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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 19 th	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)
Monday 21 st	Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 22 nd	St John Paul II	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Special Intentions
Wednesday 23 rd	St John of Capestrano	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Fr John Murray (RIP)
Thursday 24 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Charlie Addison (Anniv) (Mem Mass)
Friday 25 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	John and Bridget Cooney (Anniv) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26 th	Our Lady	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Dolores Connolly (Ints) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Nonna Boz and Bellanti Family (Ints)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	David Parnell (RIP)
Sunday 27 th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.00am	SJW	Mass	Tommy and Margaret Dunne (Ints)

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 remind us of our call to serve others humbly. Jesus's example of suffering, priesthood, and service guides us in our journey of faith. May we embrace these lessons and strive to follow Him more closely each day.

The prophet Isaiah describes a servant who suffers for others, taking on pain and sorrow to bring healing and forgiveness. This passage points to Jesus, who willingly suffered to save us from our sins. The Lord's suffering was not in vain and by His wounds, we are healed. His sacrifice shows the depth of His love for us and calls us to love others in the same way. We are called to bear one another's burdens and share in their suffering. In our lives, we will face challenges and suffering. Following Jesus's example, we should embrace these moments as opportunities to grow in love and service. By doing so, we reflect the love of Christ to those around us.

In the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is described as our high priest. He is the one who understands our weaknesses having faced the same temptations. Because of this, we can approach God with confidence, knowing we will receive mercy. Jesus is not distant or unapproachable. He knows what it is like to be human. He sympathizes with our struggles and is always ready to help us. We are encouraged to draw near to God in prayer. Trusting in Jesus's understanding and mercy, we can find strength and grace in our times of need. Jesus, our high priest, bridges the gap between us and God.

In the Gospel, James and John ask for positions of honour, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from serving others. He came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for many. The Lord's response turns worldly ideas of power and authority upside down. True leadership in the Kingdom of God is about humility and service, not seeking honour for oneself. Jesus calls us to follow His example, showing that true greatness is found in humility and service to those around us.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service in all times and places. Teach us to love others as You love us and give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. 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 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Collections: STM £619.10 | SJW £288.00

Standing Orders: STM £1628.33 | SJW £1200.00

STM Christmas Hampers: £530.30

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Joan Walsh, Guiseppina Flocco, Carol Ann Little, Siobhan Gribben (Requiem Mass on 29th October), **Rocco Di Cioccio** (Requiem Mass on 31st October), **Edith Whatling** (Requiem Mass on 5th November) **Darrel Cemm** and **Janice Coker** 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:, 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.

WORLD MISSION DAY is marked this Sunday. Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission, and by supporting, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet', for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. For more information about the Missio boxes, please speak to Joyce Connolly at SJW and Vic Bellanti at STM.

A WARM WELCOME to the Year Six children at STM School who will make their Act of Commitment during the Vigil Mass in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for them and their families as they continue with their preparation in the coming weeks.

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: APF World Mission Sunday.

DON'T FORGET the clocks go forward an hour next week.

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. 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 kindly 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.

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Friday 6th December in the School Hall from 6pm – 8pm. Next weekend, if you have any unwanted bottles (preferably alcohol and full!) that can be donated to the bottle tombola, please bring them along. All bottles can be left in the box at the back of STM.

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in December. Any of our younger parishioners not in Catholic schools need to speak to Fr Simon after Mass in the next few weeks.

POPPY PROJECT: Over the next few weeks, we are asking STM and SJW parishioners to design and make poppies for displays to help mark Remembrance Sunday. The poppies can be made in any way – knitted, crocheted, coloured in etc. Please place all finished poppies in the baskets at the back of both churches.

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.

NEWMAN CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm. Canon Mary Gregory, from Coventry Cathedral, will speak on 'The Arts and Reconciliation: Peace-making in Paint and Poetry.' All welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT at STM on Saturday 16th November after 5.00pm Mass. Please save the date in your diary and look out for more information.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASSES will be held in both churches in November. On Saturday 2nd November the Mass will be at 10.30am in STM and then on Saturday 23rd November at 10.30am in SJW. During these Masses, the names of all those who have died in the previous year will be read out. If you would like the name of a loved one reading out, please use the sheets at the back of church. Please print the names clearly in block capital letters.

ALL SAINTS DAY is celebrated on Friday 1st November and is a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics, therefore our duty to come to Mass. There will be several opportunities to fulfil that obligation with Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm in STM and 12 noon in SJW. On the feast of All Saints, we honour those men and women who—whether they have been canonised or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. It is a day when the church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach.

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

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 26th 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.

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.

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 if you have any concern.

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