



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Easter Sunday**

**The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass)</b> <b>(No 12.30pm University Mass)</b> <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	Jim Feeney (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
Easter Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Joan and Alan Horton (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)
Easter Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9am Live stream Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	
Easter Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	John and Mary Brough and Members of Anvil Chorus
Easter Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Easter Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	People of the Parish
Easter Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW	The Dowling Family
<b>SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER,</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>(No 12.30pm University Mass)</b> <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	Thanksgiving (DC)

# A HAPPY and BLESSED EASTER TO ALL! CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

## 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-ldWAmc&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:** Mason Scott, Fr Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, Jim Bradley, Canon Giles Goward, and all who have recently died, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Robert Ellis, Jim Feeney, Michael McCarthy, Johanna O'Sullivan, Annie Louis, Catherine Cann, George Overton, Margaret Banks, Terry Brown, Emily Walker, Alice Gerety, Dorothy Adam, Bishop Anthony Emery, Fr Bob Wright, Fr Tim Burke, Fr Kevin Preston, Fr Eamon Clarke, Fr Ken Collins, Canon Peter Jones. 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:**

**M**Y 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

**← COVID-19: KEEP 2 METRES (6 FEET) APART →**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Chloe Holden

Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the

Sick of the Parish.

St Joseph's Candle burns this week for Victims of trafficking

**MORE VOLUNTEERS? CAN YOU HELP?**

**THANK YOU** to all those who have come forward to volunteer steward and clean at Masses. It is wonderful that we may have the great Three Days of Holy Week as public liturgies. The 1045am Mass remains well catered for too. At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Mass are impossible as not enough volunteers have come forward. This may well change as the Covid

conditions change. No one should be doing anything that are not comfortable with in these pandemic days. If you feel that you can volunteer, either now or in the future, please speak to one of the clergy. What happens publicly in church is determined by the number and availability of volunteers: more volunteers mean more events. No one is keener for this than the clergy.

**THANK YOU to all our helpers who clean and steward and to you all for keeping to the Covid guidelines. Our volunteer stewards and cleaners have done a great job. THANKS!**

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**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** *'Hail thee, festival day, great day that art hallowed for ever, day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death!*

Today is indeed a day of festivity for Christ is risen! Alleluia! Having taken flesh from us, through Mary, having shared in our death, He now rises from the dead to take from us death's victory. We have seen the deepest expression of love as Christ poured out His life for us. Today, we see the greatest consequence of this as the hope of resurrection dawns for us all. The disciples at first cannot quite grasp what's happened—how could they? But the truth dawns on them that Jesus is indeed alive so that when He called Himself the Way, the Truth and the Life, He meant it! Our journey as Christians is thus filled with hope and joy. Despite the suffering and confusion of the world, Easter has transformed everything. As Pope Benedict says...

*Indeed, the cure for death does exist. Christ is the tree of life, once more within our reach. If we remain close to him, then we have life. Hence, during this night of resurrection, with all our hearts we shall sing the alleluia, the song of joy that has no need of words. Hence, Paul can say to the Philippians: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4). Joy cannot be commanded. It can only be given. The risen Lord gives us joy: true life.*

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** The Gospels record that Jesus, 'suddenly' appears after his resurrection to his disciples. Whether they are the women running from the tomb; Mary Magdalene in the garden surrounding it; the frightened 11 in a locked room; or the walkers, Cleopas and his companion, on the Emmaus road. They are surprised to join Jesus for the fish-fry breakfast he's prepared and when he promised to be with them, always, through the power of the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost. Each episode reveals that Our Lord is no longer bound by time and space anymore. They illustrate that this Easter gift is always shared in daily-life settings common to his family and friends. Therefore, as Jesus's 21<sup>st</sup> Century followers, we are guaranteed that we will experience the Lord wherever we are, whatever we are doing, because he is never apart from us. Christ has died, is risen and perpetually comes to us in every moment, now and in the future. Let us pray for eyes to see, minds to receive, hearts to believe, lips to confess and lives which proclaim his presence amongst us.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has stewarded and cleaned over this great week. To all who have come to Mass or prayed with us using the webcam. Thank you for your encouraging words and kindness to the clergy and for the Easter Offering. To everyone who gives time, effort, money and prayer – **thank you all!**

**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. Seats must always be AT LEAST 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else.**

**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 live streams: you will find Mass,

Exposition, meditations, and much else broadcast from the two parishes. See news sheets or websites for web links.

**WE ARE FILLING UP AT 1045 MASS...** There will be an extra Mass at 1230 when university term begins again later in April but **unless we have more volunteer stewards** it remains **impossible** to increase the number of Masses. We are sorry if you can't be fitted into the church: our Covid safe number is a very limiting 30. Our partnered parish St Thomas More currently has spaces at both its weekend Masses if you wish to go there while this problem lasts. (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am).

**GIVING ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS** The new boxes of envelopes are ready at church but clearly it is not straightforward to distribute them to everyone. Have you considered giving by standing order, direct from your bank account to the parish's? And, if you are an income taxpayer, have signed up for Gift Aid which adds 25% to your giving at no cost to you? Please see June Palmer or contact the parish.

**GIVING TO THE PARISH** Set up a regular or single donation on the diocesan website:

([www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://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](http://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: £275 Clergy Training Fund: £75**

**Thank you for all that you give to the parish**

**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.

**A HAPPY & A BLESSED  
EASTER TO YOU ALL**

**May the risen Christ bless you and all  
those whom you love.**

Fr Stephen Fr Peter Deacon David

**ALLELUIA!**

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