

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 15th August 2021: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Hall Manager: The hall is currently shut due to the pandemic regulations, except for tea and coffee after 1045am Mass.

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

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| SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer | Charles Connolly (Anniv. of B'day) Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris (Anniv. of B'Day) |
| Monday 16 th August: St Stephen of Hungary | 9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click | ~ |
| Tuesday 17 th August: Feast of St Lawrence | 10am Public Mass at SJW | Maureen Daly |
| Wednesday 18 th August: <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins</i> | 10am Public Mass at SJW | James & Averil Simpson (Anniv.) |
| Thursday 19 th August: St John Eudes | 10am Public Mass at SJW | Betty Gallagher |
| Friday 20 th August: St Bernard | 10am Public Mass at SJW | Sean O'Connor |
| Saturday 21 st August: Pope Pius X | 9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click | ~ |
| SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass for the summer | Patrick & Nellie Finan |

PLEASE BOOK FOR MASS (60 seat capacity) 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, Margaret Dunne, Ben Swoboba and Anna Mallar.

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: Caroline Butler, John McGuinness, Thomas Kennedy, Rosaleen Jones, Michael Gilmartin, Jean Stafford, Michael Mahone, Leopold Woodcock, Elizabeth Moloney, Edith Carroll, Edward Stapleton, John Keeshan, Rev Kevin Keany, Rev Terence Smith, Rev Patrick Cooney, Deacon Douglas Taylor, Cardinal Bernard Griffin. 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

END OF COVID RESTRICTIONS - NOT QUITE!

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 cleaners and stewards

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £95. Thank you

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.

AUGUST – MONTH OF THE ASSUMPTION

'St. Francis de Sales, after asserting that it is wrong to doubt that Jesus Christ has himself observed, in the most perfect way, the divine commandment by which children are ordered to honour their parents, asks this question: "What son would not bring his mother back to life and would not

bring her into paradise after her death if he could?'" Pius XII, declaring the dogma of the Assumption in his letter *Munificentissimus Deus*, November 1 1950

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 and feel safe being out and about. The **weekday Masses**, with their small congregations, are obviously the safest way to come back to Mass. You may also see how the church is kept safe. If you have not been back yet, now's the time.

FR STEPHEN WRITES: All the readings for today's great feast speak about the same thing: the uniqueness of Our Lady and her rightful place in heaven. King David prepares a special place for the Ark of God, the 'box' of God's presence among His people. The Israelites rejoice. Our Lady was the first dwelling place of God made flesh: we rejoice before her. St Paul speaks of the end of death's sting and victory because Jesus's resurrection shows that death is not the end. Our Lady's Assumption places her among the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. It is the Christian hope that all God's faithful will also be the fruits of Jesus's resurrection, just like His Blessed Mother. A woman in the crowd shouts at Jesus how happy must be the womb that bore him. True of course, but Jesus replies that happier still are those that hear and keep the word of God. Keeping the word of God is exactly what Mary did. It is her faithfulness to God that makes possible her Mothering of God. In that way, we can all be like Mary—not in our physical mothering of Jesus because that's already been done, but in hearing and keeping of God's word. Through Mary and her faithfulness, God has done wonderful things for her, and praise God, for us too

FR PETER REFLECTS: The second of Archbishop Bernard's priorities for the diocesan vision "Behold, I am making all things new" (Rev 21:5) is that of Formation: Growing leaders in our churches, schools and parish communities. St John Paul II writes, addressing educators in Melbourne, Australia, in 1986: "Baptism is a call from Christ, a call which affects our whole life, the way we act and think. It moulds our attitudes and behaviour. This is seen very clearly in the work of a Catholic teacher. The impact you have upon your students and especially upon their faith in Christ will depend on the vitality of your own Christian life, and on the motives, attitudes and principles which shape your behaviour. Both primary and secondary schools must work closely with the family and the parish if they are to foster effectively the Christian formation of the pupils. This is a noble work in which parents, teachers and clergy all collaborate...Success in this field will mean more dedicated members of society and the Church, more young men and women who are deeply committed to Christ. The extent to which Catholic schools contribute to the continual renewal of the Church depends on how successfully they foster continual conversion of heart...To all of you, teachers, administrators and students, I say with Saint Paul: "Be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind...May our Lord Jesus Christ give you truth and wisdom! May he fill your hearts with his love!"

THE PARISH HALL This is very gradually being brought back into use. **First, by the parish for tea and coffee** after the 1045 Mass. It is not yet open for general bookings due to the stringent safety measures placed upon both the parish **and** upon hirers under current Church guidance.

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.**

BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN OPEN EVENING on Thurs 23 Sept. Guests can attend a talk by Mr Billings at 6pm or 6.45pm. There will also be the opportunity to tour the school guided by our students. Bishop Ullathorne staff and students look forward to welcoming all who wish to attend.

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 We will be hearing more about this and 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.

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

DIOCESAN NOVENA FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI 18-26 August

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.