



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 10th January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

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Parish Website www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk Partner Parish Website www.stmcov.org

Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Sunday, 10th January: The Baptism of the Lord	10.45 am Public Mass (No 12.30 Mass outside term) 5pm No Mass	Anthony Armstrong ~ ~
Monday 11 th Jan	9am Live stream Mass at STM	~
Tuesday 12 th Jan: St Aelred of Rievaulx	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Anthony Armstrong
Wednesday 13 th Jan: St Hilary	9am Live stream Mass at STM	
Thursday 14 th Jan	No Public Mass 10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Brian Ryan
Friday 15 th Jan	9.00am Live stream Mass STM	~
Saturday 16 th Jan	10.00am Live stream Mass SJW	Lost Souls
Sunday 17th January: 2nd Sunday	10.45 am Public Mass 5pm No Mass	Anne Reece ~

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: John Moss, Michael McConnell, Paul Boland, Leonard Davies, Joseph Sullivan, Olga Maguire, Mary McCrave, Heinje Casson, Maureen Griffin, Patricia Fanning, Mary Shaw, Thomasina Dolan, Alban Eyres, Eileen Bryan, Julia Quinn, Katrina Clifford, Mary Kelly, Mary Verdon, Rev Philip Wyles, Rev Patrick Farrelly, Rev James Bromley, Rev Benedict O'Gorman, Canon Matt Corrigan, Rev Archie Snell. 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

+++++ THE PANDEMIC: WE ARE NOW IN LOCKDOWN +++++

The Government regulations state '**You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship... You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship**'. We shall remain open unless told otherwise as long as we have volunteers. We must at this critical time, follow all the pandemic guidelines. Please make sure that you are familiar with what to do—see other page. These measures, if properly followed, help prevent the transmission of the virus. Restrictions can be changed by the government at short notice: please be aware that all our arrangements might therefore have to change quickly too. Equally, the availability of volunteers and clergy might suddenly change through illness or the need to isolate. The website, news sheet and notices on the church doors will carry news. Please remember that the obligation to be at Mass remains suspended. No one should be doing anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Please consider carefully any risk you may be taking in coming to Mass. Is your own health good? Are you responsible for caring for someone else? Do have a job that places you at risk or needs you to stay away from risk? What do your family think? Have you been exposed to Covid-19? When you do come always remember - **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**

We **ALL** have a Christian duty to keep everyone in church **and** in wider society as safe as possible.

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 the Sick of the Parish

CHANGES TO OUR ROUTINE

The worsening pandemic affects us all. **First, we must all be very careful to do all that we can to keep each other safe – sanitiser, face coverings and keep your distance!**

Several of our volunteer stewards and cleaners have decided, for good reason, to step down from their roles. We thank them for all that they have done, and those who are still able to continue. The reduced numbers of cleaners and stewards mean that there will no longer be a public Mass on Thursdays (all Masses are livestreamed). The Sunday 5pm must be suspended too. Our small band of volunteers can now concentrate on Sunday Mass at 1045 where we may now manage even if one or two cannot attend. That was not possible on Thursdays or Sunday evenings. Let us be clear that all changes because of Covid are of course subject to review and we look forward to the time when we can offer more public worship again safely. This is simply a fact, not a failure. No one must do anything that they feel uncomfortable or unsafe with.

Fr Stephen and Fr Peter need to be careful too: they need to be able to cover for each other within the two parishes just in case, and both have responsibilities beyond the partnered parishes. In addition, Fr Peter has underlying health issues that now dictate extra caution: he will no longer distribute Holy Communion at public Masses (Fr Stephen and Deacon David will do so) and he will not be travelling to Canley quite as much as before.

Consequently, there are fewer live stream Masses from St Joseph's. Live stream Masses at St Thomas More continue unchanged. **Please make use of the live streams and please send an email with any comments – the clergy appreciate your being in touch and will respond.** Remember that things may change at short notice: keep an eye on the website and a notice will be put on the church door.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: The chances are that the single most important event in your Christian life is something you can remember nothing about – your baptism. Yet, at that event, the Holy Spirit was given to you, God the Father adopted you as His child, your original sin was washed away, and, having been laid in the tomb with Christ and promised the new life of the resurrection, you began your Christian journey of discipleship. This is often described as being 'born again' as the life after baptism is so new and different, calling us as it does into eternity. Christ's baptism was not for His sake, however, as the Father's only Son, sinless and uniquely bound to the Holy Spirit – but for ours! It becomes a moment of revelation when Father and Spirit reveal His true nature and He begins His great work of redemption. If we remember it our not, let us not forget that our baptism too is a revelation, a revelation of God's love and mercy, the work of redemption beginning in us.

FR PETER REFLECTS: In an era of Zoom, Twitter, Snap-chat, WhatsApp and Facebook, we can easily forget the preciousness of words, in the noise of constant time-passing chatter. The gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles so that they could speak in ways which went beyond any culture-bound languages. We receive access to this deeper method of relating to God and others through our baptism and confirmation. Prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Mass, renew this spiritual strength and insight. Through them we learn the importance of listening to what isn't said – by whoever we are talking to – as carefully as to

what actually is. We must move beyond any temptation to 'babble' on endlessly. As Saint Francis tells us: "preach the gospel always and, if you must, even use words." Those parishioners who are key workers, especially in the NHS and Caring professions, are learning to communicate in this way each day – and so must we.

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

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES
Sunday Mass 9.00am STM

Sunday Mass 10.45am SJW

No Saturday Evening Mass at STM at the moment

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ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES

HANDS –sanitise your hands and 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 AT LEAST 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 AT LEAST 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.

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: *In emergencies only* Pandemic guidelines apply. No more than **6 people may be at a baptism** and **no more than 15 at a wedding.**

FUNERALS: 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:

Collection: £62 Donations: £100