

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

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# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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20th February 2022:

## SEVENTH 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.	Bernard Doyle RIP (First anniv)
<b>SUNDAY 20th Seventh Sunday</b>	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
Monday 21st <i>Feria</i>	No Mass STM	~	~
Tuesday 22nd <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	Mass SJW	10.00am	Private Intention
Wednesday 23rd <i>St Polycarp</i>	Mass STM	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	Maureen Giles RIP
Thursday 24th <i>Feria</i>	Mass SJW	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention (PC)
Friday 25th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW Funeral Reception SJW	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> 10.00 a.m. 5.30pm	Tony & Doreen Dean RIP Dolores Connolly RIP (B'Day) Dolores Connolly RIP
Saturday 26th <i>Of Our Lady</i>	Mass STM Funeral Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m.	Pauline (Sick) Dolores Connolly RIP
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Eddie & Brendan Kelly RIP
<b>SUNDAY 27th Eighth Sunday</b>	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Dec'd of the Doyle Fam/ Ints of Julie Riddell Dolores Connolly RIP

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FEBRUARY

**MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

## FACE COVERINGS ARE *STILL* *RECOMMENDED* IN CHURCHES

### COVID SAFETY

*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!

### 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, once we have a church cleaning team (see below). The stewards have done a great job, not least in welcoming people to church. Soon, that might be nearly all that's needed.

### STEWARDS & CLEANERS AT SJW

Thank you to those who are greeting people and cleaning the church after Sunday Mass.

### CHURCH ROOM HIRING

The halls are **NOT** yet for hire by outside organisations, but *are* available for parish groups. Please act with thought 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.*

### THIS WEEKEND

**THIS SUNDAY: The 7th of Ordinary Time. Yr 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 week-end**. Donations can also be made online, especially if you are able to Gift Aid, [here](#). Please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

### READERS AT STM

**This wk: Sat** Louise Poole **Sun** Debbie M  
**Next wk: Sat** Mary Wilson **Sun** Maureen Porter  
**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!*

### MUSIC AT STM

Our musicians play on alternate Sundays and will be here this weekend.

### MUSIC AT SJW

We have resumed singing at SJW, 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 porch.

### THIS WEEK

### MASS TIMES

The usual pattern of Masses across the two parishes is altered this week: see front page.

### 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. Please contact Peter O'Brien on 07930 632153 for information.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**EIGHTH SUNDAY** of the year, year C.

### 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*

### COMING SOON

### 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.

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 21 FEB - 6 MARCH.

**Fairtrade** is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. Please buy **Fairtrade** tea, coffee, sugar or any of the other Fairtrade items that are available. **STM is a certified Fairtrade Church** and has committed to using Fairtrade tea and coffee at parish events. Look out for the fair trade mark—



**FINANCE: STM. Coll: £635 Standing Orders for January: £2102 Church Flowers: £180**

**SJW. Coll: £206 Standing Orders for January: £733**

*Thank you for all that you give*

## WALKING GROUP

Next month's walk is Sunday 13th March, 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. **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 any last-minute changes, email [stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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.

## 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

Coventry Deanery is also to include Nuneaton, Atherstone, Bulkington, Bedworth, and Monks Kirby parishes. Other parishes in Rugby Deanery join Warwick parishes.

## 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 in person or Zooming. A suggestion from our Synodal meetings.

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all web links in blue are live—  
simply click on them***



## THE READINGS THIS WEEK

**D**avid has King Saul in his power. The man who has caused him so much hardship and become his enemy is lying asleep at his feet, his spear beside him. David takes the spear, and goes away. He will not exact vengeance, but instead respects the man anointed by God and leaves him unhurt. Jesus in the gospel today urges us to show mercy and to love others. This goes beyond pure justice. Pure justice, cold and exact, leaves little room for repentance, conversion and new life, only for punishment, revenge and hatred. In justice God condemns us all for our sins, but in mercy He redeems us. If He can look at humanity in all its sinfulness and offer love and mercy, who are we to offer revenge and hatred?

## FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis concludes his cycle of catechesis on St Joseph with a focus on him as the Protector of the Church: "We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping." (Patris Corde, 5). And here there is a very beautiful trace of the Christian vocation: to safeguard. To safeguard life, to safeguard human development, to safeguard the human mind, to safeguard the human heart, to safeguard human work. The Christian—we could say—is like St Joseph... To be a Christian is not only to receive the faith, to confess the faith, but to safeguard life, one's own life, the life of others, the life of the Church. The Son of the Most High came into the world in a condition of great weakness: Jesus was born like this, weak, weak. He wanted to be defended, protected, cared for. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him the bridegroom who loved and respected her and always took care of her and the Child. In this sense, St Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love The Child and His mother."

*(General Audience 16th February, 2022.)*

### For Your Prayers...

**THE SICK & SUFFERING:** STM Baby George, 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 Maureen Chamberlain, Marie Curristan, Mary Lindley, Moira Steeley **SJW** Dolores Connelly Toni Banks

**ANNIVERSARIES:** STM: Anthony Miller, Joseph Glynn, Dennis Beirns, Mary Brogan, Bridget Breen, Della Glynn, Elizabeth Nash, Irene O'Brien, Agnes Stanley, Thomas McNally, Frederick Chantrill, Vincent Lane, Richard O'Connor, Charles Cullinane, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Halloran, Driver Jason McFadden, Victoria Perkins, Kathleen Day, Daniel Quinn, Bridget Rogers, Diane Sharpe **SJW:** Martha Brady, Catherine Ewing, Marie Chinn, Patrick Burke, Danny Mullen, James McGough, Patrick Hughes, Kathleen Colledge, John Gill, Olive Costello, Ruby Clarke, Margaret Kennedy, Alice McConway, John Bagge

*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: 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](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!**