

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 25th July 2021: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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Hall Manager: The hall is currently shut due to the pandemic regulations.

Parish Website www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk Partner Parish Website www.stmcov.org

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SUNDAY 25TH JULY: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY	10.45am Public Mass 12.30pm University Mass in SJW church (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Steven Armstrong The People of India
Monday 26 th July: SS Joachim and Anne	9am Live Stream Mass at STM click	~
Tuesday 27 th July: Blessed Robert Sutton	10am Public Mass at SJW	Fr Michael Crumptom
Wednesday 28 th July	10am Public Mass at SJW	Canon Sean McTernan
Thursday 29 th July: St Martha	10am Public Mass at SJW	O'Dwyer Family of Stourbridge
Friday 30 th July	10am Public Mass at SJW	Deceased Groden Family
Saturday 31 st July: St Ignatius of Loyola	10am Public Mass at SJW	Deceased Grady Family
SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm Mass for the time being) (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Hannah Milner

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ...but the Blood of Jesus, for our pardon cries

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-ldVWAmc&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, Fr John Burns, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: William Wetherby, William McKelvie, Richard Williams, Nancy Anderson, George Downes, Margaret Moss, Pat Ryan, Jean Mulligan, Patrick Halton, Ellen Jackson, Matilde Masters, Bridget Smith, Rosemarie Tomon, George Dodds, Henry Gettleveg, Michael Conway, Philip Blee, Annie Folan, Edna Haycock, William Garry, Colin Bridgewater, Rev Joseph Tynan, Deacon Frank Lockett, Rev Denis O'Shea, Canon Arthur Diamond. 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

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THE END OF COVID RESTRICTIONS...

The Bishops have asked that we continue to maintain safe practices in church. That means that in practical terms very little will change in what we do before, during and after Mass. We renew our thanks to our volunteers for their work. Fr Stephen comments further on the next page.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

This Monday is St Joachim & St Anne's day. As the parents of Our Lady they are obviously the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has therefore asked for today to be a day of prayer for grandparents and the elderly. So much of what is done to pass on the faith and to witness to it, is done by the older generation. We thank God for that, and for our own Grandparents and their influence on our lives.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £50.00

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.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THE BASIC COVID RULES: HANDS – sanitise, FACE – wear a face covering over mouth and nose, SPACE – stay AT LEAST a metre (or 3 feet) away from people not in your household.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: AFTER LOCKDOWN... We continue to be reviewing everything as demand, circumstances, offers of help and Covid allow.

You'll see that, after some hot work last Wednesday, the church now has more seats available, and the kneelers brought back. We now have 20 sets of three chairs, all socially distanced, and things now look much more like a church. Please follow stewards' directions for Communion – one block at a time will be brought forward, moving in circular way so that everyone come to Communion from the back and up the centre aisle.

After the 1045am Mass tea and coffee will be available thanks to volunteers. We hope to be able to enjoy this outside: we must not crowd the hall at the moment. These are encouraging signs of a slow return to some sort of normality.

So, what about a second Sunday Mass? With the end of term, attendance at the 1230 Mass has greatly reduced to a point where it isn't really viable, and the student stewards (now on holiday) have not been replaced. The great barrier to any second Sunday Parish Mass has always been the low number of stewards and cleaners: we need at least six who can work on a rota basis to make sure that the Mass can always happen, despite holidays, illness or other reasons for absence. Relying on two or three is simply not enough. In the weeks before the 5pm was suspended we got down to a congregation of only nine and the clergy helping with stewarding and cleaning. Once the holiday season is over, we shall review this. Under present conditions, the single greatest service that can be given to the parish is to volunteer to steward and clean. If you can do this, please make that known to us on the questionnaire sheet or via the website or in person. The point of the questionnaire is to find out what's possible: the amount of parishioners' help is what determines this! It is so encouraging to know that the Sunday morning Mass is absolutely well-supported by volunteers who do a great job. Tea and coffee is coming back. We look forward to more as things get better. We already have a celebration planned for 8 September – Forty Years of this Parish Church. Please come along! Finally, do keep up the good risk-reducing habits of Track & Trace, sanitiser, face coverings and a bit of distance. Stewarding and cleaning should also be maintained and, we hope, shared by more volunteers. St Joseph has been a great help to this parish: may his prayers help us go forward wisely, safely and happily.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Pope Francis speaks powerfully to another of Archbishop Bernard's themes for the Diocesan Vision, namely Social Outreach: "Discarding others can take a variety of forms, such as an obsession with reducing labour costs with no concern for its grave consequences, since the unemployment that it directly generates leads to the expansion of poverty. In addition, a readiness to discard others finds expression in vicious attitudes that we thought long past, such as racism, which retreats underground only to keep re-emerging. Instances of racism, which continues to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think. Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development. Wealth

has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that "new forms of poverty are emerging". The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period." (*Fratelli Tutti*, 20-21)

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER Our Lady's Birthday AND the Fortieth Anniversary of St Joseph's Church. Something to celebrate! We want to have 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 readers at 1045 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 tax payer**, 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: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. Please ask the priests.

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.

JULY, MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

May Thy Blood, O Lord, be my salvation.
Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins, and in supplication for the holy souls in purgatory and for the wants of holy Church.

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