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28th NOVEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph* FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Holy Souls
SUNDAY 28th ADVENT SUNDAY	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Thomas & Rose Clarke (Anniv) The Faithful Departed: Connolly Family & Friends
Monday 29th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM & <i>Exposition</i>	9.00 a.m.	Michael & Caroline Fitzpatrick (RIP)
Tuesday 30th <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (Holton)
Wednesday 1st <i>St Edmund Campion, M</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Bishop Pargetter Special Intention (Randall)
Thursday 2nd <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Thomas Gibbons (RIP) Maureen Mooney RIP (Anniv)
Friday 3rd <i>St Francis Xavier, P</i>	No Mass at STM Mass SJW	~ 10.00 a.m.	~ Private Intention
Saturday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish The Dowling Family
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Raquel Corballacha Garcia
SUNDAY 5th ADVENT 2	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Bridie Lucas Francesco Lionetti RIP (1 Anniv)

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ADVENT COME LORD JESUS!

THIS NEWS SHEET

The news sheet is now one for both the two parishes: ***please bear with us! It is hard to find a format that will please everyone and we need to get used to presenting news for two parishes which the diocese has asked to work in partnership.***

VENTILATION & COVID SAFETY LATEST

Ventilating indoor spaces is a proven way of reducing Covid-risk so please remember that at least some windows will be open in both churches. We are monitoring ventilation and using the heating in both churches but it will never be snug and cosy!

Please continue to make the small sacrifices of wearing a **face covering, gelling hands and not getting too 'up close and personal'** with people not in your household.

Covid has not gone away, so ***please— MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR COVID JABS!***

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNION

Communion may now be brought to the housebound routinely as before. ***Please contact*** Fr Stephen or Fr Peter by phone, email, in writing or by friend or family member if you are ready to resume this. ***Please don't hesitate to be in touch.***

THIS WEEKEND

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — Let us prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ by meditating on how He came the first time, and how God the Father called people, prophets, St John the Baptist and Our Lady to prepare to meet Him face to face. Come, Lord Jesus!

SOUL REASON AT 25

STM'S music group celebrates 25 years together! We thank God for their music, commitment and sheer hard work. ***THANK YOU***

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This will re-start TODAY at 9:00am Mass. Children aged 3+ to 11 (Nursery to Yr 6) inclusive. Volunteers to be Children Liturgists are very welcome, please contact Deacon Leo. It can't ***yet*** be the same as it was as the JPll room remains a store room. So, with one room and a limit of 25 people in total (children, helpers and parents) it's set to go. ***We thank*** our leaders, supportive parents and of course children too.

'YARN BOMBING' AT STM

You will have seen the amazing creations now adorning the building, bollards and bushes at STM. Advent begins—prepare a way for the Lord! This is a great way of showing that STM is alive and active and preparing for the coming of Jesus. ***Thank you!***

STM SVP

The SVP are planning to support needy families, working in partnership with STM parish

school. If you can spare items listed on the sheet handed out that would be great—socks, colouring pencils, toiletries, tinned foods...

COVENTRY CRIB

The blessing of the Crib takes place **today in Broadgate at 4pm**, a public event at which we are all welcome. The city's Catholic schools have been invited to take part.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME booklets and calendars are available.

Readers this week at STM...

Sat Louise Poole Sun Noreen Thornhill

Next Week... Sat Kate Day Sun Kris Pears
TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES STM

Volunteers needed to make tea and coffee. See Janet Ward if you can help after 5pm. Sat. and Claire Rutter if you can help after 9am Sun. To be at our safest, we **can accommodate no more than 25 people in the MRR** at socially distanced tables. You are welcome to go outside if dry. We shall be keeping the way in which we queue and serve under review according to demand and Covid circumstances, but diocesan rules concerning halls continue to be very strict.

TEA & COFFEE SJW

Tea and coffee is available in the hall after Sunday Mass. To be at our safest, we **can accommodate no more than 20 people in the hall**. You are welcome to go outside if dry.

PIETY STALLS

There is a **limited** selection of stock available at SJW in the hall after Mass. The stall at STM remains shut. Is there anyone at STM who would like to take responsibility for this?

NEWS THIS WEEK

CHURCH ROOMS HIRING: LATEST

The rooms in both churches are open for tea and coffee after the weekend Masses.

The halls are now open to use by parish groups (but still is not for hire by outside organisations). Please contact Amanda for STM (as on the front page) to arrange use or at SJW see Fr Stephen or Fr Peter.

BUT please be aware of these points—

The full guidelines outlined in the *Hirer's Pack* must be agreed to.

Any group must complete and submit a risk assessment before using the room.

The room must be cleaned before & after use Windows must be open and rooms ventilated No more than 25 people may be in the room at STM and no more than 20 at SJW

PLEASE NOTE Guidance for the use of halls remains, for some reason not explained to us, stricter than for the use of churches.

NEXT WEEKEND

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Collection: Poor Parishes

FINANCE: STM Collection: £1815.00 (2 weeks) CAFOD: £671.00 SJW Main Collection £130.00
Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times

SJW MUSIC GROUP

Members are returning to Mass and will be reforming soon. They will meet once more on Monday nights to practice.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Fifteen pilgrims travelled to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham and presented the intentions of the two parishes. A wonderful time was had by all in prayer and worship, in enjoying one another's company and in being close to Our Lady of Walsingham. A truly blessed time.

HONOURING SUNDAY

The Bishops issued a statement last week you may find [here](#) called *Honouring Sunday*. While it does not re-instate the Sunday obligation yet, it does ask us to honour Sundays and to challenge ourselves about any Sunday routines that may include other things but not attendance at Mass. It is a document of hope and encouragement: please have a look.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISHES

First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, most of which will be on the diocesan website [here](#). This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that in due course as we organise things in the parish, everyone may be well informed. After Christmas, we shall be meeting to engage with this process but there will be other ways too so that not being able to attend meetings is no barrier. There are two talks on Zoom from Fr Jan Novotnik and Dr Mary McCaughey [here](#).

BISHOP ULLATHORNE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Fri 10 Dec, 12.30-2.30pm. Please let Fr Stephen know if you would like to go. Tea, coffee, refreshments, quizzes, bingo and festive cheer.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION Meeting will be on Monday 13th December at 2.00pm in the Library at Christ the King Church.

THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

is looking to appoint a senior advisor from SLT recruitment and training. Details [here](#)

DIOCESAN MAGAZINE: *THE SOWER*

Paper copies should arrive soon but the online version can be seen [here](#)

CARRIERS OF HOPE

Carriers of Hope are responding to the needs of refugees in Coventry, and others in great need. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website or Facebook page to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking here. They have been instrumental in setting up a Coventry clothes bank as needs have risen.

COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, see coventry.foodbank.org.uk. There is a video [here](#)

THANK YOU!

To all parishioners for your continued support, in person, online and financial, of the parishes.



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

ADVENT is not just four weeks of pretending it's already Christmas nor is it yet the time for shepherds and Wise Men. Advent is a season given to us by the Church and has a character all its own. The Church calls us to reflect on the comings—in the plural—of Christ: as the Word made flesh at Bethlehem, as the Saviour at the end of time, and in the meanwhile as the One who comes to us on our altars, in his word, in each other and in the needy. Having come among us that first time, Christ is able to come to us again and again. Are we prepared for His coming on the altar, let alone for His coming at the end of time? Consequently, the scriptures for Advent remind us of all those who waited and prepared for the first coming of Christ—the patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist and Our Lady. For the likes of Jeremiah and his hearers, the coming of the Saviour would have seemed a remotely distant but wonderful event—much like the second coming might seem to us today. But God keeps His promises, and generations who believed His word revealed through the prophets lived in faith and hope: the Saviour indeed came. And just as Jesus came as the infant Christ, so He will come again. Until that day comes, we in turn are called to wait in faith and hope, so that like the patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist and Our Lady we too shall be ready. Many would have passed the stable at Bethlehem unaware of the great event within, and unprepared for Christ's ministry among them. No one will be unaware of the second coming—may we not be *unprepared* for it!

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis ends the second of reflections about the role of St Joseph by offering this Prayer:

Saint Joseph, you guarded the bond with Mary and Jesus, help us to care for the relationships in our lives. May no one experience that sense of abandonment that comes from loneliness. Let each of us be reconciled with our own history, with those who have gone before, and recognise even in the mistakes made, a way through which Providence has made its way and evil did not have the last word. Show yourself to be a friend to those who struggle the most, and as you supported Mary and Jesus in difficult times, support us too on our journey. Amen.

STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY

You are very welcome. Please make your self known to Deacon David, the Catholic Chaplain—you can be kept informed of Chaplaincy events. https://warwick.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/about_us/team/david/

If you view this sheet on the web all links in blue are live—simply click on them

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: Steve Fowler, Suzanne Hammond, Maura Bibby, Martin Smith, Ian Rogers, Peter Carvell, Lynsey Moore, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, June Phee, Sabrina O'Connor, Sarah Chaplin, Moira Steeley, Elene Gunn, Pauline Cullinane, Margaret Young, Helen Chadwick, Baby Theo, Catherine Brookes, David Warr, Maureen Pearson, Anne, Hilary Hanson, Maisie Reddan, Hayden Gilks, Mya, Phil Sheridan, Israel Mcleod, Rev Patrick Jeary, Anne Kerry, John Walker, Liam Mee, Helen McDonnell, Teresa Mellon, Carl Smith, Roy Haslam, Beatrice Upham, Felix Rooney, John Gould. **SJW:** George Morton, Josie Dekkers, Kevon Perry, Bridget Cherry, Peter Kennedy, Danny Harrington, Peter Nottingham, Edith Whatling, Margaret Dunne, Anna Mallar *Our Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, Pray for us!*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Catherine Etheridge, David Amess, Rose Green, Marian Mullens **SJW** Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey, Heather Mountford, Eleanor Collins, Derek Gardiner, Mary Harrington, Neil Keenan, Teresa Young, Tish Rutherford **ANNIVERSARIES:** Henry Hanly, Jadwiga Marrinan, John Kitterick, Janet Branski, Emrys Evans, William Horton, Mary Taylor, Dennis Hands, Andrew Reilly, Cornelius Delahunty, Mary Townsend, Mary Blackwell, Vincent Duff, Joseph Brown, Joseph Flis, Mary Ullah **SJW** Jane Conway, John Carroll, John Mulligan, Vincent Conry, William Pearse, Baby Katherine Lewis, Catherine Allsop, Maureen Mooney, Cornelius McPartland, Elizabeth Dudley, Ella Seery, Mary Perry, Ellen Mullen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

- The end of the pandemic and all working for that, and for those affected by it.
- The Synodal process
- The coming of Christ and our readiness for it

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk. Everyone who enters is asked **sanitise hands, wear a face covering** and **respect distance**.

BAPTISMS

Baptism may be celebrated, please with precautions above. Please see one of the clergy after a weekend Mass.

WEDDINGS

Weddings may be celebrated with the conditions described above. Please make an appointment with Fr Stephen: six months notice best.

CONFESSION at STM

It is available before 5pm Mass in the well ventilated confessional and also by appointment.

CONFESSION AT SJW

Please ask one of the priests: the confessional at SJW is not ventilated and so cannot be used.

FUNERALS

Funerals may be celebrated, but please with the precautions above.

MASS

The Bishops, in line with guidance from the Government and scientists ask that we continue to

Ventilate the church well

Sanitise hands

Cover mouth AND nose

Keep a distance—at least 1 metre

We have a Christian duty of care to one another and to wider society. Please make sure you have your Covid jabs: if we don't catch Covid we can't pass it one.

Pray for the end of the Pandemic

GET THE MASS READINGS ON YOUR SMART PHONE



Simply scan this QR code on your phone with a bar code reader and go straight to the day's readings.

GIVING TO THE PARISHES

1. **There are collecting boxes by the church doors for use instead of offertory bags**
 2. **Give online via the Diocesan Website** Go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work Enter personal details on the first box, click next, then select 'Coventry Styvechale' for STM OR 'Coventry, Canley' for SJW from the drop down list of parishes, the third box is for your card details.
 3. **Use a standing order.** You can donate by **standing order**, there is a link to a form on the STM website, on the [Parish & Coronavirus](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work) page. Complete the top part, post to the Presbytery. At SJW please see June Palmer
 4. **Put your offering in the Presbytery letterbox**
- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GIVING!**