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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 2 nd	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)
Monday 4 th	St Charles Borromeo	5.00pm	SJW	Vigil of Reception for Edith Whatling (RIP)	
Tuesday 5 th	Feria	11.00am	SJW	Requiem Mass for Edith Whatling (RIP)	
Wednesday 6 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Carmel Dickins (RIP)
Thursday 7 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass (School)	Canon Patrick Smith (RIP)
Friday 8 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Canon David Mellor (RIP)
Saturday 9 th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.00am	SJW	followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
				Mass	Bridie Shally (RIP)
Sunday 10 th	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	John McDonnell (Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Shaun Cleary (9 th Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Those Fallen in War

*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 the importance of love, loyalty, and faithfulness. We see these themes in the commandments given in Deuteronomy, the eternal priesthood of Jesus in Hebrews, and the greatest commandments taught by Jesus in Mark.

In the Gospel reading, a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds by highlighting the importance of loving God and loving our neighbour. He tells the scribe, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God," showing that this kind of love is essential for the Kingdom. For the Kingdom of God to flourish, we need to embrace this love that Jesus teaches. It's a love that looks beyond us and reaches out to others. This love must be evident in our actions and relationships. Jesus' emphasis on love as central to the Kingdom challenges us. It calls us to examine our own lives and see how we can better live out this commandment. Through this, we can help build God's Kingdom here on earth.

Let us pray. Lord, help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and strength. Guide us to be faithful in our actions and relationships. May we reflect Your steadfast love in our daily lives. 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
Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsjtw-cov>
Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

OFFERTORIES

STM Collection: £746.00
SJW Collection: £241.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Siobhan Gribben, Rocco Di Cioccio, Edith Whatling, Maureen Pearson (Requiem Mass on 14th November), **Elizabeth McDonagh** (Requiem Mass on 18th November) **Maria Jesus Meadowcroft** (Requiem Mass on 21st 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, Carl Lightfoot, 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 celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS when we remember and pray for all our departed loved ones. The Holy Souls lists are available at the back of both churches. Please write the names of your departed loved ones on these lists so that they can then be placed in the Holy Souls box in November. In the Old Testament we read that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.' (2 Macabees 12:46).

St Gertrude's prayer is one of the most famous prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that many souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly: 'Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.'

However we choose to remember our departed loved ones, we should always remember the words of St Monica to St Augustine, her son, 'one thing only I ask you, is that you remember me at the altar of God.'

THIS WEEKEND the Second Collection is for Johnson Association for Retired and Infirm Clergy. This supports about sixty-five 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 their retirement.

POPPY PROJECT: Can all those who have created and crafted poppies for the displays in church, please bring them in by Wednesday of this week.

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.

LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH is to save money and live sustainably with creation by using low energy light bulbs.

NEW LECTIONARY AND TRANSLATION: Starting on Advent Sunday, all churches in England and Wales will be using a new translation of the readings we listen to at Mass. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

For a number of years, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have been considering the publication of a new edition of the Lectionary to replace that originally published in the year 1969 (second edition 1981). After consultation with a number of English-speaking Conferences of Bishops, the Bishops of England and Wales studied the translation of the Catholic Edition of the *English Standard Version* (ESV) of the Bible produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. From this text they have produced a Lectionary for the Church in India which has received 'confirmatio' by the Holy See.

We have different ways of providing the readings to those attending Mass at STM (using the Parish Mass books) and SJW using the Jerusalem Mass Sheets. From Advent Sunday, our weekly newsletter will include the Sunday Readings on the back page. Many parishes have adopted this format because it also gives more space for the weekly notices and information. For anyone needing the text of the Mass, cards are still available from the welcomers.

Many people use their own Sunday or Weekday Missal to either prepare the readings or to reflect on them. Some also use it to follow the text which is proclaimed in the liturgy. As the new Lectionary will use a different translation of the scriptures, what you read will not be what you hear.

A copy of the new Sunday Missal is for viewing in the Piety Shops at both STM and SJW. These are priced at £20. Over the next few weeks, it will be possible to place an order for one. Payment is required before an order can be placed. The Daily Missals are still waiting to be printed.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY is Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who gave their lives in the conflict of war. Both the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on this day include an Act of Remembrance and two-minute silence as we remember those who gave their lives in war.

WALKING GROUP will be walking over to the War Memorial Park in time for the 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service next Sunday. All are welcome to come along. Please gather outside STM church in time to leave at 10.15am

STM SCHOOL MEMORIAL MASS: Any families connected with St Thomas More Primary School who have memorial plaques in the Prayer Garden are invited to a Memorial Mass on Thursday 7th November. The names of those in the prayer Garden will be remembered during this Mass.

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP will meet on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall in SJW. If you would like to learn more about this group or even have any suggestions, please do come along.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses with a wide variety of Christmas Cards available.

CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER will take place on Sunday 10th November at 6.30pm. For the very first time, the gathering will be held in Coventry Cathedral. This special event brings together Christians from all denominations, networks, and streams to unite in praise and worship. Everyone is welcome, no tickets are required.

LIVESTREAM FACILITES at both STM and SJW have now changed and are available through one page on YouTube. This is to help keep us in line with Data Protection and Safeguarding requirements. You can access the livestream in the same way as before. More details to follow.

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 this week.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS at SJW will be held on Saturday 23rd 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.

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Friday 6th December in the School Hall from 6pm – 8pm. Next weekend, if you have any indoor or outdoor plants, 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

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday 14th November at 7.00pm. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

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

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS: By buying a World Gift, you can make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. There are catalogues available at the back of church or you can view online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts. Gifts this year include a 'Chirpy Chicken' or a 'Marvellous Moo Cow.'

CHURCH CLEANERS are still needed and welcome to join the teams at both STM and SJW. Did you know (according to Wikipedia) that 30 minutes of sweeping and hoovering can burn over 110 calories. If you would like to become a 'holy duster' please do let us know.

'CRAFT AND CHAT' is a new group at STM on the first Tuesday of every month, from 10.30am – 12noon, starting on 3rd December. If you sew, knit, paint, draw or have another craft hobby, you are more than welcome to come along to the MRR. The idea of the group is for people to be able to come together for a chat, whilst spending an hour or so on their particular craft. There won't be formal lessons given, but it might be possible to share a few tips and points of wisdom to each other. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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.

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.

HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT: Following a thorough recruitment process, we are delighted to inform you that the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company supported by the Local Governing Body of St Thomas More Catholic School have appointed Ewa Parker, currently Head of School at St Mary's RC Primary School Lowestoft, as the Headteacher of St Thomas More Catholic School. We are sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Parker on her new post and wish her the very best as she takes on the leadership role for this wonderful school community.

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 twenty days left in the appeal.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Sometimes people who have faithfully attended Mass and been part of the parish stop coming because they are frail or unwell. If you know of any parishioners who would welcome a visit, please let Fr Simon or Deacons Leo and David know. A visit, by either them or one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, can then be arranged.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES: To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

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 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 17th November at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please speak to Deacon Leo 024 7641 9731 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

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

COVENTRY NEWMAN CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the MRR. The talk entitled 'Music and Contemporary Liturgy' will be given by Alan Smith.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA will be celebrating their Centennial Year in 2025. They would like to hear from any former Knights. Please contact Paul on 07510 681457 or Peter 07565 766103 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. A Mass can be offered for several reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. The Mass will then be offered, and you'll see the details on the front page of this sheet. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your required date. Preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

ANSWERPHONE MESSAGES: A few people have said they have phoned the Presbytery but did not receive a call back. Lola – the cat – is still in training to answer the phone, so if you do call, and get no answer, please make use of the answerphone facility so your call can be returned at the earliest convenience.

CHARIS will meet on Friday 22nd November at Corpus Christi Church from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. The evening, led by Fr Stephen Fawcett, will include Mass, Rosary, Confessions, a Spiritual Talk and Adoration. followed by light refreshments. For more information, please see the posters at the back of church.

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, please contact Aneta on 07710272613 or feel free to pop in.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN THIS MONTH: Mary Bates, John Leonard, Edward Hastings, Ona Smith, Alice Williams, Mary McKenzie, Patrick Lawlor, Leo Keenan, Thomas Connor, Ruth Brown, Elizabeth O'Brien, Patrick McQuillan, Gertrude Czudej, Thomas Jurczak, Eileen Hanlon, Joseph Molloy, Thomas Mackey, Patrick Galvin, Desmond Winter, Mary Durkin, Annie McGinty, John McDonnell, Danuta Koltun, Mary Walsh, Kenneth Stone, Michael Carr, John Tomkins, Alan Beer, Shaun Cleary, John McCarthy, Anthony Casey, Margaret Jennings, Kenneth "John" Gould, Mary Finnegan, Peter O'Brien, David Boyle, Edward "Michael" Browne, Catherine Etheridge, Phyllis McDonnell, Francine Barlow, Andrew Murphy, John Curristan, Natalie Rowan, Eric Tough, Bridget Flanagan, Sophie Jenkins, Harold Webster, Maureen Price, Mary D'Arcy, Lauren Preece, Dolores Deeley, Patricia Pickett, Charles Cullinane, Arthur McGuinness, Kathleen Beard, Thomas Da ly, Marjorie Woodward, James Blackwell, Susan Doherty, Martin O'Toole, Edward McCann, Caterina Gregory, Winifred Perry, Patrick McGinty, Raymond Kinsella, Mary O'Kane, Elizabeth Duggan, Henry Hanly, Jadwiga Marrinan, John Kitterick, Janet Branski, Emrys Evans, William Horton, Mary Taylor, James Murphy, Dennis Hands, Andrew Reilly, Cornelius Delahunty, Mary Townsend, Catherine Brown, Sidney Markwell, Ronald Chadwick, Juanita Dinan, Molly Gregory, Kathleen Thomas, Michael Keegan, Joan Byrne, Margaret Browne, Baby Megan Lucas, Rose Turley, Margaret McBride, William Hickey, Hope Twist, Barbara O'Donnell, Vincent Healey, Harold Milliner, Jeremiah Crawley, Veronica McMahan, High Scullion, Sandra Hegarty, William Pearse.

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2 nd November	Memorial Mass at STM
9 th November	Meeting for all Readers at SJW
9 th November	Baptism Preparation Meeting
10 th November	Walking Group – Memorial Park
10 th November	Polish Ladies' Prayer Group
10 th November	LGBTQ+ meeting at Stoney Road
14 th November	Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy
16 th November	Quiz Night at STM
19 th November	Justice and Peace Meeting at SJW
22 nd November	Charis at Corpus Christi Church
23 rd November	Memorial Mass at SJW
26 th November	Newman Association Meeting
30 th November	St Andrew's Day
6 th December	STM Parish Bazaar
14 th December	Rock Choir Concert in STM

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:

3 rd November	Johnson Association
24 th November	Catholic Youth Services

READERS FOR NOVEMBER

STM	2 nd	5.00 pm	Janet Ward	
	Nov	3 rd	9.00 am	Debbie Middleton
		9 th	5.00 pm	Mary Wilson
		10 th	9.00 am	Lanzo Amirtharaj
		16 th	5.00 pm	Ashford and Quinita
		17 th	9.00 am	Joe Dore
		23 rd	5.00 pm	Monika Rozanski
		24 th	9.00 am	Sonia Carvell
		30 th	5.00 pm	Mandy Crilly
	Dec	1 st	9.00 am	Kris Pears
SJW	3 rd	11.00 am	Val	
	Nov	10 th	11.00 am	Peter
		17 th	11.00 am	Joan
		24 th	11.00 am	Claudia
	Dec	1 st	11.00 am	Lorraine

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If you were unable to give via the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass, you can give online to both parishes by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.

