



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent - Day of Prayer for those preparing for the Sacraments

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

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SUNDAY, 7TH MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of Prayer for those preparing for Sacraments</i>	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Martha Connolly (18 th Anniv)
Monday 8 th March: St John of God	9am Live Stream Mass STM click	~
Tuesday 9 th March: St France of Rome	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Peter Wills
Wednesday 10 th March	9am Live stream Mass at STM click 9.45am Live stream Stations of the Cross at STM click	~
Thursday 11 th March	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Mary McErlean
Friday 12 th March	6.30pm Livestream Mass at SJW	John Simcox
Saturday 13 th March	10am Live stream Mass SJW	Eamon Smith
SUNDAY 14TH MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Kath & John Conle)

WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET! FOLLOW MASS ONLINE

Click on the link from the website home page or click on the blue link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-lDVAmc&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: John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, Jim Bradley, Canon Giles Goward, and all who have recently died, Gerald Byrne, Fr Pat Joyce, Paddy Beausang, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Henry McEwan, Josiah Morgan, William Beech, John O'Brien, George Kennedy, James Cunningham, Frank Mellor, Nicholas Hoare, Kenneth Withers, Mary Ward, Michael Clifford, Mary Crane, Martha Connolly, James Daniels, Dorothy Maher, Winifred Bergin, George Robson, Murial Pharoah, Eileen Fitzsimmonds, Fr John Pinkman, Fr Bob Wright, Fr Anthony Sims. 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

MORE VOLUNTEERS...? WEEKDAY MASS..? HOLY WEEK..?

As you know, we **cannot** open the church for worship **without at least three stewards and cleaners** on duty to make sure that the Covid regulations are met and the church is disinfected afterwards. We are all keen, of course, that the church should be open as much as possible. But it is only our volunteers that make it possible! Why at least three? One always on the door (preferably two), and two to seat people safely distanced. We are not allowed to take chances! Masks, sanitiser, track & trace and 2 metre distance are rules we must keep no matter who or how many people turn up, whatever we open for.

If you feel able to help to help bring back 10am Thursday Mass or 5pm Sunday Mass or support Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or any combination, **please say so**. Contact us by email or speak to one of the clergy indicating when you can help. No one must feel obliged to do anything they aren't comfortable with: at the moment many people are still not comfortable coming to Mass. That's entirely understandable, the decision is up to each individual.

Thank you to current volunteers and some new ones. Your help is indispensable if we are to be open.

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

← KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART →

THANK YOU to all our helpers who clean and steward!

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

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PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES

Sunday Vigil Mass at STM: 5.00pm Saturday

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

Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM

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.

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FR STEPHEN WRITES God's relationship with His people was always meant to cut both ways: He will care for them and they must worship Him and keep His commandments. But as time goes on, they take Him for granted and forget their responsibilities to God. Of course He keeps loving and calling them to love Him too. A picture of this sliding away from God is provided by all the trading that went on in the Temple by Jesus's time. Jerusalem's temple was the holiest place on earth, the place where God met His people. And yet, it had become busy with trade and commerce. Trade connected with worship, so a trade that had proper purpose at first—the selling of sacrificial animals and the changing of money to pay the Temple tax. But Jesus calls the people back to the truth: love and worship of God are vital. We must not take Him for granted, and Lent is the time we are [particularly called to throw out all that would distract us from Him.

FR PETER REFLECTS: St John Henry Newman, our local Saint, offers this practical advice to help us grow in faith, hope and love during Lent: It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well...I think this is an instruction which may be of great practical use to persons like ourselves...We must bear in mind what is meant by perfection. It does not mean any extraordinary service, anything out of the way, or especially heroic – not all have the opportunity of heroic acts...By perfect we mean that it has no flaw in it, that which is complete, that which is consistent, that which is sound...He then is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly...I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views and fix our exertions on a definite aim...In order to be perfect, I say: Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect. (*Meditations and Devotions*, p.285).

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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 Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2021/> and listen to the third part whenever suits you. We then reflect and discuss

via a Zoom meeting, logging on from 6.50pm on Wednesday for the discussion. Please email stmcov@gmail.com for the link to the meeting. 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.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER APPEAL This year CAFOD are making a special appeal for communities who have limited or difficult access to clean water. See <https://cafod.org.uk/> Fr Stephen and Deacon Leo at St Thomas More are taking up the challenge and being sponsored to walk 10,000 steps a day for 40 days. Please sponsor by clicking [here](#) and bring drinking water to those who walk for hours to fetch what we take for granted.

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!

DIOCESAN ONLINE SURVEY Please complete a new survey reflecting on your experiences during the pandemic. Responses will help the Archdiocese to understand what effect the pandemic has had, and how we move forward. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found on the homepage of the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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: Over the next months the numbers allowed to attend slowly increase.

FUNERALS: under the restrictions on all public Masses, **no more than 25 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: £310.

IRISH CHILDHOOD IN COVENTRY Christine Knox, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption, has written a memoir of childhood with emphasis on the faith. It can be found at Amazon online under the title **Chrissie O' – the Story of a Catholic Immigrant Child 1937-49**