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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Saturday 14th	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Paul and Richard Norris
Sunday 15th		9.00am	STM	Mass	Penny O'Leary (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Carmel Silver (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass	Thanksgiving for Examinations
Monday 16 th	St Richard of Chichester			No Mass	
Tuesday 17 th	Feria	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Charles and May Simons (RIP)
Wednesday 18 th	Dedication of the Cathedral	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Michael Byrne (RIP)
Thursday 19 th	St Romuald	10.00am	STM	Mass	Tony Miller (B'day Anniv)
Friday 20 th	St Thomas More	10.00am	STM	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Pro Populo
Saturday 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga	10.00am	SJW	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	June and David Palmer (Ints)
	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Veronica Hammond (RIP)
Sunday 22nd		9.00am	STM	Mass	Maria Kwan (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Keelin Trehane (RIP)

*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.*

Today's Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, along with Corpus Christi next Sunday, isn't a celebration of an event such as Christmas or Easter, but of a doctrine – that God has revealed himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – One God in three Persons. God is mystery, an immense mystery our minds struggle to grasp. And yet, through grace, we can live the truth of this mystery in our worship. The Spirit of God draws us to the altar where Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, draws us to the Father through the sacrifice of the Cross sacramentally offered in the way that he has commanded.

Today's readings from Proverbs, Romans, and John are all about "pouring out." God pours Self out in Word; God and Word pour out the Spirit to help us pour ourselves out; and the Spirit pours forth Faith and strength and character. Instead of spelling out the doctrine of Holy Trinity, today's readings summarize the effects of the Trinity in our daily lives.

The Book of Proverbs reflects on Wisdom, a quality which that book identifies with God. St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, teaches us that we have peace with God the Father through Jesus Christ, and that the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, mentions the role of the Holy Spirit, His close relationship with God the Father and what the Holy Spirit is going to do for us as we go about our daily tasks. God has revealed to us three separate functions that are carried out by the three Persons. He has told us that it is proper to attribute to God the Father the work of creation; to God the Son, the work of Redemption, of reconciliation and of healing, and to the Holy Spirit, the work of guidance in truth, in the work of teaching and in the work of sanctification.

Living a life in the Holy Trinity as a Catholic involves striving to live a life of love and unity, inspired by the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This includes actively seeking to love God and others, fostering unity within the Church, and living a life that reflects the Trinity's divine nature. As Catholics, we are encouraged to live a life that reflects the teachings of Jesus, who showed us how to live a life of love and service.

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

Collections: STM: £782.00 | SJW: £302.80

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Jennifer Bell, Ann Brooks, Fr John Baggley, Peter Charman, Theresa Christine Crout-Jones, Deacon Tony Hewitt, Deacon Tony Rigby and Deacon Terry Hum 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 Cuninghame, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Christine Grady, Jacqueline Marajh Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, David O'Grady, Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone, Clare Oliver, Romina Mendieta, Claire Hughes, Tony Smith, Christopher Mason and Donal Heffernan.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High priest, to redeem us and you willing that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MONTH OF JUNE is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Day for Life

DAY FOR LIFE is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year it will be marked on Sunday 15 June. The theme is 'Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering.' It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery, and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.

Day for Life is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us.

FATHER'S DAY: As we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, we pray for all those who have chosen the vocation of the father of a family or those who exercise a fatherly role in the care of others. May their desire to fulfil their calling well be sustained by keeping always before them the all-merciful Heavenly Father, and images such as the Father of the Prodigal Son.

TODAY we welcome Sue Nightingale to our Masses who will be speaking about the work and mission of Mary's Meals, the charity that we are supporting this year. Later in the year we plan to have a retiring collection to add to the money which has already been raised through refreshments after Mass.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AT SJW will be needed to help at the Sunday 11.00am Mass. If you are commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister at SJW, would you please let Fr Simon know, so that we can put together a rota for this ministry.

WE DARE TO HOPE COURSE continues on Thursday 19th June at 7.00pm in the MRR at STM. The course consists of a time of reflection combining meditation, scripture, prayers and questions.

OSCOTT CEMETERY OFFICE has been in contact regarding the fitting and erecting of a headstone on Fr Michael Jordan's grave. The stone, which will be engraved with his name, date of birth, ordination and death will cost just over £900. If any parishioners would like to donate towards this, please hand them to Fr Simon. If you are a Taxpayer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation by filling out a 'one-off' donation form available from Fr Simon.

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!' Many of us enjoy coming to church for a number of reasons. Not only do we get a chance to be closer to God, but we also get to see some of our friends, people that we have known perhaps for a long time, which gives us a chance to catch up on what is going on in each other's lives. Today's world is starved of silence and Holy Mass should be a privileged moment to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and, through worship and participation in Christ's eternal sacrifice, become capable of giving an eternal value to these same daily and transitory activities.

Before Mass there should be a general atmosphere of silence. This does not exclude a quiet word of greeting, a nod of recognition or a friendly handshake among the parishioners. What should be avoided is the steadily rising hum of multiple conversations in the pews, often interrupted only by the announcement that the celebration is about to begin.

Pope Francis frequently emphasised the importance of silence, particularly before Mass, as a way to prepare the heart and mind for prayer and deeper listening to God's word. He highlighted silence as a space where one can make room for Christ and discern the Father's will, leading to more authentic communication with God.

Before Mass:	During Mass:	After Mass:
<i>talk to God</i>	<i>let God talk to you</i>	<i>talk to each other</i>

REFRESHMENTS after Mass are a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community to catch up and share news. It is also a time when we can help support the work of Mary's Meal's through the donations we are able to give.

PLEASE PRAY for Ron Castillo and Luke Jarvis who in September commence their formation as Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Royal English College, Valladolid and for Deacon Gerry Bowen as he prepares for his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood in July.

SVP CONFERENCE has now been running for a few weeks and is slowly starting to take shape. During this time, they have been looking at possible outreach projects which would be helpful to our parishioners at both STM and SJW. A few more members in the conference would be a marvellous addition. If you would like more information, please speak to Fr Simon. Please also let us know if you know of anyone who might like a visit from a member of the SVP. If you are interested, please contact Siobhan Allen on 07712732576.

STM FEAST DAY will be transferred and celebrated this Friday. Following the Mass at 10.00am, the children will lead a Procession into the school grounds after which parishioners are invited to stay for tea and coffee.

STM RAFFLE TICKETS are available after all Masses today. Tickets are priced at £1 each or £5 for a book. All stubs and monies to be returned by Friday 4th July ready for the drawer on Saturday 5th July after the 5.00pm Mass.

STM SETTING UP will take place on Friday 20th from 12.45pm. If you are able to lend a hand in setting up, please meet in church.

STM SUMMER 'FEAST'IVAL! on Friday 20th June from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Lots of fun for everyone. Games, Tombola for Bottles, Sweeties, Cuddly Toys, Pimm's Tent, Bouncy Castle, 5 A Side Football tournament, hot food and more. New for this year will be our very own STM Bake Off! Get practising those Victoria Sponges!! Also, our 'Made with Love at Home' Stall: we'll be looking for donations of pickles, jams, chutneys, wine, crafts and even home grown veg soon! There will be entertainment provided during the afternoon with a special guest appearance from the fabulous Rock Choir.

WE STILL NEED donations of bottles (full), tombola prizes, fancy gifts and cuddly toys (in good condition). These can be dropped off on Sunday between 1.00pm – 3.00pm or left in the plastic boxes at the back of STM.

STM SPRING FAYRE PUBLICITY: It has been suggested that we do 'door to door' leaflet drops in the local area. At the back of STM there is a list of all the local roads near to church. If you live on one of those roads, and would be willing to distribute the flyers, please take a handful with you and tick the road list. An excellent and easy way to get a few extra steps in!

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets on Mondays at from 7pm to 8.30pm in the MRR.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS available by request from Fr Simon.

COVENTRY CATHOLICS YOUNG ADULTS GROUP age 18-35. Meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm to eat and pray together and discuss their faith. Venue: St Osburg's Church Hall (CV1 4AQ). The next meeting will be held on 17th June.

FR REGINALD who often helps with supply at SJW and STM, invites all parishioners to join him as he celebrates his 25th anniversary since Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 21st June at 11.30am in St Mary and St Benedict's Church.

PARISH BBQ'S will be taking place on Saturday 5th July at STM following the 5.00pm Mass and on Sunday 6th July at SJW following the 11.00am Mass. Tickets will be on sale next week priced at £5.00 per tickets. Please do make a note of these events in your diary as they are wonderful opportunities to come together as a community.

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses with a wide variety of gifts and cards available for purchase.

CHARIS EVENING at Corpus Christi Church on Friday 27th June from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. An evening of Rosary, Holy Mass, Confession, Adoration, Praise and Worship and Spiritual Talks given by Fr Benedict Skipper. All welcome.

'YEAR OF JUBILEE' RETREAT DAY on Saturday 28th June from 10.00am – 3.00pm at St Thomas More Catholic Church (CV3 5DE). The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions together with the reflections given by Canon Michael Dolman, the Rector of Oscott College, with suggestions for getting the most out of this Holy Year and how we might become greater Pilgrims of Hope as we continue through this Holy Year and beyond. A soup lunch will also be available. Suggested donation of £10 per person. If you are attending, please sign the sheets at the back of church. This event has been opened up to other parishes within our deanery.

THIS SUNDAY the 12.45pm Mass will be the last one for for this Academic Year. We wish all the students and staff, whether staying in Coventry or returning home, a restful and peaceful summer break.

ACT NOW ON ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Team at Oxford Pro-Life Community are reminding people to contact their MP and urge them to vote against Assisted Suicide. The Third Reading and vote on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is likely to take place on Friday 13 June or Friday 20 June. Your voice matters on the Assisted Suicide Bill. Your MP's vote on the Assisted Suicide Bill is imminent and critical. This Bill, if passed, cannot be undone. Your MP needs to hear from you. Many are wavering, and your opinion can truly make a difference in defeating this Bill. Please do not leave it to others. Please consider writing to your local MP this week.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION on Sunday 22nd June starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Catholic Church, CV3 3AG processing to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Langbank, CV3 2QP. You are invited to stay for a picnic on the grass at 4pm - drinks and nibbles provided! First Holy Communion children are especially invited to lead the procession in their First Holy Communion outfits. For more information, please see the posters in church.

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

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: You can support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations, allowing more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145. The Foodhub would also be grateful for donations of 'Bags for Life' shopping bags.

SJW FOOD BANK: There is now a box at the back of SJW if anyone would like to give donations of tinned goods towards the foodbank.

PARENT SCHOOL TOUR: Prospective parents are invited to this event at STM School scheduled on Tuesday 17th June at 9.00am. This is an opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and see our learning environment in action. The tour will provide insight into our values, curriculum, and the supportive community. To book your place, please contact the school office on 0247684 9910 or email stm-admin@hccmac.co.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 Deacon Leo. A visit can be arranged by themselves or by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION is available at STM on Saturday evenings from 4.15pm – 4.45pm; and at SJW on Saturday morning from 10.30am – 11.00am. Alternatively at other times with prior arrangement with Fr Simon. If you haven't been to confession for a while don't let fear, guilt, or embarrassment dissuade you. Jesus is waiting in the confessional for you, and his heart longs to grant you his mercy in abundance.

FAURE REQUIEM: To celebrate the centenary of All Souls church the Coventry Philharmonic Choir will be performing Faure's Requiem in All Souls at 5.30pm on Saturday 21st June. All Souls was built 100 years ago as a memorial to the dead of the First World War. Tickets are £8 per adult, children free with a parent/carer. There's a family deal of £12 for 2 adults, children again free. Tickets available at covphilsoc.org/concert or on the door (cash or card). Price includes post-concert refreshments.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES: To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL If you or a relative are going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

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. 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. 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.

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



GIFT AID: If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase your giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aid. By this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. Information available from Tony Curristan at STM and Mike Callanan SJW.

READINGS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R/2a

R: O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name through all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
the son of man that you care for him? R

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hands:
you put all things under his feet. R

All of them, sheep and oxen,
yes, even the cattle of the fields,
birds of the air, and fish of the sea
that make their way through the waters. R

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

ST THOMAS MORE
SUMMER 'FEAST'IVAL
Friday 20th June 2025
3.30pm to 6pm
ST. THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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GREAT STM BAKE OFF as part of the STM 'Feast'ival on Friday 20th June. Two categories for Adults (18 and over) and Children (up to 17). Bake a cake with a Summer Theme to Bake Off Tent for judging at 4.30pm at The 'Feast'ival. Cakes can be donated for sale on the day. Please avoid using nuts.

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