

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

In Partnership with St Thomas More Parish & Warwick Univ Catholic Chaplaincy

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021: Seventh Sunday of Easter

World Communications Day

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**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>World Communications Day</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> at SJW (for University AND Parishioners) <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	<i>Intention of the Family &amp; Partner of Eileen Connolly RIP</i> <i>The People of India</i>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9am Live Stream Live Mass at STM <a href="#">click</a>	~
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May: St Dunstan	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Charley Shields
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May: St Bernadine of Siena	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Bridget McConnell
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May: St Christopher Magallanes	6.30pm Live stream Mass at SJW	Julia Keane
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May: St Rita of Cascia	10am Live stream Mass at SJW	Eileen Connolly RIP
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b> <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	<b>10.45am Public Mass</b> <b>12.30pm University Mass</b> at SJW <b>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>The People of India</i>

**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH – AVE MARIA!**

**PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS on the parish website OR in writing OR by email**

[stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.covty@rcaob.org.uk) OR phone 02476 419 111 (answering machine always on)

**\*\*\* PLEASE BOOK BY 5PM ON SATURDAY: WE MAY MISS LATER BOOKINGS! \*\*\***

**WE ARE LIVE ON THE INTERNET - FOLLOW MASS ONLINE: link below and on the website**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APw4-ldVAmc&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:** Eileen Connolly, Fr John Kearns CP, Prince Philip, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Anne Frances Power, Mason Scott, John Simcox, Fr Oliver Kemp, Albert Busby, Leo McKeown, and all who have recently died, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Susan Donnelly, Sarah Mullen, Margaret Rainbow, Michael Purcell, Molly Hand, Thomas Price, Malachy Powell, Francis Milligan, Gladys Long, Mgr John Humphries, Canon Wilfred Smith, Rev William Lyons, Rev George Boulton. 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**

**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 5pm 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 IS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 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 PARISH 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 Surrey (which he does) – is the Catholic Chaplain to Warwick University and the parish deacon here. Do say hello and introduce yourselves: the clergy will be outside after Mass.

**FR STEPHEN WRITES:** Now, the Church is waiting. Rejoicing at the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord and the great hope of eternal life these hold out, the Apostles wait in prayer for the promised Holy Spirit. Soon, in fulfilment of Christ's promise, they are to be empowered to take the message and teaching of Christ out into the world. Soon, therefore, the Holy Spirit is to burst into their lives that they may give glory to Christ and witness to His name. As the overshadowing of Mary by the Holy Spirit meant the gift of the Word made flesh to the world, so the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost gives the Apostles power to preach the Word to the world. May the Spirit burst into our lives too. May we witness to the joy of the Gospel of the risen and ascended Lord Jesus. And may the Holy Spirit lead all Christians into the unity of the single Truth that is the Gospel of Christ, that the Word may be heard and the world may believe.

**FR PETER REFLECTS:** In a chapter entitled 'A Time to See' of his latest book, Pope Francis reveals what he calls three "Covid Moments" in his life. These all involved significant challenges, choices and chances (p.39f). He invites us to identify such circumstances in our life stories and asks how did we respond, in every situation, to those in need around us? He, insightfully, declares: "A crisis always demands that our whole self be present; you can't retreat, pull back into old ways and roles. Think of the Samaritan: he stops, pulls up, acts, enters into the world of the wounded man, throws him-self into the situation, into the other's suffering, and so creates a new future. To act in a Samaritan way in a crisis means letting myself be struck by what I see, knowing that the suffering will change me." (p.3)

**LOCKDOWN EASING...** The news about the pandemic continues to be encouraging but is certainly not all good. The easing planned for 17 May does **NOT** affect anything that we do in church, however. Masks, sanitiser, and distance all still apply. News of changes in church will be shared when we have it.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND** As the Covid restrictions about going into private homes ease, it becomes possible to offer Communion once more to the housebound who ordinarily received it. If you are housebound and feel—perhaps after chatting to your family—that you are ready and it is safe for you to receive Communion at home again, please contact one of the priests. They can of course offer confession and the sacrament of the sick. It is only sensible that basic precautions should remain in place as we are anxious that everyone is as safe as possible. You may or may not feel the time is right: that is entirely up to you.

**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**

**PLEASE REMEMBER that parishioners and students alike are very welcome at either 1045 or 1230 Masses. There are seats available at 1230: don't feel you have to stand outside at 1045, try 1230.** We look forward to social distancing being eased and the prospect of allowing a bigger congregation in church.

**Friday Mass: 9.00am at STM followed by Exposition No 5.30pm Sunday Mass at SJW. It needs more volunteers...**  
**Can YOU help?** Please tell one of the clergy if so. 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.

**READING AT MASS** Deacon David has kindly offered to organise the return of readers at Mass. Please speak to him if you would be happy to read and he will explain the simple steps we still need to take to follow Covid rules.

**PRAY THE ROSARY TO END THE PANDEMIC**  
Pope Francis has called for a Rosary marathon this month across the world for us all to pray to end the pandemic.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & STEWARD WELCOME!** Especially if you can help at 5pm on Sunday.

**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)

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS:** up to 30 people.

**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.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £280 Thank you**

**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 2 metres from the aisle and the point of Communion and anyone else not in your household.*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Tommy Dunne

## MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

*Maiden, yet a Mother, daughter of thy Son,*

*High above all other, lowlier is none.*

*Thou the consummation planned by God's decree,*

*When our lost creation nobler rose in thee!*



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