



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

in Partnership with St Thomas More

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> in SJW church <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	<i>Eileen Connolly RIP</i> <i>Mary White (Birthday)</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Live Stream Live Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	<i>Fr Rob Taylerson</i>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April: St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April: Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	10.00am Live stream Mass at SJW	<i>Nora Noonan</i>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April: St Pius V	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	<i>Doris and Bernard Johnson</i>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May: <b>PARISH FEAST DAY</b> <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>	<b>11am Public Mass</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY</b>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> in SJW church <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	<i>Mark David Whale (Anniv)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

**PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS BY EMAIL [stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk) OR PHONE 02476 419 111 (answering machine always on) OR IN WRITING**

**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, Eileen Connolly, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Michael Mellor, James McCullough, Mary Navin, Baby Hannah Evans, Simone Carey, Dot Holmest, Laurence O'Neill, Nellie Finnan, Phyllis Dodds, Bridget Howe, Thomas Temple, Rev Peter Heath. 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



**MORE VOLUNTEERS? CAN YOU HELP?**  
**THANK YOU** to all those who have come forward to volunteer steward and clean at Masses. **At the moment, however, weekday Masses and a second Sunday Parish Mass are impossible until more volunteers have come forward.** If you can volunteer, either now or in the future, please speak to one of the clergy. **More volunteers mean more events.**

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS RETURNS TO ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TODAY at 1230.** Although for students, **anyone is welcome to attend** which will help if 1045 remains full. **A warm welcome to all students!**

**WHO'S WHO AMONG THE SJW CLERGY..?**

**Fr Stephen** - the tall one, with combed back hair and round glasses – is parish priest here **and** parish priest of St Thomas More

**Fr Peter** – not so tall, with a brummie accent and proud of it – is assistant priest here **and** assistant Catholic chaplain at the University

**Deacon David** – white hair and sounding like he comes from Essex (which of course he does) – is the Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University **and** the parish deacon. Do say hello and introduce yourselves: the clergy will be outside as you leave.

**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** As we pray for vocations today, Pope Francis calls us to think of St Joseph whose vocation was revealed to him in dreams: to be the husband of the Mother of God, to protect her and her Son, to nurture and teach. Pope Francis writes 'I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the protector of vocations. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his concern to protect. The Gospel tells us that "Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night" (Mt 2:14), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph'. Full text at the Bishops' Conference website.

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** As we celebrate our parish feast on 1<sup>st</sup> May, we think about Pope Francis's words: God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognised the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

#### **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 is 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!**

#### **'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.

#### **PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES**

**Sunday Vigil Mass at STM: 5.00pm Saturday**

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

**& 1230 Univ Chaplaincy Mass at SJW**

**Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM followed by Exposition**

**No 5.30pm Sunday Mass at SJW. 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.

#### **THE SECOND SUNDAY MASS HERE**

means that Fr Stephen and Fr Peter can alternate once more celebrating at the 1045 Mass, as we did until December.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £90. Thank you**

#### **MORE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & STEWARD ARE WELCOME!**

If you feel able to help clean and steward, please tell one of the clergy.

**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](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)

#### **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](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost) or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

#### **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER**

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**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.

#### **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.

#### **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.**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Chloe Holden, Our Lady's Candle burns this week for the Sick of the Parish and St Joseph's Candle for Victims of trafficking