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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 26th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Nonna Boz and Bellanti Family (Ints)
Sunday 27th		9.00am	STM	Mass	David Parnell (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Tommy and Margaret Dunne (Ints)
Monday 28 th	Ss Simon and Jude			No Mass	
Tuesday 29 th	Feria	10.30am	SJW	Requiem Mass for Siobhan Gribben (RIP)	
Wednesday 30 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Charles Cullinane (10 th Anniv)
Thursday 31 st	Feria	11.00am	STM	Requiem Mass for Rocco Di Cioccio (RIP)	
Friday 1 st	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Holyday of Obligation	10.00am	STM	Mass	Paul and Daniel Costa (Ints)
		12 noon	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo
		7.00pm	STM	Mass	Jim Durkan (RIP)
Saturday 2 nd	All Souls	10.30am	STM	Memorial Mass	Holy Souls
	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Alexandria and Michael Dias (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd		9.00am	STM	Mass	Joan Walsh (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Giuseppina Flocco (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.

Our readings this Sunday reveal God's love and mercy, showing us how God listens to our cries and heals our brokenness. As we reflect on these themes, let us open our hearts to God's healing and guidance.

In the First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises to bring back His people from exile. This is a message of hope and comfort. God sees the suffering of His people and plans to restore them. God's restoration includes everyone, especially the weak and vulnerable. The blind, the lame, and those in distress are all welcomed back. This shows that God cares for everyone, no matter their condition.

The Letter to the Hebrews talks about the high priest who offers gifts and sacrifices for sins. This priest understands human weakness and has compassion. Jesus is our High Priest who is merciful and loving. Jesus was chosen by God to be our High Priest. He offers himself as a sacrifice for our sins. This shows His great love for us and His desire to bring us closer to God.

In the Gospel, the blind man, called Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus. Despite the crowd trying to silence him, he persists. His faith leads to his healing. Jesus stops and asks Bartimaeus what he wants and Bartimaeus asks to see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has healed him, and Bartimaeus immediately regains his sight. Bartimaeus did not just gain his sight; he chose to follow Jesus. He has the faith and courage to leave his cloak and everything behind to follow Jesus, even when Jesus told Bartimaeus to go his way, he still chose to follow Jesus instead. This shows his complete trust and dedication. Bartimaeus teaches us to follow Jesus no matter the cost.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, as you journeyed to Jerusalem, you knew the sacrifice that awaited you. Help us to follow your example of giving all for the mission. Grant us the courage to encourage others in their faith and to leave behind anything that holds us back. Like Bartimaeus, may we have the faith to follow you and start anew. 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 £784.00 | **SJW** £201.50
Mission Sunday: STM £434.00 | **SJW** £82.00

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Siobhan Gribben, Rocco Di Cioccio, Edith Whatling (Requiem Mass on 5th November), **Maureen Pearson** (Requiem Mass on 14th November) **Carol Ann Little, 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: Angie Browne, Elaine Fossett, 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, 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.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a low gluten host, please let us know before Mass.

BLESSING OF GRAVES at Lenton's Lane on Sunday at 3.00pm.

NEXT WEEKEND the Second Collection is for Johnson Association for Retired and Infirm Clergy. This supports about seventy retired, sick or infirm priests of the Diocese. This is done through grants that are made to them. Priests who are sick receive financial support during their period of illness. Priests who have retired apply for a discretionary grant which will support them throughout the retirement.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is celebrated this Friday 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. Remember if you are away on holiday for half-term, to find the nearest Catholic church. 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.

ALL SOULS' DAY on Saturday 2nd November – although not a Holyday of Obligation – is one of the days when we can do something special for our departed loved ones. St Monica said, 'one thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord' and this day is a particular chance to do just that at the 10.30am Memorial Mass.

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.

'DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE' We can't stop people from observing Halloween, but we can learn more about the real meaning and origin of it. The English, Irish, and French immigrants brought their variety of local Catholic customs to America. Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French; Jack-o-Lanterns come from the Irish, who originally carved turnips; the English begged from door to door for 'soul cakes', promising to pray for the departed loved ones of those who gave them these treats—this being the origin of trick-or-treating. These traditions converged and eventually became popular nationwide activities for Halloween. In a nutshell, Halloween or 'All Hallow's Eve' is a Catholic celebration in honour of all the saints, those who have been faithful to the Lord. It was once said that when we celebrate things bad and evil, they come more easily into our lives; so why not consider celebrating something good on 31st October? We can still enjoy the sweets and chocolate, but let's remember it is those holy men and woman that we are really celebrating – so let's celebrate the good and let their goodness come into our lives.

POPPY PROJECT: STM and SJW parishioners are asked 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 poppies in the baskets at the back of both churches.

MEETING FOR READERS on Saturday 9th November for all those who read at both SJW and STM. The meeting will be held at SJW starting at 11.15am following on from morning Mass there.

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

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Friday 6th December in the School Hall from 6pm – 8pm. Next weekend, if you have any items for the Fancy Goods stall or any craft items, please bring them along and leave in the box at the back of STM. If anyone would like to book a stall, priced at £15 please email mandjhulme1@gmail.com

DURING THIS COMING WEEK please do make a note of the changes to Mass times and in which church they will be celebrated.

SUNDAY MASS IN SJW 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 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.

QUIZ NIGHT at STM on Saturday 16th November at 6.30pm. £5 per person which includes a jacket potato with a choice of fillings. Six people per team. Signup and payments after all Masses next week.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS at STM will be held on Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am. During this 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. The Memorial Mass at SJW will be on Saturday 23rd November at 10.30am.

EUTHANASIA BILL: Copies of Cardinal Nichol's Pastoral Letter are at the back of the church. We are asked to contact our local MPs to ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. This can be done via the website www.righttolife.org.uk/9ly2.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, we have helped to raise £302.63. Just over thirty days left in the appeal.

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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