



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 14th March 2021: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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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, 14TH MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Dementia Prayer Week Mothering Sunday</i>	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Kath & John Conley
Monday 15 th March	9am Live Stream Mass STM click	~
Tuesday 16 th March: St France of Rome	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Greg O'Neill
Wednesday 17 th March: St Patrick's Day	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	People of the Parish
Thursday 18 th March: St Cyril of Jerusalem	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Tom Flanagan
Friday 19 th March: Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm Livestream Mass at SJW	The Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Saturday 20 th March	10am Live stream Mass SJW	Greg O'Neill
SUNDAY 21ST MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass) (5pm No Mass for the time being)	Pat Guthrie (1 st Anniv)

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-ldVWAmc&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: Eileen Fitzsimmonds, Thomas Fitzsimmonds, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Robert Halley, James Hennessy, Mary Jones, Patrick Murray, James Brady, David Byrne, John Morgan, Anthony McFadden, Mary Walsh, Joan McArthur, Fr Bob Wright, Rev Andrew Brennan, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne OSB, First Bishop of Birmingham. 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! So the opening of the church is not just about what we'd like but who can volunteer. 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 1230pm Sunday 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. What happens publicly in church is determined by the number and availability of volunteers.

← KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART →

THANK YOU to all our helpers who clean and steward and to all for keeping to the guidelines

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

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!

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 followed by Exposition
No Sunday Masses at SJW at 1230 or 5.00pm for the moment. We need more volunteers...

Please make use of the live streams: you will find Mass Stations of the Cross, Exposition, meditations, and much else broadcast from the two parishes. See news sheets.

FR STEPHEN WRITES The ancient Israelites had many opportunities to draw close to God. The Law, the prophets and the consecration of the Temple had all been God's gift to them as a revelation of who He is. But the stubborn still ignored Him, and went their own way of sinfulness and idolatry. So He sends His only Son to call his people back to Him. Jesus is, of course, God's ultimate revelation of Himself. By coming among us as one of us, He gets as close to us as is possible. And Jesus brings the message of salvation. To look upon Him, to know Him brings healing. Just as the dreadful snakebites in the desert were cured by the sight of a bronze serpent lifted up for all to see, so the dreadful curse of death will be cured by the raising up of Christ on the Cross.

FR PETER REFLECTS: St John Henry Newman wrote a Triduo to St Joseph in thanksgiving for his feast: First Day: May we be made worthy to receive St Joseph, husband of Mary, for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our holy Protector: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. Second Day: His was the title of Father of the Son of God, because he was the Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin. He was our Lord's father, because to him were entrusted, and by him were faithfully fulfilled, the duties of a father, in protecting Him, giving Him a home, sustaining and rearing Him, and providing Him with a trade. Day Three: He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

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 fourth 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. **See the parish websites.**

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER. *We can have the whole of Holy Week celebrated in public thanks to six volunteers.* All the Masses and liturgies are much reduced – no Palm procession, no procession to an altar of repose and no watch before the Blessed Sacrament, and no individual veneration of the Cross (done altogether from our places), no fire at the Easter Vigil or sprinkled Holy water. It will all be simpler and shorter by direction of the bishops.

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/>

VOLUNTEERING TO STEWARD & CLEAN

Please see front page. **Volunteers are essential** if we are to open the doors of the church.

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 may 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 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: £ 140.00 Donations: £150.00

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

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.