



# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF *St Thomas More* and *St Joseph the Worker*



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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week: 3  
Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
Sunday Year: C

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>	STM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Eddie and Peggy McElvenney (Anniv)</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lorna and Stuart Daniel (Ints)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Elisabetta Crespi (RIP)</b>
		<b>12.45pm</b>	SJW	<b>Mass (University)</b>	<b>Benjamin Rhbuukwa (RIP)</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	6.00pm	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	Mendieta Family (Ints)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Veronica McShea (RIP)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Harry Davenport (Anniv)</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	STM	<b>Mass</b>	Monica Fagan (Ints)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	STM	<b>Mass</b>	Frances Baxter (Ints)
		12 noon	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	Eileen Butterly (RIP)
		6.30pm	STM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	Michael O'Shaughnessy (Anniv)
				followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>4.15pm</b>	STM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Frank Hughes (RIP 21<sup>st</sup> Anniv)</b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Mollie Barnacle (RIP)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Martha Connolly (Anniv)</b>
		<b>12.45pm</b>	SJW	<b>Mass (University)</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	STM	<b>Solemn Erection and Blessing of the Stations of the Cross</b>	

*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.*

This Sunday, Jesus teaches about humility and self-examination. In our Gospel, He tells us to look at our own faults before judging others. This practice leads to true humility and helps us grow closer to God.

We often judge people based on their appearance, wealth, or status. But what really matters is the condition of their hearts. Our conversations reveal our true beliefs and values. What we say shows what is inside us. Our words can impact our relationships deeply. When we speak with love and humility, we build others up. But if we are proud and critical, we can harm relationships. We must be aware of our own weaknesses and strive to improve.

Pride blinds us to our own faults. We become hypocrites, thinking we are better than others. This pride is a barrier to holiness and prevents us from leading others to Christ. Self-examination helps us recognize our own sins and grow in humility. Let's focus on removing the log from our own eye. Let's strive for humility and seek to improve ourselves before judging others. By doing so, we can follow Christ more closely and help others on their spiritual journey.

Let us pray. Lord, help us to speak with kindness and truth. Give us hope in Christ's victory over death. Teach us to be humble and see our own faults. Guide us to live faithfully and love others as You love us. Amen.

**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 AND COLLECTIONS**

**STM: £729.00 | SJW: £185.00**

*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, Erica Wilma Cox de Barros Dias, Carole Drew, Christina Hughes and Richard Healy,** 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 Cunningham, 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, Kevin Shakespeare and Clare Oliver.

**THE MONTH OF MARCH** is dedicated to St Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a 'just man,' and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. St John Paul II said, 'because St Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, we must turn to St Joseph today to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and upon the family. We must plead with St Joseph to guard the Eucharistic Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril.'

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

**ON SATURDAY EVENING** we welcome the CathSoc Choir who usually sing at the 12.45pm Sunday Mass. There will also be a few extra servers as this Mass as earlier today, the servers at STM met for a Day of Reflection and training. Several of our servers – those who have served for one year or more – will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. Our thanks to our dedicated band of servers at both STM and SJW for the dedication they give towards this important ministry in the life of our church. Anyone who is interested in serving, is welcome to speak to Fr Simon.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** after Masses today for Cathedral Maintenance.

**LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH:** STM is a Live Simply parish. Live sustainably with creation by planting a seed or tree sapling.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** The CathSoc members from the University will be meeting at SJW on Tuesday evening for a 'Shrove Tuesday celebration' which will include the serving of pancakes. They have extended a warm welcome to any parishioners who would like to join them. This will follow the evening Mass at 6.00pm.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** with Imposition of Ashes at 9.30am at SJW and 11.00am at STM. Please note that there is no evening Mass at either STM or SJW. Although Ash Wednesday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a prayerful way to begin the season of Lent. A reminder that it is also a day of fasting and abstinence. (There is an evening Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption at 6.00pm; St John Vianney at 7.00pm and All Souls at 7.30pm for those who require them.)

**BRING AND SHARE MEAL** on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at SJW has had to sadly been postponed. We hope to arrange something at a later date.

**CRAFT AND CHAT** will meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am – 12noon in the MRR. If you sew, knit, paint or have another craft hobby, you are more than welcome to come. 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. Please bring everything you need with you.

**CITY PRAISE A PRAYER** will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March evening with four different gatherings on the same evening, at the same time! It will be significant to come together with believers from other churches, to lift up Jesus in worship and to pray for Coventry and the different areas of the city. Our local gathering for the South will take place at St James' Church, Stivichall at 6.00pm. All welcome.

**TAIZE PRAYER** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5:00pm will be held at Coventry Central Hall. All welcome to attend.

**THE CHAPEL OF UNITY** at Coventry Cathedral is hosting an On-line 20-minute Psalm Reflection at 6.00pm each Monday evening during Lent, on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting ID: 864 9505 4646 and Passcode: COUR2025.

**THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT** are a gift that the Church in her wisdom celebrates every year. It is a gift of time, of contemplation, and of quiet. It encourages us to turn away from the noise and over-indulged appetites so that we may understand the hunger that can be filled—with the grace of God—only by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor. Very often, when the season is over, people look back and say, 'I had a terrible Lent' and its simply because we don't truly prepare or allow ourselves to enter fully into the season. This year there are several extra things happening, so let's take full advantage of them and enter fully into the season.

**'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS** and calendars are available for use as part of their daily reading and meditation.

**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** will not meet this coming on Wednesday evening via Zoom. To join the meeting, you will need the Meeting ID and Password

**EARLY BIRD MASSES** on Tuesday mornings at 6.45pm in the Side Chapel at STM. These will be followed by a light breakfast in the MRR.

**STM STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm, the new Stations will be unveiled, blessed and meditated on for the first time. The rite of solemnly erecting the Stations of the Cross is a liturgy rarely seen, as new Stations are seldom hung. It is, however, a most important rite that elevates the status of the Stations in a church from being mere images, to powerful spiritual aids.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed at SJW on Tuesday mornings after the 10.00am Mass and at STM after the 11.00am Wednesday Mass and on Friday evenings at 6.30pm.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES** will be held on Wednesdays at 12noon in the MRR and after the 12noon Mass at SJW on a Friday. During Lent, there will be an opportunity to give a small donation at the lunches, which will be added to the parish charity collection (Mary's Meals).

**PARISH CHARITY:** At the start of Lent, we will be starting our support for a particular charity. The charity for the coming year will be Mary's Meals. The money taken at refreshments after our Saturday and Sunday Masses, together with a voluntary collection once a year, and other small donations will be donated to their work and outreach.

**MARY'S MEALS** is a charity which grew out of another charity called Scottish International Relief (SIR), which was set up after Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow and his brother Fergus took aid from their home in Argyll, Scotland, to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, during the conflict in 1992.

Over the next ten years, SIR expanded. It began building homes for abandoned children in Romania, helped returning refugees in Liberia by setting up mobile clinics, and continued to deliver material aid to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as funding many additional projects.

The Mary's Meals campaign was born in 2002 when Magnus visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When Magnus asked her eldest son Edward what his dreams were in life, he replied simply: "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day." That moment was a key part of the inspiration which led to the founding of Mary's Meals, which began by feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002. The charity is named in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty.

**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.

**'DILEXIT NOS' LENTEN GROUP** will meet on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at SJW. Each week, you will be given a reading pack and some questions for personal and group reflection. If you missed the Introductory meeting last Thursday, there are copies of the reading available at the back of church.

**PARENT SCHOOL TOUR** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore STM school, meet the dedicated staff, and see the learning environment in action. To book your place, please contact the School Office by calling 0247 684 9910 or send an email to [stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk](mailto:stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk).

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will be envelopes and more information available at Masses next week.

**BIG LENT WALK:** CAFOD are calling all Catholics to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight Global Poverty. The Big Lent Walk makes it simple to put your faith into action this Lenten season by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. The money you raise will enable people around the world to fight poverty. More information at [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk)

**JAM AND CAKE SESSION:** Soul Reason would like to invite you to a singing practice for music that will be used over Lent and Easter. It will also include a review of the new 'Hymn of Jubilee'. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of STM with three possibilities for the meeting. Whichever gets the most votes, will be the chosen gathering. Either Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm or Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am or 3.30pm.

**GREETING CARDS FOR PRISONERS:** After each Mass on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at both STM and SJW there will be greeting card signing sessions for prisoners around the world. Many have been unfairly imprisoned and are victims of torture. Please come along and sign a card to let them know they are not forgotten. Cards and information will be provided. Donations towards the £2.80 price of a stamp would be very welcome. More information at <http://www.acatuk.org.uk>

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** will be meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at SJW. If you would like to learn more about the group or become involved, please do come along.

**ROSARY PRAYERS** will be held every Friday at 1.40pm in Lent by the statue of Our Lady of Coventry in Priory Gardens, next to Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. All welcome.

**NEWMAN CIRCLE MEETING** will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the MRR. To help deepen the theme of 'the Arts and the Church' we look forward to welcoming Fr Theodorus Polyviou, who will be speaking on 'The Icon in Eastern Spirituality'. All are welcome.

**LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC MEETING** 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](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

**ST JOHN PASSION** by Johann Sebastian Bach will be performed by the Spires Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in Burgess Hall at King Henry VIII School. Tickets are priced at £15 or £5 for students and are available on the door, or by booking in advance at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic)

**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 bring them in.

**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. More information by emailing [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk)

**LOURDES 2025** will take place from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 under the title of 'with Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' We have been told that lots of the hotels are getting booked up, so if you are thinking of going, and haven't booked, please do so as soon as possible by calling Tangey Tours on 01732 886666.

**'LITTLE CHURCH'** at STM is the Liturgy of the Word with children, offering an 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.

**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.

**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 come along.

**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.

**JUBILEE VIDEO SERIES:** In the second video – Modern Slavery – we hear from Ben Ryan, Deputy CEO for the Medaille Trust who talks about Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and the role of the Medaille Trust as a provider of survivor support services. The video series can be accessed via the Birmingham Archdiocese website.

**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.

**BIBLE ALIVE** is a great way to get to know the Scriptures. Each day there is a reflection which is both informative and encouraging. To start a regular subscription to Bible Alive, please contact Clive on 024 7650 1579.

**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](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

**DAILY MISSALS** are now available for pre-order from the Piety Stalls. These contain the complete Sunday and daily readings in a single hardback volume with six ribbons and colour sacred art images. Missals are priced at £70 each.

**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. Individuals 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 required 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 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.

**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](mailto:furnitureproject@carriersofhope.org.uk)

**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, and Knights of St Columba will pass them on.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:**

2<sup>nd</sup> March Cathedral Maintenance  
16<sup>th</sup> March CAFOD Lent Fast Day

<b>READERS FOR MARCH</b>	STM	1 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm	Quinita Colaco
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Lanzo Amirtharaj
		8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Clare Staines
		9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Noreen Thornhill
		15 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Ashford Menezes
		16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Marisa Gunn
		22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Janet Ward
		23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Sonia Carvell
		29 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Monika Rozanski
		30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kris Pears
	April	5 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Mandy Crilly
		6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Debbie Middleton
	SJW	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Dinumol
		9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Eugenie
16 <sup>th</sup>		11.00am	Yuan	
23 <sup>rd</sup>		11.00am	Godwin	
30 <sup>th</sup>		11.00am	Jacqueline	
April	6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Alanna	

**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.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS MONTH:** Daphne Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Edward Chamberlain, Blanche Dargan, Dora Lees, Harry Davenport, Therese McGunigal, Michael Fitzpatrick, Eddie McElvenney, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Thomason, Lillian Brennan, Margaret McElvenney, John Avery, Mary Parkinson, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Mary Mills, Margaret McBeth, Larry Kelly, Sequoia Collier, John Tarlington, Angela Dominican, Sean Gallagher, Cecil Dowson, Susan Murphy, Lucy Brennan, Pauline Woodcock, Elizabeth Carr, John Gavin, Mary Jones, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Linda Walker, Frank Pituello, Mary 'Marion' Kelly, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, Maria Harrison, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien, Maria Cortese, Madeline Jeary, Frances Power, Gertrude McGoldrick, Theresa Chamley, Nicholas Jarram, Fintan McHugh, Thomas Wainwright, Michael Ryan, Mollie Swinden, Mary Di Cioccio, Thomas McCrea, Eileen Bierns, Thomas Keogh, Veronica Lee, John Brogan, Veronica "Vera" Lee, Michael Brydon, Donald Meacham, Christopher McHale, Francis Hargreaves, Jeffrey Blackwell, Jack Robinson, Ellen-Mary Errington, Brenda Cleaver, Patrick Kenny, Anthony Horrell, Brian Kavanagh, Mary Falconer, Pierre Stockman, Ellen Leonard, Eileen McKenna, Kevin Bills, Kate Ryan, John Griffin, Francis Phillips, Kathleen McMenamin, Patrick King, Ronald Stokes, Michael Anderson, Seamus O'Malley, Bernadette Seale, Mary Webster, Maureen Pollard, Rosetta Stanners, Mary Lee, Michael O'Brien, Kevin Verdon, Mary Ward, Michael Clifford, Patricia "Nula" Smith, Mary Crane, Martha Connelly, Murial Pharoah, Robert Halley, John Morgan, Mary Walsh, Elsie Lamb, Vincent Grace, Annie Evans, Patrick Lynch, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anna Flint.

**READINGS FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R/ cf. 2a

*R:* It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,  
and your truth in the watches of the night. *R*

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.  
Planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God. *R*

Still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *R*

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

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