

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

Sunday 5th September 2021: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER: 23RD SUNDAY	10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass until 26 Sept	The People of the Parish
Monday 6 th	9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click	~
Tuesday 7 th	10am Public Mass at SJW	The People of the Parish
Wednesday 8 th : Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Church	6.30pm Public Mass at SJW	In Thanksgiving for St Joseph's Church & people
Thursday 9 th : St Osburg	10am Public Mass at SJW	The People of the Parish
Friday 10 th : St Egwin	10am Public Mass at SJW	The People of the Parish
Saturday 11 th	9am Live Stream Public Mass at STM click	~
SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER: 24TH SUNDAY: EDUCATION SUNDAY	10.45am Public Mass No 12.30pm University Mass until 26 Sept	Katie Aubrey, birthday

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) We are not full but are getting there (some weeks only five spare seats)– if you book we can tell you if we've run out of seats!

***** 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, 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, Fr Ben-Ove Jakobsson CHS, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Thomas Corbett, John Cremins, Bridget Harris, Agnes Newbold, Brian Connor, Catherine Sherlock, James Grant, Lilian Chatwin, Sarah Clarke, Louis Owens, Jenny Dunne, Rose Connor, Deacon Francis Andrews, Rev Tony Taylor, Rev Arthur McCrystal, Mgr Tom Fallon, Rev David Hutt, Rev Dominic Round. 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 **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**

ALL MASSES ARE NOW PUBLIC Please come and celebrate Mass in person if you are able and feel safe being out and about. **PLEASE BOOK FOR 1045 SUNDAY – phone, email, note through the door or on the website. We are not full but can give you warning if we are IF you book.** 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.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE IS LIT FOR: Chloe Holden
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £180.00 Thank you

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.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Please contact the clergy by phone, letter or email and one of us will arrange to come

+ **SUNDAY MASSES ACROSS THE PARISHES** +
Vigil Mass for Sunday: Sat 5.00pm at STM no need to book, spaces available
Mass 9am at STM: no need to book, spaces available
Mass 10.45am at SJW: please book, limited spaces
(Chaplaincy Mass suspended for the summer)

FR STEPHEN WRITES: THE FUTURE (Part 3/3) This Wednesday, we look forward to celebrating Our Lady's Birthday **and** the 40th anniversary of the first opening of our current church building. **Please come! But as we have only 65 seats, please book!** Any birth is of course a pointer to the future, any new church building is likewise an investment in and a hope for the future too. As we consider Our Lady's earthly life, we see times of joy and sorrow, anxiety and hope set against her trusting faith in God. Any parish will have seen the same too, all, please God, set against faith and trust. And currently, as we discover what any lasting effects of the pandemic might be, we cannot be sure of when 'normality' will arrive and what it will be. Certainly, if we do not have more parishioners able to return to Mass, we shall be operating as a parish half the size it was two years ago, and that would obviously mean changes, a new normality. (We are not full at 1045: please book just in case we *do* become full, and you might have to stand outside). Almost all parishes are in the same position. **Thank you** to all of you who continue to support the parish whether that is in person or by sharing Mass over the internet. Thank you for your giving which pays our bills. Thank you for volunteers not only cleaning and stewarding but now providing tea and coffee each week, and others giving their time to keep the parish very much alive.

We have as our patron a simple and humble man who achieved great things through the very ordinary: family life, work, prayer, and in caring for his wife and her Son (as Fr Peter helps us reflect on this week). May the prayers of St Joseph help us be faithful in the ordinary that we may allow God's grace to fulfil in us the extraordinary promises He makes to all who would follow Him. God bless you.

FR PETER REFLECTS: The first area the Archbishop highlights for the diocesan vision is Evangelisation. As we celebrate 40 years of our parish's mission to the local community and beyond, St John Paul II inspires us: "At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption. In the human growth of Jesus "in wisdom, age and grace", the virtue of industriousness played a notable role, since "work is a human good" which "transforms nature" and makes man "in a sense more human"... St Joseph is the model of those humble ones that Christianity raises up to great destinies...he is the proof that in order to be a good and genuine follower of Christ, there is no need of great things – it is enough to have the common, simple and human virtues, but they need to be true and authentic." (*Redemptoris Custos*, 23-24).

RESTORING THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION The Bishops of England and Wales are considering bringing back the obligation to be at Sunday Mass on Advent Sunday. They are keen that we do not lose sight of the gift of

Sunday, the Lord's Day and ours. See

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

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.**

THIS WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Our Lady's Birthday and the Fortieth Anniversary of St Joseph's Church.
6.30pm Mass followed by light refreshments
We will be joined by Fr Harry Curtis, previous parish priest
Please come to celebrate our church! Under normal circumstances we'd be inviting the world, but currently the 65 seats we have must go to parishioners first, of course.
PLEASE BOOK IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND
BY PHONE, LETTER, EMAIL, LIST IN PORCH

WARWICK UNIV CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY MASS will resume in the **Chaplaincy Centre** (not in St Joseph's Church) on Sunday 26 September at 1230pm.

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.

CONFESSION: May be celebrated outdoors in a public space maintaining social distancing. This is easily done after Mass or beforehand if you ask in good time. See the priests.

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

CARRIERS OF HOPE are supporting the needs of refugees in Coventry—including from Afghanistan. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website <https://carriersofhope.org.uk/> to see the latest needs.

DIOCESAN ONLINE EVENTS

Life in the Spirit and **Climate Action Meeting**. Details on the diocesan web site

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in **Haiti** to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in **Afghanistan**, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in **Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan** and north-east **Nigeria**. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. **Thank you.**