



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 14th February 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day for the Unemployed

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

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Sunday, 14th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for the Unemployed	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30 University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	The McHugh Family, Barry Williams
Monday 15 th Feb:	9am Live Stream Mass STM	~
Tuesday 16 th Feb	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Carmel Evans
The Season of Lent Ash Wednesday 17th Feb	10am Live Public Mass SJW (6.30pm Public Mass STM)	People of the Parish
Thursday 18 th Feb	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Edward Evans
Friday 19 th Feb	9.00am Live stream Public Mass STM	~
Saturday 20 th Feb	10.00am Live stream Mass SJW	Kit Morton
Sunday 21st February	10.45am Public Mass (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Eileen Kennedy & Daniel Mullen (Anniv)

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-lVAMc&feature=youtu.be>

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

Please pray for the departed: Jim Bradley, Canon Giles Goward, Bernardine (Bernie) Bell, Francesco Lionetti, and all who have recently died, Gerald Byrne, Fr Pat Joyce, Paddy Beausang, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Edmond O'Connell, Dorothy Davis, Honarah McKenzie, Frederick Verdon, Elizabeth Price, Patrick McCormack, Martha Brady, Catherine Ewing, Mgr Canon Peter Lawler, Rev William Conefrey, Rev Alex McGavin, Rev Frank Jordan, Canon William Roughan, Rev Sean Farrell, Canon Sean McTiernan. 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 your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship'. We shall remain open unless told otherwise and as long as we have volunteers. We must at this critical time, follow all the pandemic guidelines. 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 safe as possible.

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THANK YOU to all our helpers!

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Chloe Holden
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick of the Parish
St Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Victims of Human Trafficking

THE 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 – 2 metres (or six feet). 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.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: The appearance of anything diseased on the skin was, in Biblical times, a cause of great fear. It might be leprosy! Not only would that mean eventual disfigurement and death, but it also meant total exclusion from the rest of society. A very disabling disease and a very lonely existence for the victim. Any skin disease tends, of course, to be a very noticeable illness in a way that many diseases aren't. It becomes easy to treat the sufferers differently for they are literally marked out by their condition. So Jesus, always seeking the outcasts as He was, has pity on the leper in today's Gospel reading. He cures the man who is set free not only of physical suffering but the mental anguish of exclusion from society. Sin disfigures the soul, but of course we cannot see that. How terrible it would be if our sins left a tell-tale mark on our skins! But how wonderful that Jesus wants to cure us of that and bring us back from exclusion from God. We may well have no leprosy, but Jesus cures us of our sins just as surely. Lent, as Fr Peter reminds us, is a time when through renewed prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penitence we challenge ourselves anew to experience just what the Risen Christ, the 'Sun of righteousness' can do for us, as the prophet Malachi foretold and as we sing at Christmas – 'risen with healing in His wings'.

FR PETER REFLECTS: St Paul christens us as athletes for Jesus (1 Cor 9, 24-27). During the 40 days of Lent, we are in spiritual circuit training. To join St Peter, on his Easter morning breathless run. He's investigating the story of the empty tomb, told by the two Marys, Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of James and Salome. St Peter has an unnamed companion with him, so we can imagine that person as one of us. The disciples sped on that daylight-breaking dash, with a mixture of bewilderment and confusion at Christ's passion and death. They returned in haste, full of risen-inspired joy. We run with this certainty about Christ in our hearts. Arriving first, ahead of an out-of-condition fisherman. Pausing at the sepulchre's opening, we contemplate the meaning of the scene. Typically, Peter doesn't hesitate. He bursts past, handing the baton of Faith, Hope and Love to us. We race in relay for our time, sharing the eternal flame of Jesus, in the Olympics of new life.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 Mass at 10.00am Ashes will be given at the very end of Mass. After the dismissal you will be invited to come forward just as you do for Communion, ash will be sprinkled on your head (touching is forbidden during the pandemic for obvious reasons - there can be no ash crosses put on foreheads therefore). You then leave the church directly.

There will also be a public Mass with ashing in the same way

at **St Thomas More at 6.30pm**

The liturgies of Holy Week and Easter will be modified too: we await instructions for those. There will certainly be no foot washing anywhere!

LENT 2021: EVENTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARISHES SHARED ONLINE

Mondays 6.30pm Exposition & Meditation at STM

Wednesdays 7pm 'The Poet's Gospel' An exploration of the Gospel in blank verse. This is an online resource produced by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland Please see <https://ctbi.org.uk/lennt-study-2021/> We may listen online and then discuss via a Zoom meeting. Login details next week

Fridays 6.30pm Exposition and meditation at SJW

Other events such as the Stations of the Cross will happen too, live streamed from either parish and so accessible to all with an internet connection.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH We shall be making more of our patron beginning in March, the month of St Joseph, with use of an image and devotions to him.

PARISH ACCOUNTS The accounts for 2020 are almost finalised for submission to the diocese. The yearend looks a little better than was predicted but of course the income from collections and from the hire of the hall is very much down compared to 2019. Details will be forthcoming once the finance committee has met.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES
HANDS –sanitise, **FACE** – wear a face covering over mouth **and** nose, **SPACE** – stay 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 always be AT LEAST 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else.**
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.
Thank you to all our volunteers!

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 **get help** from a foodbank and how to **give help** by visiting coventry.foodbank.org.uk

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. Routine sick visiting is very difficult: there is always a risk of any visitor (clergy or lay) unknowingly bringing Covid-19 with them or unknowingly taking it away to give to others.

COLLECTION: £75.00

THANK YOU ALL CLEANERS AND STEWARDS!

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