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30th January 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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.	Charles Boxer (RIP)
SUNDAY 30th Fourth Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Derek Barton (Sick) The People of the Parish
Monday 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	Mass & Exposition STM	9.00 a.m.	Bab McPartland (RIP)
Tuesday 1st February <i>Feria</i>	Mass at SJW	10.00 a.m.	Arthur Gunde (RIP)
Wednesday 2nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Fr Jimmy Margaret & Diana Dowling
Thursday 3rd <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW Reception SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Elsie & Bert Buckingham (Sick) Katie Aubrey (RIP) Of Eileen Williams RIP
Friday 4th <i>Feria</i>	Mass & Exposition STM Funeral Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 12 noon	Tom McSharry (Sick) / Noel Stewart (RIP) Eileen Williams RIP
Saturday 5th <i>St Agatha</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Mary Anne Fensome (RIP) Private Intention
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Nuala Nash (Birthday)
SUNDAY 6th Fifth Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Thanksgiving: Ints of relatives of Miss O'Brien People of the Parish

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JANUARY—MONTH OF THE INFANT JESUS



FACE COVERINGS ARE *STILL* RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES

COVID SAFETY LATEST

The Government has now removed many legal instructions issued to reduce the Covid risk.

The **Government is still RECOMMENDING** that **face coverings are worn at indoor gatherings**, which of course applies to churches. The use of sanitiser is still recommended too. The virus has not disappeared and some of our congregations have people in them who are vulnerable or unvaccinated. **Please do consider your own actions and decisions about what KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS SAFE.** Therefore, we keep using **sanitiser**, a bit of **social distance** where we can and the **windows will remain open for ventilation.**

We have removed the ribbons from the central aisles at STM and increased the number of seats in each row at SJW. Please respect others who may feel they need space around them. Neither church yet has a congregation so big that crowding will be a problem.

Things will of course be changing in churches so that, gradually, the celebration of Mass becomes less and less affected by pandemic concerns. This is good news!

STEWARDS & CLEANERS AT STM

Please keep going as you are for a few weeks yet: we are working through what's needed and very soon things will change. The stewards have done a great job, not least in welcoming people to church. Soon, that might be nearly all that's needed and a previous wonderful ministry of greeting can do this again too.

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

THIS SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Readings are from Year C. Weekday readings are from Year 2. We continue Ordinary Time as we hear the far from ordinary events of the life of Jesus.

SECOND COLLECTION: At STM, Parish Development Fund. Please put envelopes in the collecting boxes.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

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

READERS AT STM

This wk: Sat Janet Ward Sun Kris Pears

Next wk: Sat John Burns Sun Joe Dore

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This takes place at the 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Thank you to all helpers.

THIS WEEK

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

All Masses in the two parishes now have tea and coffee available afterwards. Thank you to our volunteers. Please think about joining them!

CHURCH ROOM HIRING

The halls are NOT yet for hire by outside organisations, but **are** available for parish groups. Strict rules have been relaxed but please act with consideration for others.

TUESDAY: THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This great feast, also known as Candlemas, celebrates the time when Our Lady and St Joseph, in obedience to Old Testament Law, take the young Jesus to present Him in the Temple. There, Anna, the aged prophetess, recognises Jesus as the promised One and Simeon acclaims Him as the salvation and the glory of God's people Israel, the light that will enlighten the nations. It is customary to begin Mass with a procession of lighted candles in celebration.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIFTH SUNDAY of the year, Year C.

COMING SOON

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

Thank you to all who attended last week's meeting. Particular thanks to Deacons Leo and David who are facilitating the meetings and will be summarising the responses to pass on to the diocese. Such was the interest and desire to participate, that there will be another meeting this **Wednesday 7pm at St Thomas More Church.** You do not need to have been to the first meeting to come to this one. **Everyone** is welcome to take part!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Falls this year on Wednesday 2 March

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

WALKING GROUP

The next outing will be on afternoon of **Sunday 13 Feb.** Watch this space or the STM website What's On page for details. **All welcome!**

CONFIRMATION 2022

Classes for children not in Catholic schools are on Mondays at 5pm at STM.

FINANCE: STM Collection £581.50 SJW Collection: £160.90

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

ST JOSEPH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The parish of St Joseph the Worker turns sixty this year. If the Covid news remains encouraging it becomes easier to plan to mark this important anniversary. Watch this space. Please think about helping to support or run events. Perhaps a Mass and a social on Monday 2 May, which will be the feast of St Joseph the Worker (transferred from the Third Sunday of Easter).

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 website is [here](#)

COVENTRY FOOD BANK

Foodbank website coventry.foodbank.org.uk

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Chloe Holden

MOIRA STEELEY RIP

Moiras funeral is at St Thomas More Church on Friday 18 February at 10.30am.

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A READER AT MASS

If you would like to explore this possibility please see Kris Pears at STM or Henry Whitney at SJW

SERVING AT STM

If anyone—young or old—is interested in becoming a server or returning to it, please see Fr Stephen or Matthew, our Head Server.

CHURCH CLEANING AT STM

At them moment our team of stewards have been Covid-cleaning each week. Soon, we shall be able to move away from that and return to polish, mops, dusters and hoovers—but only if we have people to use them! Our previous team of cleaners deserve our thanks but the church still needs cleaning. Could you join or help organise this? *Please think about this*—more details soon.

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

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.



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

JEREMIAH never asked to be a prophet and he had a great many anxieties about speaking out to those who were unwilling to listen. Yet, God had made him for that very purpose, from the beginning of his life in his mother's womb. As God revealed to him in the events described in today's first reading, Jeremiah's part in God's plan will not be thwarted by either Jeremiah's uncertainties or the opposition of other people. Jesus began His ministry on a tide of popularity, but few people like to have their ideas challenged or hear that they need to change. So when Jesus does both those things, those who half know Him in his home town pour scorn on the idea that he could possibly have anything important to say. Yet—like those whose heard Jesus's message 2,000 years ago from His own lips—we need to be constantly challenged to give up our selfishness, resentments, jealousies, indulgent rudeness or whatever, or we shall hinder God's will and ignore the truth spoken by those He has sent to speak to us. And the greatest of those people is of course His only Son.

JESUS + MARY + JOSEPH

FR PETER REFLECTS

In light of the Synodal Process, Pope Francis says: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Today I would like to focus on the figure of St Joseph as a man who *dreams*. In the Bible, as in the culture of the ancient peoples, dreams were considered as a means by which God revealed himself. The dream symbolises the spiritual life of each of us, that inner space that each of us is called to cultivate and guard, where God manifests himself and often speaks to us. But we must also say that within each of us there is not only the voice of God: there are many other voices. For example, the voices of our fears, the voices of past experiences, the voices of hopes; and there is also the voice of the evil one who wants to deceive and confuse us. It is therefore important to be able to recognise the voice of God in the midst of other voices. Joseph demonstrates that he knows how to cultivate the necessary silence and, above all, how to make the right decisions before the Word that the Lord addresses to him inwardly.... St Joseph, you are a man who dreams, teach us to recover the spiritual life through prayer... Remove from us the thought that praying is useless; help each one of us to correspond to what the Lord shows us. May our reasoning be illuminated by the Spirit, our hearts encouraged by His strength and our fears saved by His mercy. Amen."

(General Audience 26th January, 2022).

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, 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 Mary Laffey, Moira Steeley, Clay Hulme, Margaret Shaw, **SJW** Toni Banks, Eileen Williams

ANNIVERSARIES. STM: Walter Leigh, May Weir, Peter Keating, Michael Wynne, Teresa Shami, Jeanne Gould, George Hornibrook, Marjorie Vincent, Mary McQuade, Margaret Jenkins, Thomas Brogan, Kenneth Baimbridge **SJW:** James Brien, Angela Caminati, Antanas Kuscenas, Bridget Preece, Edward Brewer, Patrick Martin, Maureen Newcombe, Margaret Grant, Beatrice Powell, James Fagan.

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

- The end of the pandemic
- Peace between Russia and Ukraine
- The Synodal process
- The victims of genocide

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk. The situation is easing but the virus has not disappeared

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.

CONFESSION AT SJW

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

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 recommended

Keep a distance if we easily can

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!**