

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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5th DECEMBER 2021 *The Year of St Joseph*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Readings Year C Both churches have a hearing loop system*



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Raquel Corballada Garcia (Anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 5th 2nd of ADVENT</b>	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)
Monday 6th <i>Advent Feria</i>	No Mass STM No Mass SJW	~	~
Tuesday 7th <i>St Ambrose</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Michael Kapusta (RIP) Ruth Odera
Wednesday 8th <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	John Meehan (RIP) Conley & Harris Families
Thursday 9th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass STM No Mass SJW	9.00 a.m.	William Hoare
Friday 10th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass STM & Exposition Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Betty Whelan (Sick) The Ward Family
Saturday 11th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass STM No Mass SJW	9.00 a.m.	Ford Family (Sick)
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.35 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Mandy Crilly (Thanksgiving)
<b>SUNDAY 12th 3rd of ADVENT</b>	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Dec'd daughter of the Holy Spirit Carmel Silver RIP

### THE CLERGY OF THE PARISHES & THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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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 as we fin the best way to present all the news and info.*

### 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!

*In the light of concerns about the omicron variant, 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!*

It is also helpful to **test yourself weekly** and so be able to isolate and not spread the virus unknowingly when you come to Mass.

### 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 be in touch.*

### THIS WEEKEND

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

Second Collection: Poor Parishes

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This is now back 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 JP11 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 for Advent now adorning the building, bollards and bushes at STM. There are links to photos on the *What's On* page of the STM website. *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...

#### READERS THIS WEEK AT STM...

Sat Kate Day Sun Kris Pears

Next Week...

Sat Janet Ward Sun Blaise Hughes-O'Sullivan

#### TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES STM

Please Janet Ward if you can help after 5pm.

Sat. or 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

#### WEDNESDAY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This great feast of Our Lady reminds us that she, who was called to be the first dwelling place of our Incarnate God here on earth, was kept free from all sin by God's grace from the very first moment of her existence. It comes nine months before we celebrate Our Lady's birth (of course!) and is a wonderful Advent reminder of how God's plan for our salvation is worked out at a particular time, in particular places and though particular people.

#### THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph ends on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. But his prayers and example are there to help us always. *Foster-father of the Word made flesh and husband of Mary to whom both were entrusted, pray for us who entrust our needs to you!*

#### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Give something literally life-changing for Christmas. Catalogues are available or click [here](#) to be taken to the CAFOD site. Please buy your own World Gift or make a donation in a labelled envelope so that the parish J&P Group can pass it on.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS TO VICTIMS OF UNJUST DETENTION AND TORTURE

Please send a card to those suffering simply because of their beliefs. ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture) organises a campaign see [here](#) or the *What's on* page of the STM website. The STM J&P group are actively engaged.

#### CHURCH ROOM HIRING

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

***BUT*** please be aware of these points—

**FINANCE: STM Collection: £711.30 SJW Collection £70.00**

***Thank you for all that you give in time, money or effort, especially in these difficult times***

- 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, 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, far stricter than for the use of churches.**

### NEXT WEEKEND

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SJW MUSIC GROUP**

Members are returning to Mass in the parish and will be reforming soon. They will meet again on Monday nights to practice.

#### **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, which, as Christians, we must.

#### **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. Click [here](#).

#### **STM WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be around the city centre on **12 December** Meet at **2pm at Spon Gate School on Upper Spon Street.**

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

#### **CHRITMAS MASS TIMES**

##### *Christmas Eve*

**5pm STM** with *Soul Reason* music group

**6.30pm SJW, 8.00pm STM**

##### *Christmas Day*

**9am STM, 10.45am SJW, 12.30pm Univ Ch**

We hope to sing carols at all Masses depending on COVID guidance applying at the time.

#### **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 and others in Coventry. Needs are constantly changing so please visit their website or Facebook page to see the latest news. You may donate by clicking [here](#)



### **THE READINGS THIS WEEK**

**J**ohn the Baptist would have been a striking and unusual figure. Even the circumstances of his mother's pregnancy, and his first recognition of Jesus as the Christ within his mother's womb, were all exceptional. From his beginning, John had been given a special role in God's plan. So in today's gospel, Luke gives us a time and place of the beginning of John's prophetic ministry. He stands as the forerunner, proclaiming that God's promise of salvation is about to be fulfilled. What had been revealed to the prophets long ago, he comes to announce as imminently happening. God is about to do wonderful things, so now is the time to be ready. And what are these wonderful things? All mankind is about to see the salvation of God. John calls out across the ages to us too, to remind us that we too should rejoice at the sight of salvation and, like his first hearers, we too need to prepare the way for the Lord. May we be ready to welcome him into our hearts and minds. What do we need to straighten and lay low in our lives to welcome the presence of Jesus?

### **FR PETER REFLECTS**

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church by calling Mary, 'full of grace' and 'all fair', recognises that: "just as her youth does not lie in age, her beauty does not consist in outward appearance....What was her secret? We can understand it by looking again at the scene of the Annunciation. In many paintings Mary is depicted as seated before the Angel with a small book in her hand. This book is the scripture...The Word of God was her secret: close to her heart, it then became flesh in her womb. By dwelling with God, in dialogue with him in every circumstance, Mary made her life beautiful. Not in appearances, not what is fleeting, but the heart directed to God makes life beautiful....Let us ask her to help us to remain youthful, by saying 'no' to sin, and to live a beautiful life, by saying 'yes' to God. (Angelus, 8th December, 2017)

### **COVENTRY FOOD BANK**

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

### **STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIVERSITY**

You are very welcome. Please make yourself 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/](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 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 Kenny, 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: STM** Edward McCann Catherine Etheridge, David Amess, Rose Green, Marian Mullens **SJW** Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey, Heather Mountford, Eleanor Collins, Derek Gardiner, **ANNIVERSARIES STM:** Rozalia Koltun, Josephine Harrison, Peter Doyle, Michael Kapusta, Elsie Wynne, Madge Markey, Constance Shuttleworth, Hugh McQuade, John Burnett, Margaret Fletcher, Michael Horwood, Evelyn Ward, Edith Carr, Patrick O'Donaghue, Patrick Higgins, James Browne, James Burke, Kathleen Preston, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Florence Martin, Nicholas Martin, Kathleen Craven **SJW** Ellen Mullen, Mary Turner, Martin Griffin, Thomas Carroll, Betty Rushworth, Thomas Lewis, Dorothy Gormley, Isobel McKay, Mary Miller, Catherine McNaughton, John Stanford, William Grant, Alice Temple, Jane Owen *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.

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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 on. Test yourself too.

*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](http://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](#) 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!**