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13th February 2022: *RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY*

SIXTH 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.	Marie-Therese Magee (Anniv)
SUNDAY 13th Sixth Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy Reception into Church	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Cathy Stayne (RIP) Dolores Connolly (RIP) Marie Curristan (RIP)
Monday 14th <i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	Requiem Mass STM	12.00 p.m.	Marie Curristan (RIP)
Tuesday 15th <i>Feria</i>	No Mass SJW this week	~	~
Wednesday 16th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Mrs J P Larkin (Sick Private Intention (PB))
Thursday 17th <i>Founders of the Servite Order</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Esther O'Sullivan (Sick) Eileen Williams (RIP)
Friday 18th <i>Feria</i>	Requiem Mass STM Mass SJW	10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Moira Steeley (RIP) Private Intention
Saturday 19th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	John Hughes (RIP) Dolores Connolly (RIP)
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Bernard Doyle (1st Anniv RIP)
SUNDAY 20th Seventh Sunday	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Brian Lee (Sick) Fr Joseph Duong Huu Tinh (B'Day)

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



FACE COVERINGS ARE *STILL* RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES

COVID SAFETY LATEST

We are still recommended to sanitise hands, wear face masks and maintain a bit of distance where we can. The Prime Minister may be talking about ending restrictions soon, but they are still with us. Please continue to be mindful of the concerns of others who may be more cautious. We *are* heading towards normal life once more, but as yet, slowly.

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 6th of Ordinary Time. Yr C

SECOND COLLECTION STM: Church Flowers

READERS AT STM

This wk: Sat Afi Selormey Sun Clive Robinson

Next wk: Sat Louise Poole Sun Debbie M

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT STM

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

Thank you to all helpers.

MUSIC AT STM

Our musicians play on alternate Sundays and will be back again next weekend.

MUSIC AT SJW

We are resuming singing *at SJW from today*, with three hymns, Gospel acclamation and Sanctus.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water is available at both churches. At STM from the new brown ceramic container on a stand near the font, and at SJW in the hall where there is more space than in the entrance porch.

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!*

WALKING GROUP

This month's walk is **today** (Sunday), 2.30pm. A guided tour of the architecture and landscaping of the beautiful, Joseph Paxton designed gardens at London Road cemetery. The walk is about 2 miles long and is on hard surfaces. Parishioners and friends of St Joseph and St Thomas More are **all welcome**. It starts 2:30pm from the corner of Courtleet Rd & Frank Pledge Rd, Cheylesmore, CV3 5GT, near Christ Church. See the STM website [What's On](#) page for more information or contact Kris Pears at STM or Henry Whitney at SJW. To be added to the email list to receive news of last-minute changes, please email stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com *This will be postponed to 13 March if wet.*

THIS WEEK

MUSIC AT SJW

Sing for Fun is back on Monday evenings at SJW. We normally meet twice a month, at 7pm, for about an hour. The next session **Mon 14 Feb 7pm**. Please contact Peter O'Brien on 07930 632153 for information.

MARIE CURRISTAN RIP

Please pray for her and for Tony and all her family. 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.

NEXT WEEKEND

SEVENTH SUNDAY of the year, year C.

AFGHANISTAN: CAFOD CRISIS APPEAL

The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated and this winter millions of people face hunger and extreme poverty. CAFOD are working with local partners to ensure help gets securely to those that need it most. The Justice & Peace Group will hold **retiring collections** after all Masses at STM and SJW **next weekend**. Donations can also be made online, especially if you are able to Gift Aid, [here](#) Please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

COMING SOON

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.

FINANCE: STM Collection £583.00 Parish Development Fund: £40.00 SJW Collection: £322.00

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

Could you join or help organise this? *Please think about this*

CARETAKER VACANCY AT STM SCHOOL

STM School is looking for a caretaker (permanent SSO). All details on website [here](#)
Closing date 1 March at noon.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Falls this year on Wednesday 2 March

CONFIRMATION

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

2022 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

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

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 Mon 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**.

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 consider this 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.

DOLORES CONNOLLY RIP

Dolores died suddenly last weekend after a time of illness. Please pray for her soul and for her family. Dolores will be received into SJW Fri 25 Feb 5.30, with her funeral at 9am Sat 26.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Chloe Holden

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.

CHANGED DEANERIES

As part of the Diocesan vision, Coventry Deanery is also to include Nuneaton, Atherstone, Bulkington and Bedworth parishes. Other parishes in Rugby Deanery join Warwick deanery.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS HERE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in writing or by speaking to this process in the

two parishes. A summary of what was said will be available to everyone, both on paper and on the website, in due course. It has been a very helpful event, completely directed by lay people. Thank you to Deacons Leo and David for their facilitating it all.

LENT GROUPS

If anyone wishes to form a Lent Group for prayer, study or action, please speak to one of the clergy. This could be a person or Zooming. A suggestion from our Synodal meetings.



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

Finding someone who is utterly reliable and dependable is a difficult task. All of us will have been let down by somebody, and all of us will have let someone else down. So, Jeremiah can contrast the man who trusts in other men, and the man who trusts in God. Only God will never fail us and leave us in a mess. Jesus points out the happiness of doing as God wills, and not trying to find security in earthly things. There are more reliable indications of our worth than what others say about us, and how well we fit the world's standards. There is only one set of eternal standards, and one perfect God. It is by these that we shall be judged, and by these that our real worth will be revealed.

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis continues his teaching on St Joseph:

“In last weeks catechesis again inspired by Saint Joseph, we reflected on the meaning of the communion of saints. And leading on from this, today, I would like to explore the special devotion that Christian people have always had for Saint Joseph as the patron saint of a good death. And emotion born of the thought that Joseph died cared for by the Virgin Mary and Jesus, before leaving the house of Nazareth. There is no historical data, but since we no longer see Joseph in public life, it is thought that he died there in Nazareth, with his family. And Jesus and Mary accompanied him up to his death. May Saint Joseph help us to live the mystery of death in the best possible way. For a Christian, the good death is an experience of the mercy of God, who comes close to us even in that last moment of our life. In the hail Mary, we pray asking Our Lady to be close to us at the hour of our death. Precisely for this reason, I would like to conclude this catechesis by praying together to Our Lady for the dying, for those who are experiencing this moment of passage through the dark door, as Pope Benedict has recently described it referring to himself, and for relatives who are experiencing bereavement” (General Audience 9th February 2022).

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: STM Joyce Tenn-Lyn 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 **SJW** Dolores Connelly Toni Banks,

ANNIVERSARIES: STM: Sarah Hill, Julia Malone, Peter Browne, Arthur White, Ignatius Hynes, Marie-Therese Magee, Joseph Durkin, Monica Sargent, Mary McKenzie, Alice Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan, Susan Kelly, Saveris 'Franco' Berlen, Catherine Fellows, Samuel Darby, Mary Turner, Cornelius O'Callaghan, Martin Dillon, John Errington, Marie Shildauer, James Hobbins, Catherine Gill, Catherine Scott **SJW:** Kenneth George, George Stanners, James Warke, Stephen Whelan, Edmond O'Connell, Dorothy Davis, Honarah McKenzie, Frederick Verdon, Elizabeth Price, Patrick McCormack, Martha Brady **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon**

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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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!