

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 8th August 2021: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer) (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Charles Connolly (Anniv. of B'Day)
Monday 9 th August: Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Patron of Europe	~	
Tuesday 10 th August: Feast of St Lawrence	10am Public Mass at SJW	Catherine Carr
Wednesday 11 th August: St Clare	10am Public Mass at SJW	Mike Conway
Thursday 12 th August: St Frances de Chantal	10am Public Mass at SJW	Fr Simon Ellis's Intentions
Friday 13 th August: Blessed William Freeman	10am Public Mass at SJW	Michael Quinn
Saturday 14 th August	10am Public Mass at SJW	Private Intention
SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.45am Public Mass (No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer) (No 5pm Mass for the time being)	Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris (Anniv of B'Day)

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION... Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

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-lWAmc&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: Michael Quinn, 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: Gwen Rees, Emily Poacher, Mary Forde, William Dunne, Colin Bevins, Florence O'Connor, Mary Murray, Mary King, John O'Connor, Ellen Lynch, Caroline Butler, Rev Basil Lynch CO, Rev Michael Day CO, Rev Tom 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 MORE THAN 1 METRE APART

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.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £295.

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.

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. He is based at 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. Fr Peter is at SJW nearly every day

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.

ALL MASSES ARE NOW PUBLIC Please come and celebrate Mass in person if you are able. The weekday Masses, with their small congregations, are obviously the safest way to come back to Mass and not only see how the church is kept safe but also of course to celebrate Mass.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: ELIJAH is dejected and depressed: nothing has gone right and he feels he might as well give up. Give up life, even. God has other plans for His chosen prophet, however. God provides food to give Elijah strength and courage, so that the journey might not be too long for him. Jesus, God the Son, does the same for us. He bids us eat and drink the Bread of Life, to be refreshed by the living bread which is of course Himself. Our journey to the House of the Father is one marked by human sins, failures, false starts and foolish detours. Yet we are called by the Father to make that journey and lest it become too long for us, Jesus Himself provides us with food for that journey: His Word and His very Self – the Bread of Life, His flesh given in the form of bread. Not only is Jesus our Guide and our Leader, our inspiration and our companion but He is also our sustenance. How very much therefore, does He wish us to reach His Father's house, and it is Our Lady's arrival there that we celebrate on the Assumption. As one who lived in perfect accord with God's will, it is surely right that she should reach heaven without sharing in the consequences of sin. After all, as His Mother, it is she who began a relationship with Her Saviour before He was even born.

FR PETER REFLECTS: Archbishop Bernard highlights the theme of Evangelisation as the first area of the Diocesan Vision: *Unfolding God's Plan*. He wants us to be formed as "missionary disciples and missionary parishes". Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* writes: "I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by personal conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-orientated, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. As John Paul II once said to the Bishops of Oceania: "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion." (EG, 27).

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!***

THE VISION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE Once the summer is over, we should be hearing more about this and will find out how to be involved. Keep up to date with what's happening on the diocesan website. Everyone in the diocese will be invited to contribute.

READING AT MASS Henry Whitney is now kindly organising readers at 1045 Mass. If you would like to read, please speak to him, or one of the clergy.

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.

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

God's will it was that made her Mother of the Son.

Mary's will was ever let the Father's will be done.

So it is the Father's will, in glory with her Son,
Mary reigns as heaven's queen, her earthly work now done

SPACE – STAY MORE THAN 1 METRE APART

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAYS... Lord, slow me down: allow me to notice You in Your creation and in the people that I meet. Help me to remember that rest is part of Your plan for all people and that nothing lasting is created without wisdom, patience, and time. Keep me from hurrying past what matters and do not let me be so busy that I use Your gift of time without remembering You who gave it to me. Through Christ our Lord. Amen