



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

Sunday 18th April 2021: Third Sunday of Easter

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| SUNDAY 18TH APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10.45am Public Mass) <i>(12.30pm Univ Mass is back on 25/4/21)</i> <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i> | The Conley and Harris Families |
| Monday 19 th April | ~ | ~ |
| Tuesday 20 th April | ~ | ~ |
| Wednesday 21 st April: St Anslem | 10am Live stream Mass at SJW | Kath and John Conley |
| Thursday 22 nd April | 10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW | The Faulhaber Family |
| Friday 23 rd April: Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England | 6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW | The People of the Parish |
| Saturday 24 th April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen | 10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW | The Sick of the Parish |
| SUNDAY 25TH APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations | 10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i> | Eileen Connolly Private Intention |

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, 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: Fr John Kearns CP, Prince Philip, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, Mason Scott, Fr Michael Crumpton, Rev Pat Duffy, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, and all who have recently died, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bridget O'Neill, Mary Barr, Laurence Burlison, Eugene Kelly, Kathleen Hickey, Alice Cunningham, Molly Hughes, Michael Miller, Mary Murphy, Michael Mellor, Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Bob Wright, Fr Reg Slade, Fr Andrew Kenny, Fr Liam Bouchier, Fr Wilfrid Davenport, Fr Peter Dennison. 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

← 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. The 1045am Mass remains well catered for too. **At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Parish Mass are impossible until more 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 of course.* 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.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS RETURNS

next week at 1230. Although for students, **anyone is welcome to attend** which will help if 1045 remains full.

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. **If any more of you can volunteer, please do. THANKS!**

FR STEPHEN WRITES: Today, as we continue our Easter celebrations, we hear Peter preaching to the people about the risen Christ. He does not shrink from reminding them that they shouted for Barabbas to be freed and for

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the innocent Christ to be killed. After all, God has foretold the suffering of His Son through the prophets. Neither does Peter shrink from telling them what to do next: repent and turn to God so that their sins may be wiped out. This is essentially what Jesus Himself says in today's gospel. The disciples are confused by Christ's resurrection to begin with. He needs to help them understand both by showing His wounds and explaining the teaching of the prophets. Not only that, but in continuing Jesus's command to take bread and break it they find that He is known and present through this great sacrament of the Altar. And then come the results of this: the preaching of repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name, which is what Peter is doing in the first reading.

FR PETER REFLECTS: As we prepare to celebrate our parish feast day on 1st May, let us join in with Pope Francis: "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a nineteenth century French prayer to Saint Joseph... It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph: Glorious Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen." (*Patris Corde*, 1).

'LET US DREAM' POPE FRANCIS'S NEW BOOK

Later in the spring we hope to have a Zoom based consideration of this new work. Watch this space.

THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 1 MAY

This is obviously a special day for the parish when we celebrate our patron saint. **There will be a Mass at 11am which we want to be public.** *If you can volunteer to steward and clean, please tell the clergy!* Please bring your own tea/coffee/whatever and then we can have a safe and legal social gathering outside in the garden. Numbers will still be limited alas, but this great day, as restrictions begin to ease, is an opportunity to do something special at last, however modest it may seem. **St Joseph, pray for us!**

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 not in your household.*

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
The 1230 Chaplaincy Mass at SJW returns next week in St Joseph's church

No Sunday Mass at SJW at 5pm. 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 on **April 25** but **until we have more volunteer stewards** it remains **impossible** to increase the number of Parish 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? If you are an income taxpayer, sign 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) 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: £95.00 **Thank you for all that you give.**

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.

MORE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & STEWARD ARE WELCOME!

If you feel able to help clean and steward, please tell one of the clergy so that we may plan to have more events in church

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

FR PETER AND FATHER TIME... Tomorrow, Monday, Fr Peter celebrates a birthday with a '0' at the end..! Please say a prayer for him. On behalf of Fr Stephen, Deacon David, the parish, and the University Catholic chaplaincy, we wish him a very happy birthday and many happy returns! Although we may not sing happy birthday, Fr Stephen challenges Fr Peter (who has a great memory of popular music) to recall Altered Images, Henry Hall, ABC and Stevie Wonder as we celebrate with him... Can you..?