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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday 9th	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
Sunday 10th		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	John McDonnell (Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Shaun Cleary (9th Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Those Fallen in War
Monday 11 th	St Martin of Tours			No Mass	
Tuesday 12 th	St Josaphat	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Janet Hall (Ints)
Wednesday 13 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Maureen Norris (RIP)
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil of Reception for Maureen Pearson (RIP)	
		6.00pm	STM	Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life	
Thursday 14 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Requiem Mass for Maureen Pearson (RIP)	
Friday 15 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Quinita Coloco (Ints) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 16 th	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Nora Heavy (RIP) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Dec'd of Hussey and Merrick families
Sunday 17th	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	STM	Mass	Emrys Evans (Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Bill Navin (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Pro Populo

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 faith, trust, and true sacrifice. By reflecting on the stories of the widow and the scribes, we can learn to live our faith more sincerely and to trust in God's promises. Let us seek to please God in all we do.

In the First Reading, we see a widow who is struggling to survive. She has very little, but when Elijah asks her for food, she trusts God's promise and shares what she has. Her trust leads to a miracle, as her jar of flour and jug of oil do not run out. This widow's faith is an example for us. Even when we have little, we can trust in God's promises. Her story shows us that God provides for those who put their faith in Him. In our lives, we often face pressures to rely on ourselves or on material things. The widow reminds us to trust in God instead. By doing so, we open ourselves to God's blessings, just as she did.

The story of the widow's mite in the Gospel shows a different kind of bravery. The widow gives all she has, even though it means she will have nothing left. Her sacrifice is real and comes from her deep trust in God. Unlike the scribes, the widow does not gain any honour from her actions. No one notices her but Jesus. Her faith and trust are pure, and her sacrifice shows her deep love for God. The widow's example challenges us. Are we willing to give all we have to God? Her story encourages us to trust in God's care, even when it is difficult. True sacrifice is giving without expecting anything in return.

Lord, help us to trust in You like the widow did. Guide us to give from our hearts without seeking honour or praise. May our faith be sincere and our sacrifices real. 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: £705.00

SJW Collection: £279.00

Johnson Association: STM: £611.50 **SJW:** £151.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Edith Whatling, Maureen Pearson, Elizabeth McDonagh (Requiem Mass on 18th November) **Maria Meadowcroft** (Requiem Mass on 21st November) **Ada Kozłowska, Ewa Kozłowska, Antos Ceranski, Ania Ceranski** 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.

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

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.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning—we will remember them.



PRAYER OF ST IGNATIUS: Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we are doing your will.

OUR WALKING GROUP will be walking over to the War Memorial Park in time for the 10.45am Service on Sunday. Please gather outside STM church in time to leave at 10.15am

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.

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON on Wednesday 13th November at 6.00pm in STM. Cardinal Vincent has asked everyone to join the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales as they pause in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life and to uphold a culture of life in our countries.

RAFFLE TICKETS for the STM Bazaar are available after all Masses. Tickets are priced at £1. Please return all counterfoils and payments by Friday 6th December. The raffle will be drawn in the MRR after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 8th December.

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 and other gifts are available.

WARWICK UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY: Fr Simon has now been appointed as the Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University. This means that there will be an extra Mass – primarily for students – celebrated at 12.45pm on a Sunday at St Joseph the Worker.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS: There are catalogues available at the back of both churches and you can also view online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Friday 6th December in the School Hall from 6pm – 8pm. Next week, if you have any homemade jams, pickles or chutneys, 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

LIVESTREAM FACILITIES 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.

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 Mass, 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.

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

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.

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 an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, can then be arranged.

LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC MEETING will be held at 7.00pm on Sunday 17th November at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please email Deacon Leo at dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER will take place on 10th November at 6.30pm in Coventry Cathedral. All welcome, no tickets are required.

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

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Foodhub through your donations at SJW and STM. 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.

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.

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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