



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



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Psalter Week: 4  
Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
Sunday Year: C

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH 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>Mark Finn (Anniv)</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>	<b>John Wooderson (Anniv)</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Thomas Furey (RIP)</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Feria	6.45am	STM	<b>Mass</b>	Michael O'Donnell
		10.00am	SJW	<b>Mass</b> followed by <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Mother Therese (RIP)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lent Feria	11.00am	STM	<b>Mass 'n' Mingle</b> followed by <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Wooltorton (Thanksgiving)
		5.00pm	STM	<b>Vigil of Reception</b> for Justina Texiera (RIP)	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	STM	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Justina Texiera (RIP)	
		6.00pm	SJW	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	STM	<b>Mass</b> followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Sheila O'Driscoll (Mem Mass)
		12 noon	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	Essie Simons (RIP)
		6.30pm	STM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	10.00am	SJW	<b>Mass</b> followed by <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>	Dolores Connolly (RIP)
		<b>4.15pm</b>	STM	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	STM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Andrew Colby (Anniv)</b>	
	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	STM	<b>Mass</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	SJW	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Edith Whatling (RIP)</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.*

Our readings encourage us to reflect on our own journeys. We are reminded of God's promises and His presence in our lives. Just as the Israelites celebrated their new beginning, we too can find joy in God's promises and look forward to new beginnings with faith and hope.

The parable of the Prodigal Son, found in the Gospel is a story with twists, turns, and reversals. It focuses on freedom and duty, showing how God's mercy can change lives. The younger son seeks freedom. He wants to live as he wishes, without respect for his father. He even implies that he would prefer his father were dead to claim his wealth. When he returns home, he is more interested in physical comfort than in a relationship with his father. The older son is dutiful. He serves his father without complaint but harbours resentment. He takes pride in being 'the good son' and wishes for a reward. He is driven by his ego and desires to be held in high esteem. He becomes furious when his reckless brother returns and is restored to the same level in the family.

This parable encourages us to reflect on our own lives. Are we seeking freedom without responsibility, or are we dutiful without love? Let us strive to find balance, motivated by love, as we follow God's example of mercy and forgiveness.

Let us pray. Lord, we thank You for Your constant care and mercy. Help us to seek new beginnings in You and to forgive others as You forgive us. Guide us to live in peace and love. 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:** £ 821.00 | **SJW:** £276  
*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 Jim Etheridge** (Requiem Mass at STM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April), **Fr Dominic Innamorati, Kevin Shakespeare** (Requiem Mass at Christ the King, 12noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April) **Justina Texeira** (Requiem Mass at STM on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April), **Jim Power, Sarah Jones** and **Val Blaxall** 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, 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, Clare Oliver, Romina Mendieta, Jennifer Bell, Tony Smith and Donal Heffernan

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. People would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral, or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. Another tradition allowed those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates in England to have the day off to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion.

**TODAY** we give thanks for all our mothers wherever they may be. May their sacrifices and their prayers for us not go unrewarded by God. We give thanks in a special way for the precious gift of Our Lady from our Lord on the Cross, that she will be Our Mother too.

**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.

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

**'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 last week, copies are available at the back of church.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Thursday evening at 6.00pm in SJW. This will be followed by the Lent Reading Group, but you are welcome to come to either or both.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Our next meeting of the newly started group will be 11.00am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Joseph the Worker in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come along and find out more about the Society and how you can help us in our work. Please contact David on 07713 246987.

**WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES** at STM will be available for collection after Masses this week and next from the MRR. As the new envelopes are now being circulated at both STM and SJW, it is a good time to explain a little more about giving to our churches and the various ways in which this can be done.

**Standing Order:** You can set up a standing order either by filling in a standing order form which you can collect from church or download from the website. Alternatively, by arranging to contact the parish for bank details and arranging a standing order directly with the bank. A standing order means that your bank pays the parish directly a set amount each week or month, enabling a secure and direct transfer. By this means, you help the parish to receive a secure and regular income to support the mission of the church locally.

**Planned Giving:** If you prefer to make your offerings to the parish using cash, it is often helpful to use the planned giving envelopes. This gives you privacy in making your offerings, and you can set aside a particular sum of money each week to place in our envelopes. In this way you support the parish and ensure a regular source of income.

**Gift Aid:** For those who are taxpayers, making a Gift Aid declaration enables the parish (as part of a recognised charity) to claim back tax that has been paid. This means that for every £1 that you give to the parish, it receives an additional 25p in reclaimed tax. Gift Aid can be applied to donations received from taxpayers contributing in any one of the means of giving listed.

**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. Compared to our Sunday Mass numbers, the attendance at the Stations has been rather poor. When we pray the stations, we unite ourselves with the Lord in the last three hours of his life and we witness in our desire to truly follow him in that final journey. Perhaps in the last few weeks of Lent, we can make a special effort to come along.

**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.

**JUBILEE STATIONS OF CROSS:** The images created for our new Stations of the Cross have now been printed into a set of cards for private devotion and prayer. These are priced at £5 a set and will be available to buy after all Masses this week. A panorama of the Stations is on display in STM, which helps to show the link and continuation of the road through each station. You can also learn more about the insight, thought and consideration which is behind the creation of these beautiful, prayerful and stunning Jubilee Stations.

**DEACON DAVID AND JUNE PALMER:** David and June have decided to downsize and move to a smaller house in Warwick nearer to their grandchildren. They say "We have prayed about this and feel that in the longer term it will be too far to travel to St Joseph's regularly. We will continue to come to Mass at St Joseph's for a while and plan that our last Sunday Mass at St Joseph's will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to everyone who made us so welcome in the parish since our arrival in the dark days of Covid in 2020. We have really enjoyed our time at the University Chaplaincy and St Joseph's and will miss the many friends we have made."

**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** will meet this coming week on Wednesday evening in person in the MRR at 6.00pm. This is a reflective time of prayer and contemplation with the Sunday Gospel. All are welcome to come along.

**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).

**HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in STM. A chance to reflect on the week ahead through word and music. More details to follow, but please make a note in your diary.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting ID: 864 9505 4646 and Passcode: COUR2025.

**PARISH CHARITY:** Our chosen 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.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER:** This may seem some time away, but there are some considerations to be made as to how we will celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter this year.

Last Easter, we had the luxury of having two priests, which meant that there was provision for the Sacred Triduum to be celebrated in both STM and SJW. Since June, there has been only one priest and between the two parishes, we have had to rethink our daily schedule and patterns of Masses. The new pattern seems to be working well, and it is good to see parishioners from both parishes attending the Masses in both churches.

The Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), though chronologically three days, are liturgically one day, through which unfolds Christ's Paschal Mystery. This means that the Triduum is one complete liturgy, rather than three separate liturgies that just happen to be celebrated on the appropriate day.

This year, we have two churches but only one priest. Unlike Christmas, Easter is not a time when several Masses and liturgies can be offered at different times and places by one priest. We also need to consider the numbers which regularly attend these liturgies, and of course, the other visitors that come during this time of year. There is also the understanding that a priest can only celebrate the Sacred Triduum once in one day, making 'doubling up' not a possibility, nor an ideal undertaking. Some parishes 'split' the Triduum up between the two parishes, having different days celebrated in each church, and this has been considered.

Taking all these things into consideration, the main liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be celebrated as one community in STM. Then both SJW and STM will have Masses of Easter Day celebrated at the usual times of 9.00am and 11.00am in both churches.

I know this will be a disappointment to many people, but it is a reality that we must face. I hope you appreciate the difficulty that is on the horizon and fully understand the consideration for seating and space that is needed.

It is, however, another opportunity for us to come together as two parishes and to combine all our efforts into making the Sacred Triduum a truly joyful, uplifting and fitting celebration in 2025.

**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)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**COUPLES RETREAT** on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May (7.00pm – 9.00pm) in the MRR. A chance to enrich your marriage as you understand God's purpose for your married life. A retreat led by Br Colin Calmiano. £15 per couple. Limited seats so registration is important. Please call 07438 774231 or 07405 889088. Please see poster for more information.

**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)

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS COVENTRY'S MEN'S GROUPS** are growing. They provide simple unstructured chat and friendship, aimed at men age 50+, but all men are welcome. Let your friends, relatives and neighbours know they can join us on a Tuesday from 2.00pm-3.30pm at ICC Keresley (CV6 2FJ); on a Thursday from 4.30pm-6pm at St Paul's Foleshill (CV6 5AJ) and on Friday from 1.00pm-2.30pm at St Martin's Finham (CV3 6EA).

**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.

**'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.

**STM CHURCH OPENING:** The side door – known as Our Lady's door – at STM will be unlocked (except on Monday's) so access to the Side Chapel can be gained during the day for private prayer and reflection. Please note that the door will be locked at around 4.00pm every night.

**PRAYING FOR POPE FRANCIS:** Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

**JUBILEE RETREAT DAY** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in STM, led by Canon Michael Dolman, Rector of Oscott College. A day based on suggestions for getting the most out of this Holy Year and how we might become greater Pilgrims of Hope throughout this Holy Year and beyond. More details to follow, but please do make a note in your diary.

**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.

**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.

**KENELM YOUTH TRUST** are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at our retreat centres based in Alton, ST10 4TT. More information about the various roles can be found by visiting [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html) or you can call 01538 703 224 to discuss the opportunities.

**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 your 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.

**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 Amanda Kelly and Claire Rutter 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.

	<b>HYMN FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE</b>	
Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.		

## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**FIRST READING** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 34(33)  
*R:* Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. *R*

Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. *R*

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress. *R*

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 – 32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' " And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." '

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**PARISH OFFICE** for both parishes is based at STM and 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.