



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Peace Day

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Hall Manager: *The hall is currently shut due to the pandemic regulations.*

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

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

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| Sunday, 17 th January: Peace Day | 10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30 Mass outside term) 5pm No Mass | Anne Reece ~ ~ |
| Monday 18 th Jan: Octave of Christian Unity Begins | 9am Live stream Mass at STM | ~ |
| Tuesday 19 th Jan: St Wulstan | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW | Lionel Farrell |
| Wednesday 20 th Jan: St Fabian & St Sebastian | 9am Live stream Mass at STM | ~ |
| Thursday 21 st Jan: St Agnes | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW | Pauline Finn |
| Friday 22 nd Jan: St Vincent of Saragossa | 9.00am Live stream Mass STM | ~ |
| Saturday 23 rd Jan: St Nicholas Owen | 10.00am Live stream Mass SJW | Craig Norman (Thanksgiving) |
| Sunday 24 th January: | 10.45am Public Mass 5pm No Mass | Michelle Moore ~ |

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, Gerald Byrne, Fr Pat Joyce, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jame Brouder, Monique Tilson, Angela McKay, Andrew O'Connor, Anne Griffin, Joyce O'Neill, Thomas Clifford, Elizabeth Ford, Bridget Reilly, Margaret Treacy, Cecilia Ferguson, Nora Rowan, Winifred Walsh, Edward Carroll, Laurence Turner, Michael Anderson, Rev Archie Snell, Rev Bernard Robinson, Rev Gregory Winterton CO, Rev George Jackson, Rev Joseph McKenna, Canon Arthur Wall, Mgr Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Rev Anthony Timlin. 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 KEEP APART BY 2 METRES (6 FEET)**

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. **We must all be very careful to do all that we can to keep each other safe – sanitiser, face coverings and keep your distance. KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART!**

The effects of the pandemic and the necessary regulations mean that our routine has had to change. When conditions allow, more Masses will of course return.

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES

Sunday Masses: 9.00am at STM & 10.45am at SJW

Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM

No Saturday Evening Mass at STM at the moment

No Sunday Evening Mass at SJW at the moment

Please make use of the live streams.

Remember that things may change at short notice:

check the website, a notice will be put on the church door.

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY, an annual day of prayer for peace throughout the world and to pray for the work of Pax Christi, the international Catholic body that works for peace and a non-violent resolution to disputes. See

paxchristi.org.uk/

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *Abiding in Christ*. The Chapel of Unity in the city has organised worship by Zoom online, Mon-Fri and Mon 25 at 1pm, and a service next Sunday at 2pm. Please email Janet jefward99@yahoo.com for a Zoom link so that you can take part, and for more details.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: The young Samuel, largely ignorant of God and His ways but a good young man and servant of Eli the priest, hears God's call for the very first time. A lifetime of service to God as a prophet follows. Who would have thought it? John the Baptist looks at Jesus, the unknown supposed son of Joseph the carpenter and calls Him the Lamb of God. And on the cross that is exactly what He revealed. Who would have thought it? Jesus looks at Peter, the impetuous fisherman, later to deny Him, and calls him the rock, on which the Church will be built. Who would have thought it? And God looks at the woman next door, the man at the end of the street, the person in front of you at Mass, and you, and me, and asks and offers an awful lot. But then in Samuel and in Peter He shows how much He can offer, and in His passion, He shows us how much He can give. If only we too will look and see with faith and listen and hear Him speaking.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Watching the hopeful adverts for Summer holidays on the TV and in the newspaper, my attention was drawn to an article about HMS Victory. I remembered a memorable break I had with my mom and dad when we toured this ship in Portsmouth. So I read with interest about an enterprising 80 year old, Michael Byard, who had spent almost half a century building a replica model of Nelson's flagship. That's tremendous flare, dedication and long-term vision for you. In these challenging times, when we need skills like this to help us rebuild in so many ways, St Frances de Sales reminds us of the importance of pausing and preparing firm foundations – before rushing into a hasty plan: "Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. I mean do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage. I am glad you make a fresh beginning daily; there is no better means of attaining to the spiritual life than by beginning again, and never thinking that we have done

enough. How are we to be patient in bearing with our neighbour's faults, if we are impatient in bearing with our own? He or she who is fretted by their own failings will not correct them; all profitable correction comes from a calm, peaceful mind." Let's rest prayerfully, in the Lord of the work – before doing the work of the Lord.

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 you cannot do this, keep well away from everyone. **Extra distance MUST make up for no face covering.** (2M+).

SPACE – keep more than **2 metres (or 6 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 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion, and anyone else** behind, beside or in front of you if not in your household. 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 2 metres distance.**

VENTILATION – We must keep fresh air coming in. Please follow instructions from stewards – they are there to help make sure that these guidelines are followed.

GIVING TO THE PARISH 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* **FUNERALS:** under the restrictions on all public Masses, **no more than 30 people**, 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: £80

JOB OPPORTUNITY: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.

This Christian Charity seeks an Office Administrator. The salaried position is important for our future growth and directly supports the Office Manager. Duties incl maintaining the database, responding to enquiries, managing post/emails and sending out materials. You need good verbal and written communication skills, a strong ability to multi-task and be comfortable with using IT (particularly MS Office). Hours of work negotiable – min 20 hours per week, Mon-Fri. In the current pandemic, some work can be done at home. Normally, the work is conducted from our Kenilworth office. Please contact Jen Hill with your CV, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk