

# CATHOLIC PARISHES St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week: 2 Weekday Cycle: Year 1 Sunday Year: C

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>		4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
	SIXTH SUNDAY	5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Colby Family (Ints)	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	IN ORDINARY	9.00am	STM	Mass	Matthew and Serena O'Reilly (Ints)	
	TIME	11.00am	SJW	Mass	Martha Connolly (RIP)	
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Pro Populo	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Feria			No Mass		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Phyllis Deegan (B'day Anniv)	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Margaret Molloy (Ints)	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Tony Miller (Anniv)	
Friday 21st	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Sr O'Brien (Ints)	
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chair of St Peter	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Whelan Family (Ints)	
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
		4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions		
	SEVENTH SUNDAY	5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Nora O'Connor	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	IN ORDINARY	9.00am	STM	Mass	Dec'd of Doyle and Fahy Families	
	TIME	11.00am	SJW	Mass	Fr Gerard O'Carroll (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 focus on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness, with Jeremiah, St Paul, and Jesus each offering insights into how we should live our lives in faith. These reflections explore what it means to trust in God, the hope found in Jesus' resurrection, and the blessings and woes of our earthly lives.

Jeremiah warns us against trusting in human strength. He compares those who trust in humans to a shrub in the desert, dry and struggling to survive. This shows that relying on ourselves or others can leave us feeling empty and lost. Instead, Jeremiah calls us to trust in God. Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by water, always green and fruitful. This image helps us understand that God's support brings life and strength. Trusting in God means turning to Him in all situations.

St Paul talks about the resurrection of Jesus. He explains that our faith is built on the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Without the resurrection, our faith is useless, and we have no hope. St Paul's message shows us that the resurrection is central to our faith. It gives us hope for eternal life with Jesus. This hope helps us face difficulties and challenges with confidence.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the blessings of the poor and hungry. He contrasts their future joy with the sorrow of the rich and satisfied. Jesus warns those who are comfortable now that their happiness is temporary. This message teaches us to look for true happiness in God. It reminds us that worldly comforts are not lasting and encourages us to trust in God and seek His blessings, knowing that He cares for those in need.

Lord, help us to trust in You and not in ourselves. Strengthen our faith in the resurrection and guide us to seek true happiness in Your blessings. Amen.

STM and SJW Website: 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

**OFFERTORIES AND COLLECTIONS** 

**STM:** £812.60 | **SJW:** £231.00 **Church Flowers: STM:** £318.10 | **SJW:** £203.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

**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.

**ORDER OF MASS CARDS:** If you require a card with the Order of Mass text, please ask one of the welcomers for a copy. The readings for Sunday Mass can be found on the back of this newsletter. Please do take them home with you for private prayer and reflection.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Deacon Pat Flanagan, Deacon Paul Hender, Mike Nelson, Christina Hughes** (26<sup>th</sup> February at SJW) and **Richard Healey** (27<sup>th</sup> February at SJW) 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, Judith Cuningham, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Margaret Eason, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Val Blaxall, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, 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, Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone and Clare Oliver.

THIS SUNDAY is marked as Racial Justice Sunday, with the theme Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice.' The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice – past, present and future – by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?' Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey." On this Racial Justice Sunday may our hearts be stirred so that we will love our neighbours regardless of race or ethnic origin. For more information, please visit https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday

**FEBRUARY** is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. Paul VI, in 1964 said, 'the home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us...a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the Carpenter's Son, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work.'

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening with Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please continue to pray for them, that having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they may continue to grow to be more like Christ himself. Our thanks to all those, both in parish and school, who prepared the Confirmandi for this important moment in their lives.

**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** began last Wednesday evening, and we had a good response. This coming week, the meeting will take place via Zoom link. Meeting ID: 998 5894 3789 with the password More2025 from 6.00pm – 6.30pm. All are welcome to join this quiet time of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Scriptures.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** will meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at St Osburg's Church. The group is aimed at adults aged between 18 and 35 years old, with a purpose to create a community of young people, enabling them to learn about the Catholic Church, strengthen their faith and friendship, as well as organise and participate in various deanery-level youth activities. For more information, please contact Fr Benedict Skipper at Christ the King or email fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk

**MEN'S ROSARY** in Birmingham City Centre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 12noon by Chamberlain Square by the fountain. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. For more information, please contact Ben on 07885505116

**SVP SOCIETY:** There will be an introduction to the Society meeting at SJW on Saturday 22nd February, starting at 11.15am. This will be an open meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the society and what we can do in a parish. Contact David Burton on 07713 246987 for more information.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Fr Simon, who on Wednesday evening will be inducted as the Catholic Chaplain at Warwick University. Please pray for all the staff and students who work and study at the University.

**ST JOSEPH'S PEWS** have now been joined together and are fixed to the floor. Our thanks to Darren and his team for their hard work. If you are attending Mass at SJW, particularly the Sunday 11.00am Mass, please be mindful if you need to move along in order to create space for someone wishing to sit down.

**PALM CROSSES:** If you have any old palm crosses at home, please place them in the baskets at the back of church. These can then be burnt ready for use on Ash Wednesday.

**`LITTLE CHURCH'** at STM is the Liturgy of the Word with children, offering them the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel at an age-appropriate level during the 9.00am Mass. The Children and a Prayer Leader are called forward at the beginning of Mass and process to their sacred space where the scriptures are explored through reflection, discussion, song and other appropriate activities. An adult may accompany a very young child until they are settled. All return to Mass at the Offertory for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**SJW EASTER RAFFLE:** Although this seems a long way off, it would be good to start collecting a few suitable prizes. If you have any 'unwanted' Christmas presents that might be used as prizes, please do let Fr Simon know.

**PARISH CHARITY:** As part of our outreach and in order to be able to support the many Catholic Charitable Organisations, it has been suggested that at the start of Lent each year, both STM and SJW adopt a named and suitable charity for the coming year. This would mean that the monies taken at refreshments after our Saturday and Sunday Masses, together with a voluntary collection once a year, would be donated to their work and outreach. As Lent is the season of almsgiving, it seems an appropriate time to launch this. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**LENT READING AND REFLECTION GROUP** will be starting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February and will continue on Thursday evenings throughout Lent. We shall be looking at the Encyclical Letter *Dilexit Nos* by Pope Francis. Whilst the world is in the midst of significant global crises – grappling with conflicts, deep social and economic inequalities, unchecked consumerism, and technologies that pose risks to human dignity. In this encyclical, Pope Francis seeks to inspire a shift in perspective, encouraging humanity to reconnect with what truly matters – the heart. Cardinal Nicholas said, 'the invitation of this letter is clear: let anyone who is broken-hearted, or feeling empty of heart, or yearning for love, or filled with the joy of a loving heart, come and read this Letter. It is, quite simply, addressed to us all.' The group will alternate between STM and SJW. More details to follow.

**LOURDES 2025** will take place from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30th May 2025 under the title of 'with Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' In this Year of Jubilee, Lourdes has been designated as a particular place of pilgrimage, so if you haven't been, this Year of Jubilee might be the ideal time to go. If anyone would like to join the parish group on the Pilgrimage the group will be staying at the Hotel Padoue. You can book your place and get more information by calling the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 0121 230 6288 or emailing admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:** Anyone who is due to celebrate a significant wedding anniversary, is engaged to be married this year or who would simply like to give thanks to God for their marriage is invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at St Chad's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Please email marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for more information.

**KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** on Mondays from 7.00pm – 8.45pm in the MRR. All are welcome to come along for a time of prayer, praise, reflection and refreshments.

**UNIVERSITY MASSES** are held on a Sunday at 12.45pm in St Joseph the Worker and on campus at 12.30pm on a Thursday in term time.

**JUBILEE VIDEO SERIES:** A new video series exploring the Jubilee themes is now available to watch. Fr Rob Taylerson (Spiritual Director at Oscott College) focuses on Care for Creation. Hear how he 'wanted to help feed the world' and advises 'our lives must be simplified'. The video series can be accessed via the Birmingham Archdiocese website.

**YEAR OF JUBILEE:** Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. It is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. Intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins, Jubilees begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. Holy Doors at each of the four papal basilicas in Rome are destination points for pilgrims, who pass through seeking special graces. The Jubilee Year began on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

**JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKS** are available at the back of church and contain numerous articles on being a Jubilee pilgrim, about the Jubilee Icon, reflections, prayers and hymns. Please do take a copy with you.

**SUNDAY MISSALS** can be ordered through the Piety Stall priced at £20 per copy. We are still waiting details regarding the Daily Missals.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** this year were collected for the work of Friends of the Holy Land. Thanks to your generosity a total of £719.20 was collected between the two parishes. The Friends of the Holy Land is a non-political Christian Charity, whose mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan - the part of the world that Christians call the Holy Land. If you would like more information regarding the FHL, you can visit their website at friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

**PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORE** from  $4^{th}-11^{th}$  May and  $16^{th}-23^{rd}$  October. For more information, please see the posters at the back of church or contact Deacon Keith Millage at Christ the King, Coventry.

**BRING AND SHARE MEAL** on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at SJW. Shrove Tuesday comes from an old English word meaning 'to confess,' since it was customary to go to confession before the beginning of Lent. It was also traditional to use up meats, fats, and dairy products before entering the Lenten period of fasting. Our bring and share meal will be an ideal time to feast before the fast! More details to follow.

**BIBLE ALIVE** is a great way to get to know the Scriptures. Each day there is a reflection which is both informative and encouraging. If you would be interested in having a regular subscription to Bible Alive, please contact Clive Robinson on 024 7650 1579.

**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.

**OUR JOINT 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.

**MASS `N' MINGLE** takes place every Wednesday at 11.00am in STM. This is a lovely opportunity for people to come together over a drink and some homemade cakes. If you haven't been, please do consider coming along.

**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.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** Over the last couple of weeks several people, both from the parish and university, have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic. There are several ways in which preparation can happen. Either as a one-to-one meeting or through group meetings and discussions, or even a mixture of both. By expressing an interest, doesn't mean that it must happen or even will happen. St John's Gospel includes the call of the first disciples and when they ask Jesus a question, he simply replies 'come and see.' For those wondering or interested, 'come and see' is a wonderful invitation. If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or are maybe interested in becoming a Catholic, please do let us know. Depending on the interest, we can work out the best way of gathering and of course, the best time to meet.

**SINGING FOR FUN** will take place in the Parish Hall at SJW on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to learn some of the music that will be sung at the 11.00am Mass, please do come along.

**UNIVERSALIS APP** is available to download on your phone. The app includes readings for daily Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer, private meditations and much more. A useful app to have for private devotion!

**SEVEN DAY CANDLES** can be sponsored in both STM and SJW for a donation of £5 per candle. These are lit on a Sunday and burn for the following week. At STM candles are available for Our Lady, St Joseph, Sacred Heart and St Thomas More and at SJW they are available for Our Lady, Sacred Heart, St Anthony, and St Joseph. Please note only one intention per candle can be booked. To sponsor a candle for a particular intention, please bring your donation to the sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, 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 re-quired date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is a wonderful opportunity for us to be still and quiet in the presence of the Lord. In both STM and SJW there is a weekly opportunity for this, so please do consider coming along. St Alphonsus Liguori once wrote, 'know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass and on Saturday evening from 4.15pm – 4.45pm at STM and on a Saturday morning after 10.00am Mass at SJW.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSES** are held on the first Saturday of every month in the MRR. To book a place, families are asked to contact Deacon Leo by emailing dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

**HOUSE VISITS** to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Those who would like a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon or Deacons Leo and David. A visit can be arranged by themselves or by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO SPARE?** Carriers of Hope's furniture project urgently needs household items like bed frames, dining tables, washing machines, fridges, prams and more. Drop off donations at the warehouse on Thursdays or Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For collection of large items, email furnitureproject@carriersofhope.org.uk

**THE ARCHDIOCESE** is recruiting for the following four positions for an Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. More information together with the closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

**LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC MEETING** will not take place in February due to the half term break. Details of the March meeting will be available in the coming weeks. For more information, please email Deacon Leo at dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

**PARISH OFFICE** (for both STM and SJW) is open on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am – 4.00pm. If you have any general enquiries, please do try and call during these hours.

**GIFT AID GIVING:** If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase you weekly giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Through this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. More information available from Tony Curristan at STM and June Palmer at SJW.

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you were unable to give via the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass, you can give online to either parish by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.



**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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#### **READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

#### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 17: 5 – 8

Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit'

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 1

R: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night. *R* 

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. R

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *R* 

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16 – 20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 6:17, 20 – 26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'