



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

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| Sunday, 3rd January: Second Sunday after Christmas | 10.45 am Public Mass (No 1230 Mass outside term) 5pm No Mass | Charles & Martha Connolly ~ |
| Monday 4 th Jan | 9am Live stream Mass at STM | ~ |
| Tuesday 5 th Jan | 10am Live stream Mass | Gerard & Maureen Connolly |
| Wednesday 6 th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord | 6.30pm Live stream Mass | Special Intention (Conley) |
| Thursday 7 th Jan: St Raymond of Penyafort | 10.00 am Public Mass | Josie Dekkers (Birthday) |
| Friday 8 th Jan | 10.00am Live stream Mass | The McCaul Family |
| Saturday 9 th Jan | 10.00am Live stream Mass | Michael, Margaret & Michael Higgins |
| Sunday 10th January: The Baptism of the Lord | 10.45 am Public Mass 5pm No Mass | Anthony Armstrong ~ |

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET! FOLLOW MASS ONLINE

Click on the link from the website home page or use the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-ldWAmc&feature=youtu.be>

Please pray for the sick, including: George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Jennifer Shaw, Danny & Mary Harrington, Paddy Beausang, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling and Margaret Dunne.

Please pray for the departed, Bernardine (Bernie) Bell, Francesco Lionetti, John Folliard, Elizabeth Piercy, Veronica Brownhill, Deacon Frank Lockett, Deacon Peter Kilgallon, and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Hogan, Nellie Britten, Patrick Forde, Joseph Morgan, William Bands, Rosina Chandler, Michael Cunningham, Catherine Coyle, Michael Sullivan, Robert McCavert Dolly Parker, Marian Clayton, Tommy Snow, Elen Synott, John Moss, Mary Collins, Michael McConnell. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Prayer as you watch a Livestream Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

◆ **STEWARDS & CLEANERS NEEDED FOR 5PM MASS** ◆

At the moment, we are not able to steward the 5pm Mass with certainty over the next few Sundays. This means that we cannot be open for evening Mass without more volunteers. **Please speak to one of the clergy or email the parish to volunteer.** No one should volunteer who is not in good health or who is taking care of a vulnerable person. Numbers in the congregation at the 5pm Mass have recently reduced considerably and so it may be that we simply have a smaller pool to ask at present. Given the news about the virus, we cannot take any risks including simply assuming Masses will be adequately stewarded and will be 'all right on the night'. We need reserves to call on in case of sickness or needing to isolate. As Christians, we have a duty of care towards one another and to wider society. We look forward to being able to offer this Mass again as soon as volunteers have come forward. So, to be clear, as well as no 5pm today (which was announced last week), there will be **no 5pm Mass next Sunday 10 January**. If enough volunteers come forward this week, it can return after that.

THANK YOU to all our helpers! We'd be shut without you!

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Chloe Holden
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Carmel Silver RIP (Birthday)

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We begin a new year in difficult circumstances. May 2021 be the year we finally beat the pandemic, but we have some time to go... Fr Stephen, Fr Peter & Deacon David wish you and your families every blessing for 2021.

THANK YOU for your kind Christmas greetings, cards and Christmas offering.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: 2021 begins in the middle of a worsening pandemic and yet with the vaccination starting to be used. It looks set to be the year we overcome Covid-19 but we are certainly not there yet and don't know when we will be. Everyone has been affected by lockdowns, and by restrictions on movement, education, and trade if not by the virus itself. The Church and its parishes are no exception. For ten months and with more to come we have operated under great limitations: so much has changed. So, when this does end – as it will – what will we find? We cannot yet be sure, but it is likely to be quite different to how it all was before such a lengthy interruption to normality. On a practical level we shall have work to do to restore our churches and halls to safe and full use. On a spiritual level we shall need to nurture what have become more scattered communities, rediscover how best weekly patterns of worship, meetings and devotions serve people's needs, meet one another afresh and find again the joys of proper, unfettered community life. The clergy will finally be able to sit down and have a cup of tea with you! There is but a fine line between a challenge and an opportunity, and so going forward with Jesus, Emmanuel, 'God-is-with-us' may we go into the new year allowing Him to lead us, open to what might be new and different. But above all to what allows us to serve Him and His people as He wills. May Our Lady's and St Joseph's prayers help us grasp what 2021 will bring to help us grow in love and knowledge of God. May God bless us all in this new year.

FR PETER REFLECTS: The day we entered Tier Four the artwork spray-painted on the shutter of a closed shop suddenly caught my eye. It boldly proclaimed: "After the storm comes the Rainbow". This gift of nature is a major sign in the Bible of God's compassion. The mural is a monument perpetually thanking all of the NHS doctors, nurses, carers and other key workers, to whom we owe a huge on-going debt of gratitude, as the pandemic enters this crucial phase. By celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, let us bring the light of Hope and Love to those around us as we build, whenever and wherever we can, a 'culture of encouragement'. May the words of our local Saint, John Henry Newman, herald a fresh dawn in 2021 – as we take up his challenge: "Let us throw our hearts into all we think, say, and do; and may it be a spiritual heart. This is to be a new creature in Christ; this is to walk by faith." (*Parochial and Plain Sermons* V, 12).

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY 6 JANUARY

Public celebration of Mass at St Thomas More Church at 9am Livestream only Mass at St Joseph the Worker 6.30pm.

SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES

Saturday Vigil Mass of Sunday 5.00pm STM

Sunday Mass 9.00am STM

Sunday Mass 10.45am SJW

No Sunday Evening Mass at SJW at the moment. More stewards and cleaners are needed.

COVENTRY IS NOW IN TIER 4 of the pandemic restrictions. The Government regulations state '**You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside your household or your support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times**'. We shall remain open unless told otherwise but **we must still follow all the pandemic guidelines.**

PUBLIC WORSHIP: *We thank the volunteer cleaners and stewards* without whom we would not be here together. Public worship is totally dependent on their efforts.

HANDS – please remember to sanitise your hands and to touch as little as possible. Please take away the news sheet on your seat so that no one else touches it.

FACE – wear a face covering over mouth and nose. If cannot do this, you must keep 2 metres or 6 feet distance.

SPACE – keep more than 1 metre (or 3 feet) away from people not in your household. Please do not move the seats unless to move closer to a family member. **Seats must not be moved for any other reason and must always be 1 metre from the aisle and the point of Communion, and anyone else** behind, beside or in front of you if not in your household. (If you do not wear a mask, your seat must be 2 metres distant). When you move for Communion, or to enter or leave the church, remember that the shortest route may always not be the safest – always keep 1 metre distance (2 metre if no mask). Stewards will guide you.

VENTILATION – We must keep fresh air coming in to minimise the risk of viruses in stale air.

Please follow instructions from stewards – they are there to help make sure that these guidelines are followed.

The good news about vaccines mean that we move ever closer to the end of all this – but it isn't over yet.

GIVING TO THE PARISH You can set up a regular or single donation on the diocesan website:

(www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) click on Donate (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church you are donating to, select 'Coventry: Canley'.

Thank you for your giving, especially in these times

KNOW ANYONE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD

FOOD? Find out how to **receive help** from a foodbank and how to **give help** to support one by visiting coventry.foodbank.org.uk

KEEP IN TOUCH... Fr Stephen and Fr Peter can be contacted by phone or email. You might find an answering machine sometimes, but we will get back to you.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Pandemic guidelines apply. No more than **6 people may be at a baptism** and **no more than 15 at a wedding.**

FUNERALS: These may still happen in church under the restrictions that apply to all public Masses with **no more than 30 people** present: stewards and cleaners needed.

CONFESSION: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. Please ask the priests.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: This remains available of course, under the guidance given for the safety of all involved – carers, relatives, priest, **and** the person receiving the sacraments in an emergency.

CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION:

THANK YOU for your contributions to the Christmas Offering. This is much appreciated, especially in these difficult times. **Thank you all**