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6th February 2022

FIFTH 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.	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 Private Intention (DC)
Monday 7th <i>Feria</i>	Mass & Exposition STM	9.00 a.m.	Marie Curristan (RIP)
Tuesday 8th <i>Feria</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Graham Mackenzie (RIP)
Wednesday 9th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Ms Pat Keaney (Sick) Private Intention (PB)
Thursday 10th <i>St Scholastica</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Arthur Labinjo-Hughes (RIP) Private Intention (CW)
Friday 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Mass & Exposition STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Iris Jackson (Mem Mass) Fr Peter's Intentions
Saturday 12th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Dominic Keane (RIP) Private Intention
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Marie-Therese Magee (Anniv)
SUNDAY 13th Sixth Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Cathy Stayne (RIP) Private Intention (DC)

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FEBRUARY
MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY—
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

FACE COVERINGS ARE *STILL* RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES

COVID SAFETY LATEST

The Government has now removed many legal instructions issued to reduce the Covid risk. We are still recommended to sanitise hands, wear face masks and maintain a bit of distance where we can.

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 all 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 resume.

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.

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 5th of Ordinary Time. Yr C READERS AT STM

This wk: Sat John Burns **Sun** Joe Dore

Next wk: Sat Afi Selormey **Sun** Clive Robinson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

This takes place at the 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass. *Thank you to all helpers.*

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

All Masses in the two parishes now have tea and coffee available afterwards. Thank you to our volunteers. Please volunteer too!

THIS WEEK

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Mon 7th Feb 7pm on Zoom The group's activities include LiveSimply, CAFOD, Fairtrade, cards for prisoners of conscience and walking group. This group is for *both* parishes— all wel-

come to join in. To receive Zoom details & take part please email stm.jandpgroup@gmail.com

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY CONTINUES

Thank you to all who attended last week's meeting. There is a third and last meeting at

St Joseph's, this Wednesday, 7pm. Particular thanks to Deacons Leo and David who are facilitating the meetings and will be summarising the responses to pass on to the diocese. This has to be the last meeting so that your contributions may be written, summarised and sent to the diocese by the deadline stipulated. A summary of the sessions will be available in due course.

NEXT WEEKEND

SIXTH SUNDAY of the year, year C.

SECOND COLLECTION STM: Church Flowers

COMING SOON

MUSIC AT SJW

We are resuming singing at SJW from next Sunday, with three hymns, Gospel acclamation and Sanctus. The '**Sing for Fun**' on Monday evenings. It is an informal session, for anyone who wants to join in. We sing hymns ... because we enjoy singing them, and also to choose and rehearse some that are appropriate for the forthcoming Sunday liturgies. We normally meet twice a month, at 7pm, for about an hour. The next session will be on Mon 13 Feb 7pm. Please contact Peter O'Brien on 07930 632153 if you have any questions.

MARIE CURRISTAN RIP

Many of you will by now know the sad news that, after a relatively brief illness, Marie died in Myton Hospice last weekend. Please pray for her and for Tony and all her family. We are grateful for her presence among us at STM. Her funeral is on Mon 14 Feb at 12 noon, reception into church at 5pm the night before. May perpetual light shine upon her.

MOIRA STEELEY RIP

Moira's funeral at STM on Fri 18 Feb 10.30am.

CHURCH CLEANING AT STM

Church cleaning morning 26 Feb from 10am

(or ASAP after Mass). Please come along to Hoover, mop, dust and polish for the Spring. Please think about joining a regular team in the near future. At the 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*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Falls this year on Wednesday 2 March

FINANCE: STM Collection £441.00 Parish Development Fund: £184.00 SJW Collection: £178.50

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

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

CONFIRMATION 2022

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

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!**

ST JOSEPH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The parish of St Joseph the Worker turns sixty this year. We 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

COULD YOU BE A READER AT MASS?

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

2022 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

These have been delayed at the printer and are to be sent to deaneries by 7 March.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Dolores Connolly

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 or Fr Peter, the assistant chaplain. You can receive news of Chaplaincy and CathSoc events. Click [here](#) for details.



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

When the prophet is granted a glimpse of the glory of God, he is overcome by both the splendour of what he sees and the realisation of how poorly humanity responds to God. Through God's mercy in forgiving him his failings, Isaiah is willing to fulfil God's plan for him. He responds with faith and commitment. Peter, in today's Gospel, has been impressed enough by what he has heard Jesus say to try something very unlikely: to go out fishing again immediately after returning with nothing. The enormity of the catch he makes when he does as Jesus says, almost overwhelms the boat. More importantly, Peter is overwhelmed by the power of Jesus and he feels that his own sinfulness is glaringly revealed in contrast to the power of Christ. But God in Jesus accepts Peter, regardless of his faults, for in his mercy God can forgive them. It is this acceptance, mercy and love that compels Peter to give up his job and follow Jesus. That same acceptance, mercy, love and call is offered to us today. If we believe that, how can we not respond too?

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis looks at the role of Saints in the Church: "The Saints are friends... What we call devotion is actually a way of expressing love from this very bond that unites us.... And we all know that we can always turn to a friend, especially when we are in difficulty and need help. And we have friends in heaven. We all need friends; we all need meaningful relationships to help us get through life. Jesus, too, had his friends, and he turned to them at the most decisive moments of his human experience. In the history of the Church there are some constants that accompany the believing community: first of all, the great affection and the very strong bond that the Church has always felt towards Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. But also the special honour and affection she has bestowed on St Joseph. After all, God entrusts to him the most precious things he has: his son Jesus and the Virgin Mary. It is always thanks to the communion of Saints that we feel that the men and women saints who are our patrons- because of the name we bear, for example, because of the Church to which we belong, because of the place where we live, and so on. And this is the trust that must always animate us in turning to them at decisive moments in our lives. It's not magic, it's not superstition, it's devotion to the saints. It's simply talking to a brother or sister, who is in the presence of God...and asking for their intercession for the needs that I have." *(Catechesis on St Joseph: 10)*

CARETAKER VACANCY AT STM SCHOOL

STM School is looking for a caretaker (permanent SSO). All details on website [here](#)

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: STM Monica Horner, 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 Marie Curristan, Mary Lyndley, Moira Steeley, Clay Hulme
SJW Toni Banks, Eileen Williams

ANNIVERSARIES: STM: William O'Mahoney, Daniel Whelan, Winifred Williams, Edith Wright, Edna Lewis, Mary Waring, Valentine Keane, Ivy McCarthy, Nora McHale, Elizabeth Cridland, Isabelle Lowe, Charles Murphy, Sheila Coogan, Kathleen Simpson, Iris Jackson, Peter Widdison, Lily Carpenter, Myra Thomas, Tenny Nkhoma, Betty Wainwright **SJW:** Beatrice Powell, James Fagan, Thomas Conry, Declan Conway, Margaret Carr, John Hughes, Bridget McPartland, Joan McEntee, Ella Perdue, Kenneth George, George Stanners

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & CURRENT GUIDELINES

Everything that happens in church should still be done carefully to minimise risk: sanitiser, face covering, ventilation and no crowding. 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.

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Mass 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](#) 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!