of Reception for Joan Walsh (RIP)	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa of Jesus	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Special Intentions
		11.30am	STM	Requiem Mass for Joan Walsh (RIP)	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Eileen Crean (Anniv)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Ignatius of Antioch	10.00am	STM	Mass	John Mulholland (RIP)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke	10.00am	STM	Mass	Charlie Addison (B'day Anniv) (Mem Mass)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady	followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			Helen Roskott (RIP)
		10.00am	SJW	Mass	followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Theresa Brooks (B'day Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Melvyn and Mary Lindley (RIP)
		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.*

In the First Reading, Solomon prays for wisdom saying it is more valuable than power, wealth, and even health. This teaches us that true wisdom comes from God and is more precious than anything we can possess. Solomon's choice shows that seeking God's wisdom should be our priority. Worldly riches and honours are temporary and can lead us away from God. But wisdom helps us live according to God's will and leads us to eternal life.

The Second Reading from Hebrews tells us that God's word is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. This reminds us of the power of God's word in our lives. God's word is not just written text; it is active and speaks to us personally. It reveals our innermost thoughts and guides us in the right path. We must read and reflect on the Scriptures, allowing them to shape our hearts and minds.

In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. The young man is saddened because he has many possessions. Jesus' words show us that clinging to wealth can hinder our relationship with God. True discipleship requires letting go of material attachments and trusting fully in Jesus. Jesus assures His disciples that while it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope. If we trust in God and seek His help, we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from following Jesus fully.

Let us pray. Lord, grant us the wisdom to seek Your will above all else. Help us to embrace Your word and detach ourselves from all the worldly possessions. Guide us in our journey of faith, so we may follow You faithfully and reach eternal life. 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](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** *Thank you for your continued generosity*  
**STM Collection:** £797.70  
**SJW Collection:** £305.00  
**STM CAFOD Family Fast:** £1247.10  
**SJW CAFOD Family Fast:** £281.50

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF James Gleeson, Joan Walsh, Maggie Smith, Guiseppina Flocco, Carol Ann Little, Siobhan Gribben** (Requiem Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> October) **Edith Whatling** and **Rocco Di Cioccio** (Requiem Mass on 31<sup>st</sup> October) 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, 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.

**TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY** when we are asked to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, remembering also those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice system. We recall those the words of Christ himself, "I was in prison, and you visited me." Although we might not be able to visit, we can still pray for them.

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

**THIS WEEK: RETIRING COLLECTION:** Christmas Hampers (STM)  
**NEXT WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION:** APF World Mission Sunday

**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.

**SUNDAY MASS IN SJW** at the moment is getting rather full. This increase is due to the new term starting at Warwick University and there currently being no 12.30pm Mass on campus. A few months ago, following Deacon David's retirement and Fr Peter's appointment to a new parish, the proposal was for the University to come under the pastoral care of Fr Simon. We are awaiting a decision to be made by the University as to whether they will accept the proposed proposal, and if accepted, the 12.30pm Mass will begin again. Until then, can we please be mindful of those attending, and be ready and willing to give up our space or pew to someone who may need to sit down.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** As in previous years a team of volunteers will be providing Christmas Hampers for those in need. Like last year, rather than ask for food donations, there will be retiring voluntary collection after all Masses at STM. If you would like to give a donation towards the hampers, please use the baskets at the back of church.

**STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the School Hall from 6pm – 8pm. Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for donations to help stock all the stalls.

**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.

**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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSES** are held on the first Saturday of every month in the MRR. For more information and to book a place, families are asked to contact Deacon Leo by emailing dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

**OCTOBER FOODBANK PROJECT:** You are invited to put together a donation bag for the boxes at either STM or SJW. A Baby/Toddler bag with nappies, wipes, bath wash, nappy bags. A Cleaning bag with washing powder/capsules, dishwashing liquid, cloths and bleach. A Personal hygiene bag with deodorant, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrush; or a Food bag with (any four) of pasta, rice, sauce, juice, biscuits, chocolates, milk (including soya), soup, noodles, cereal.

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

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT** will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 posters for more details.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** For any of our younger parishioners not in Catholic schools, preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in December. For more information, please speak to Fr Simon after Mass.

**FUNDRAISING AT SJW:** Thanks to Eileen and those who helped to raise £358.70 towards parish funds through cake, plant and jam sales.

**SJW PHONELINE:** Please note that the phonenumber and answerphone at SJW are no longer checked on a regular basis, so to speak to Fr Simon please ring 024 7641 1900.

**MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. This will take place in Victoria Square, Birmingham from midday. For more information, please call Ben on 07885 505116.

**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. So far, our donations have raised £214.40.

**ROSARY IN OCTOBER:** All are invited to come and pray the Rosary by the statue of Our Lady of Coventry in Priory Gardens, Broadgate at 1.40pm every Friday in October.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSEMBLY** will take place on 19th October 2024 at St Chad's Cathedral from 10.00am – 3.30pm. The speakers will be Bishop William Kenny and Aisling Griffin. Bring your own lunch light refreshments will be provided. To book a place, please visit <https://bit.ly/JandPassembly2024>.

**THE HOLY SOULS** lists are available at the back of both churches. Please write the names of your departed loved ones on these lists and place them in the basket at the back of the churches.

**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.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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