

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 18th July 2021: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY 18TH JULY: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>The People of India</i>
Monday 19 th July	9am Live Stream Live Mass at STM click	~
Tuesday 20 th July: St Apollinaris	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Wednesday 21 st July: St Lawrence of Brindisi	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Mr Fawkes
Thursday 22 nd July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene	10am Live Stream Mass at SJW	Una Moore
Friday 23 rd July: Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention
Saturday 24 th July: St Sharbel Makhiluf	10am Public Mass at SJW	Michelle Moore
SUNDAY 25TH JULY: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church <i>(No 5pm Mass for the time being)</i>	Steven Armstrong <i>The People of India</i>

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (43 seats at both 1045 & 1230 Masses) on the parish website OR in writing OR by email 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, Danny & Mary Harrington, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling and Margaret Dunne.

Please pray for the departed: Eileen Connolly, Michael O'Shaughnessy Fr Oliver Kemp, Albert Busby, Leo McKeown, Bernadette Feehan, Jennifer Shaw, Theresa Beresford, Ellen Hull, Lacy Kyle, Jim Cook, John Simcox, Valerie Hartley, Ryan O'Grady and all who have recently died and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Brian Pratt, Josie Fenlon, Nancy Donnelly, Winefred Robins, Michael Ryan, Elizabeth Mangan, Robert Naylor, Ellen O'Neill, Joseph McDermott, Francis Seery, Mary Russell, William Wetherby, William McKelvie, Rev Liam O'Connor, Rev Thomas Rock, Canon Laurence Kelly, Rev Albert Leo Kelly, Mgr Peter Ryall, Rev Joseph Tyan, Deacon Frank Lockett. 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 MORE THAN 1 METRE APART →

THE COVID RESTRICTIONS

Today is the last day on which many of the Covid restrictions are enforced by law. **BUT**, as the Government and scientists have said, the pandemic is not over. Therefore, we have been asked by the Bishops to change as little as possible of what we do and there are details about this over the page. We have always had a duty of care to those around us, and it does not cease on Monday 19 July. Many people are of course disappointed by continuing with sanitiser, face coverings, track & trace and keeping a bit of distance but if this helps others be safe then we must carry on largely as we are for the time being. See over the page.

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 and staff!**

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.
Don't hesitate to be in contact if we can help.*

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £75.00

FR STEPHEN WRITES: AFTER LOCKDOWN ENDS

The guidance from the Bishops has been made public. It is no surprise that it fully echoes the Government's call for caution and the scientific community's warning that the pandemic is not yet over. The Bishops write –

'It is important to reiterate that... the general principles of continuing to create a safe environment in places of worship and their ancillary buildings are not abandoned'.

It is therefore strongly recommended by the Bishops (listening to healthcare professionals and to the Government) that **we continue to -**

- + Use face coverings + Use hand sanitiser
- + Ventilate the church building + Use Track & Trace
- + Clean the church after weekend Masses
- + Maintain social distance of 1m if at all possible

Just because it is legal to do something does not mean that it should be done!

On Wednesday 21 July, more seating will be brought into church to discover what a safe and sensible lay out might be, bearing in mind likely demand, and the **need to have space.**

On Friday 23 July, public weekday Masses will resume
On Sunday 25 July, tea and coffee will be available after the 1045 Mass for those who wish to stay for it.

We are **not yet certain** about music, servers and eucharistic ministers but these will come in due time. Many other things may well follow too – but please remember that, at present, we have only about 60 people coming to Mass, and that we are approaching the holiday season anyway. Returning to pre-Covid 'normal' will be a process that will take a while and **not** be a sudden event. As the Prime Minister has said, the pandemic is not over.

To help with establishing what is possible and when, a questionnaire will be circulated today asking if people would soon like to resume the roles they had, or if they'd like to wait a bit. It will also ask if anyone would like to take on something new. We start by circulating this in church because, obviously, those of you who come to Mass are prepared to be out and about, mixing with people. That clearly cannot be assumed about those who aren't here. The questionnaire does not include absolutely everything that we might have or do, so please remember that just because something isn't mentioned now it does **not** mean that we shan't have it later! There is space for you to volunteer for anything not mentioned.

No one should feel any pressure whatever to make a commitment to doing something they'd rather not.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Archbishop Bernard wants to put young people and families at the centre of the diocesan planning. I'm sure he was inspired by Pope Francis's words: "The Lord is calling us to enkindle stars in the night of young people. He asks you to look to the true stars, all those varied signs he gives us to guide our way, and to imitate the farmer who watches the stars before going out to plough his field. God lights up stars to help us keep walking: The stars shine in their watches and are glad; he calls them and they say: 'Here we are!' (Bar 3:34-35). Christ himself is our great light of hope and our guide in the night, for he is the "bright morning" (Rev 22:16). Sometime ago, a friend asked me what I see in a young person. My response was that "I see someone who is searching for his or own path, who wants to fly on their two feet, who faces the

world and looks at the horizon with eyes full of the future, full of hope as well as illusions. A young person stands on two feet as adults do, but unlike adults, whose feet are parallel, he always has one foot forward, ready to sort out, to spring ahead. Always racing onwards. To talk about young people is to talk about promise and to talk about joy. Young people have so much strength; they are able to look ahead with hope. A young person is a promise of life that implies a certain degree of tenacity. He is foolish enough to delude himself and resilient enough to recover from that delusion." (*Christus Vincit* 33, 143).

PUBLIC MASSES IN THE PARTNERED PARISHES
All Masses at St Thomas More will be public Masses from Mon 19 July.

All Masses at St Joseph the Worker will be public Masses from Fri 23 July. A day or two is needed to get the seats arranged, bearing in mind the bishops' guidelines.

WED 8 SEPTEMBER Our Lady's Birthday AND the Fortieth Anniversary of St Joseph's Church. We should celebrate at an evening Mass and a social event afterwards. Please put the date in your diary and if you can help, please say so to one of the clergy. **Thank you.**

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

As the Covid restrictions about going into private homes ease, it is **possible to offer Communion once more to the housebound** who ordinarily received it. If you are housebound and feel that you are ready and it is safe for you to receive Communion at home again, **please contact one of the priests.** You may or may not feel the time is right: but, **please, BE IN TOUCH IF YOU DO!**

READING AT MASS Henry Whitney is now kindly organising the return of readers at Mass.

GIVING ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS 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. You can also 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, 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

CONFESSION: Please ask the priests. Our confessional is not ventilated and so not yet able to be used.

Please complete a parish questionnaire if you feel able to volunteer to help with anything

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.

← **SPACE – STAY MORE THAN 1 METRE APART** →

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*Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies,
But the Blood of Jesus for our pardon cries!*