

# 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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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
Sunday Year: B

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Dec'd of Hussey and Merrick families
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Emrys Evans (Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Bill Navin (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Pro Populo
		4.00pm	STM	Vigil of Reception for Elizabeth McDonagh (RIP)	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	1.00pm	STM	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth McDonagh (RIP)	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Mike Nelson (Ints)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Nora Addison (RIP)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am	STM	Mass	Wooltorton (Thanksgiving)
		12 noon	SJW	Requiem Mass for Maria Meadowcroft (RIP)	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Cecilia	10.00am	STM	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Margaret Stone (RIP)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Our Lady	10.30am	SJW	Memorial Mass	Holy Souls
		4.15pm	STM	Confessions	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	CHRIST THE KING	5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Patrick Maguire (B'day Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Charles Cullinane
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Edith Whatling (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 call us to live wisely, to trust in Jesus' sacrifice and to have hope in difficult times. They remind us of the final judgment and the hope of resurrection and eternal life. As we reflect on these themes, we are called to strive to live according to God's will and help others to do the same.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the coming of the Son of Man during a time of great tribulation. He describes signs in the heavens and on earth, but He also assures us that His words will never pass away. This passage reminds us of the hope we have even in difficult times. Jesus' words give us hope and strength. Even when things seem chaotic and uncertain, we know that He is in control. His promise to return gives us a future to look forward to. Reflecting on this Gospel, we can find comfort in Jesus' words. We are reminded that no matter how hard things get, we have hope in His return. This should encourage us to keep our faith strong and trust in His promises.

Our world is only temporary. It serves as a stop on our way to God. The liturgical year also ends this weekend. Life has many endings and new beginnings, but God remains constant and eternal. Jesus teaches that this world will come to an end. He knew his earthly life was nearing its end as he entered Jerusalem. There were plots against him, and evil was present. Despite this, Jesus stayed true to his mission to gather God's children and save them from destruction.

When this Gospel was written, the Christian community faced much turmoil. Jesus' words reassured them that they were not forgotten. We cannot know God's exact plans, but we can trust in His mercy. There will be signs of God's work, but the details are not for us to know.

**STM and SJW Website:** [stmcov.org/wp/](http://stmcov.org/wp/)

**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](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)

**OFFERTORIES**

**STM Collection:** £834.50

**SJW Collection:** £TBC

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Mgr Graham Wilkinson, Maureen Pearson, Elizabeth McDonagh, Maria Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Clark** (Requiem Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> November at STM), **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.

**FRIDAY** is the Memorial of St Cecilia, patron saint of musicians. The 10.00am Mass on this day will be a 'Missa Cantata' or 'Sung Mass' with a small choir made up of singers from St Thomas More and Bishop Ullathorne Schools.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday for Catholic Youth Services.

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

**STM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Please remember that the bazaar is a cash only event.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** will meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** is back for the fourth year. Please see posters in the porch for this Foodhub initiative, gifting items each day of Advent to help those in most need this Christmas.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS** at SJW will be held next Saturday at 10.30am in SJW. 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.

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

**WARWICK UNIVERSITY MASS** will be celebrated on a Sunday at 12.45pm in SJW. Although this Mass is primarily for the students and staff at Warwick University, parishioners are welcome to attend. Please note that this Mass will be celebrated according to the University term dates.

**RED WEDNESDAY** is held on 20<sup>th</sup> November. On this day we are asked to pray for all Christians in the world who are persecuted because of their faith. For many Christians, it is not possible to gather to celebrate the Mass or the other Sacraments because of the threat of persecution or even death. Red Wednesday is our chance to help show solidarity on this day by praying for our brothers and sisters in the world. For more information, please visit <https://acnuk.org>

**'ASSIST US TO LIVE'** postcards are available at the back of STM and SJW. Simply write the name of your local MP and your own details on the card, affix a standard letter stamp and the pop in the post box.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

**LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC MEETING** will be held at 7.00pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please email Deacon Leo at [dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** preparation, for any children in Year 6, who are not in Catholic schools, will begin in December. Please speak to Fr Simon after Mass by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** preparation, for any children in Year 3 or above, who are not in Catholic schools, will begin in the New Year. Please speak to Fr Simon after Mass for more information.

**UHCW PETITION SIGNATURES:** All parishes in the Deanery are asking parishioners to sign a petition which will be sent, together with a letter from the Archdiocese to the Chief Executive of UHCW. Your signature could help ensure the future of Catholic supervision at UHCW. By signing this petition, you are not committing to any further communication but helping to show the importance of spiritual and pastoral care for Catholics who are in hospital.

**BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB** at Broadgate will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4.00pm. All welcome to attend.

**ROCK CHOIR CONCERT** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm – 2.30pm at STM. Donations gratefully received and will be divided by Zoe's Place and Cheylesmore Foodhub. Please see the poster for more information. All welcome to come along.

**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.

**CHURCH WEBSITES** have now been combined and updated.

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

**HOUSE VISITS** to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Any parishioners who would welcome a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon, Deacon Leo or Deacon David know, so a visit can then be arranged.

**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.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL:** Anyone going into hospital, needs to be sure to tell the ward staff they 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.

**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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