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16th January 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Peace Sunday

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.	Conboy Family Dec'd
SUNDAY 16th Second Sunday		Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	O'Sullivan Family Dec'd Sarah Ann & Joseph Morris(RIP)
Monday 17th <i>St Anthony</i>		Mass & Exposition STM	9.00 a.m.	Elsie Finn (Mem Mass)
Tuesday 18th <i>Feria</i>		Mass SJW Funeral Service SJW	10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	Anne Pegg Toni Banks RIP
Wednesday 19th <i>St Wulstan</i>		Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Edna & Bill Horton (Anniv) Cora Lanigan & Jane Burman
Thursday 20th <i>Feria</i>		Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	McGinley Family Pegg family, dec'd
Friday 21st <i>St Agnes</i>		Mass & Exposition STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Eddie McAleese (RIP) Foley & Ward families, dec'd
Saturday 22nd <i>Of Our Lady</i>		Mass STM	9.00 a.m.	Maureen Price (RIP) / Kay Farrelly (RIP) Philomena Irwin RIP
		Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	
		Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Eileen Crean (RIP)
SUNDAY 23rd Third Sunday		Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ints of Catherine McKenzie Tina, Karen & Shaun Lanigan

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JANUARY—MONTH OF THE INFANT JESUS



FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW COMPULSORY IN CHURCHES

COVID SAFETY & THE OMICRON VARIANT
Please consider your own actions and decisions about what **KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS SAFE**.

- **Face coverings are now compulsory by law. You must *NOT* enter church without one!**
- **Sanitise hands** on entry and exit
- **Keep a 1m distance** if you can
- **Ventilation** is important and will be kept up. Church will thus not be as warm as we'd like.
- **Lateral flow testing:** please test yourself each week so that if you know you have the virus you stay at home and don't spread disease.
- **Feeling ill:** if you feel unwell please stay at home until you are well. Do not risk passing on the virus.
- **Vaccination: all of you are strongly urged to HAVE YOUR JABS!** This keeps others safe too and is *not* just about the individual who is vaccinated. Phone your doctor if you have any concerns about having it.

We Christians have a duty to take care of others and to neglect any of these ways of reducing infections is therefore to neglect our neighbour. We are all in this together.

CHURCH EVENTS

Please take part in anything in church only if you feel happy to do so. There are no rules that stop tea and coffee after Mass or Children's Liturgy or anything else that we have been doing recently. If you wish to take part, you can. **But we must wear face coverings and provide good ventilation.**

The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

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.*** *Because of the pandemic we need to know that you are happy to be visited.*

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 5pm Mass We welcome pupils from **STM School** who are preparing to receive the gifts of the **Holy Spirit at Confirmation**

THIS SUNDAY: PEACE SUNDAY This annual day reminds us to pray and work for peace, and to help those affected by violence and war. Volunteers from the parishes will be handing out leaflets and holding a retiring collection for

the work of ***Pax Christi*** after all Masses in the parishes. This Catholic Charity works for peace and an end to conflict. For website click [here](#) Ordinary (green) time returns as we ponder the mysteries of the events of Christ's life told to us in Luke's Gospel. The Sunday readings are from year C in the Sunday cycle, and the weekday readings are from Year 2 in the weekday cycle.

READERS AT STM...

This wk: Sat Louise Poole **Sun** Maureen Porter
Next wk: Sat Kate Day **Sun** Noreen Thornhill

WALKING GROUP MEETS

The next walk is Sunday 16th January 2022 at 2pm from Kenilworth Abbey Fields car park. The walk is 3.5 miles and should take about 1.25 hours. The route is on hard surfaces and takes in Kenilworth Green Way and surrounding countryside. For more details or to share a lift then email stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com or see the parish What's On web page.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

At the 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Thank you to all helpers.

THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The parish Confirmation with Bp William Kenney is on Thursday 3 March.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

This has restarted. It would be sensible if people kept their masks on if not drinking or eating. ***Good ventilation—open windows—is a strict condition of meeting for tea and coffee***

CHURCH ROOM HIRING

The halls are NOT for hire by outside organisations yet, but are available for parish groups, ***BUT this depends on Covid regulations that apply at the time.*** 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—

- 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** by the users before *and* after use, **including toilets**
 - **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.**

FINANCE: STM Collection 2/1 & 9/1 £1,328.00 Standing Orders Nov/Dec £3,916.93

SJW Collection: 2/1 & 9/1 £298.79

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

NEXT WEEKEND

THIRD SUNDAY of the year, year C

COMING SOON

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January. Pray for unity! Coventry Chapel of Unity is hosting online events. See [here](#)

THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN THE PARISHES

We meet on **Wednesday 26 January at 7pm** to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to discern the Spirit's voice in the Church. **Full details are on the separate letter given out at all Masses and on the parish websites.** First, this sheet will continue to direct you to information and online events, on the Diocesan website [here](#). This is a prime source of information which is still being given out. This will provide background so that we may organise things in the parishes.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

is kept this year on **Sunday 30 January** and there is a regional event at Millennium Point, Birmingham at 2pm.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Classes for children not in Catholic schools begin this Monday at 5pm at STM, following last week's meeting.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This is planned to take place **Sunday 29 May – Friday 3 June**. Details are on the diocesan website [here](#). The cost to fly and stay at the Hotel Beau Site, as we did last time, is **£925.00**. It is likely that things will not be completely normal but at least a pilgrimage is happening. Please book yourself via Tangney Tours (there is a form the diocesan website) if you wish to go. Claire Rutter at STM or Fr Stephen at SJW if you are interested can help answer any questions.

CARRIERS OF HOPE

Carriers of Hope are responding to the needs of refugees and others in Coventry. You may donate by clicking [here](#)

COVENTRY FOOD BANK

If you need help from the Foodbank or can support its work, coventry.foodbank.org.uk
If you view this sheet on the web all links in blue are live—simply click them

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Chloe Holden



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

GOD HAS GREAT GIFTS FOR US that He is quite prepared to be generous with, for they are given to build up His Church in service of Him and our neighbour. But we cannot choose the gift He gives—after all, God knows more about our own needs and wants more we do ourselves—nor can we expect gifts at all if we decide not to work with Him. At the wedding feast, Jesus is hugely generous with the amount and quality of wine He provides. Yet the stewards have to do as He tells them and fill the stone jars with water first. But once that is done, Jesus transforms and provides. This miracle not only reveals who Jesus is, but shows how He has the power to transform us and provide for us, if we will co-operate with Him. 'Do whatever he tells you', says Our Lady. That's exactly what she did! Pope Francis's Synodal pathway is an attempt to discover what it is God wants us to do for His Church. May Mary's prayers help to hear God's will that she, full of the Holy Spirit, will help us do whatever He tells us. No one has let the Spirit work through her more than Mary, after all.

FR PETER REFLECTS

As we prepare for our joint parishes opening Synodal Pathway Meeting, Pope Francis's words remind us of its significance: 'The Gospels frequently show us Jesus "on a journey"; he walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First he *encounters* the rich man on the road; (Mark 10:17) he *listens* to his questions and helps him *discern* what he must do to inherit eternal life. The three verbs that characterize the Synod are *Encounter, Listen and discern...* Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us at this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us.'

EILEEN WILLIAMS RIP

Eileen was a devoted and faithful member of St Joseph's parish. The parish owes her a debt of gratitude for her many years of service. Please pray for her soul and for her family at this time. Her funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's, 12 noon on 4 Feb and she will be received into St Joseph's the night before at 6.

STUDENTS AT WARWICK UNIV

WELCOME! Sunday Mass is also celebrated at the **Chaplaincy at 1230 during term time**. Please make yourself known to Deacon David, the Catholic Chaplain. You can receive news of Chaplaincy and CathSoc events. Click [here](#) for details.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: STM Monica Horner, Marie Curristan, Angela Prior, John & George Dalby, Elaine Fossett, 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 Clay Hulme, Margaret Shaw, Andrew Chustecki **SJW** Toni Banks, Eileen Williams, Tom Knowles, Philomena Irwin, Jennifer Shaw, Lacy Kyle, Tony Mulvey, Heather Mountford

ANNIVERSARIES. STM: Katherine Branski, Patrick Cully, Luigi Rigione, James Murphy, Anne Carmel Murray, Lawrence Pyle, Mary Bills, Agnes Clark, Linda Proctor, Annie Quinn, Margaret Rutter, Noel Carberry, Frank Williams, Jean Rock **SJW:** Mary Kelly, Mary Verdon, James Brouder, Monique Tilson, Angela McKay, Andrew O'Connor, Anne Griffen, Joyce O'Neill, Thomas Clifford, Elizabeth Ford, Bridget Reilly, Margaret Treacy, Cecilia Ferguson, Nora Rowan, Winifred Walsh, Edward Carroll, Laurence Turner

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

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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. Please take a lateral flow test regularly and please have your vaccinations.**

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 on Saturdays in the well ventilated confessional and is also available by appointment at other times.

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: this is compulsory

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



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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](#) 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!**