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6th MARCH 2022:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.	Frank Hughes RIP Anniv
SUNDAY 6th FIRST OF LENT	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Martin Dillon RIP (1st Anniv) Michael O'Shaunessy RIP (1st Anniv)
Monday 7th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass & Stations + STM	9.00 a.m.	Veronica Dixon RIP
Tuesday 8th <i>Lent Feria</i>	<i>No Mass SJW this wk</i>	~	~
Wednesday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Mrs S Karfkla Mary Porter RIP
Thursday 10th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass STM Mass & Stations + SJW	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Miss O'Brien (B'day) Gerry Danaher RIP
Friday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass & Rosary SJW Exposition & Benediction Confession, Mass STM	10.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Nora Gallagher & Family Intentions of J & J Hussey
Saturday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	<i>No Mass STM this wk</i> Mass & Adoration SJW	~ 10.00 a.m.	~ The Jenkins Family
	Confession STM Vigil Mass STM	4.30 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Bill Merrick RIP (Anniv)
SUNDAY 13th SECOND OF LENT	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass Univ Chaplaincy	9.00 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Ellen & Joe Bell RIP (Anniv) G.P. Dwivedi RIP (2nd Anniv)

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**LENT 2022: A TIME FOR PENANCE,
PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING**



COVID SAFETY

We are still encouraged to sanitise hands, wear face masks and maintain a bit of distance where we can, but there are now no compulsory restrictions. We are very much encouraged to be responsible for our own *AND others'* well being. Please continue to be mindful of the concerns of others who may be more cautious. We *are* heading towards normal life!

We are in the process of reviewing what we do in both churches. We may soon come to a point where it is *NOT* Covid that stops us doing something, but a shortage of volunteers or other resources. Both parishes are still without the same size congregations as before the pandemic. **The return of 'normal' is clearly dependent on the return of 'normal' numbers of people.** Could you welcome and encourage someone back to church?

STEWARDS & CLEANERS AT STM

Please keep going as you are for a few weeks yet: we are working through what's needed and we hope things will change very soon. 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 now for hire by outside organisations, and are of course 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: First Sunday of Lent Yr C

2nd COLLECTION: Cathedral Maintenance (and NOT CAFOD as Fr Stephen wrongly said last week! Sorry).

READERS AT STM

This wk: Sat Kate Day **Sun** Noreen Thornhill

Next wk: Sat Janet Ward **Sun** Joe Dore

MUSIC AT STM

The musicians themselves wish, for the time being, to retain the pattern of playing for alternate Sundays. Music this week. **We are grateful for their hard work and commitment!**

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. Please stop to

enjoy a chat of you can after 5pm or 9am or 1045. Thank you to our volunteers.

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.

PIETY STALL AT STM

Volunteers are needed to run the Piety Shop. At them moment it cannot be open and won't be without any volunteer help! Please speak to Fr Stephen if you can help. *Thank you*

PIETY STALL AT SJW

This is usually open in the hall after 1045 Mass.

THIS WEEK

LENT 2022 IN THE PARISHES

Copies of the Lent *Walk with Me* books are available. They cost parishes £1 each so a donation in the box/basket would be appreciated. Both parishes will offer the Stations of the Cross each week, and have Holy Hours and extra opportunities for confession.

STM has a Friday early evening 5.30 pm hour of Exposition followed by Mass at 6.30pm for Lent. This is a chance to drop in to pray after work during anytime in the hour, and to attend an evening Mass

SJW has Lenten events of course. See front page for details

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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This Friday. This would be a good time to give in support of Ukraine—CAFOD is at work there through its sister agencies.

2022 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

These have been delayed at the printer and are due to be sent to deaneries by 8 March.

CHURCH CLEANING STM

Saturday mornings at 9.45. Please come along for as long as you can spare.

NEXT WEEKEND

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT of the year, year C.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY collection

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.

All welcome. Start 2:30pm from the corner of Courtleet Rd & Frank Pledge Rd, Cheylesmore, CV3 5GT. See the STM website [What's On](#) page for more information or contact Kris Pears at STM or Henry Whitney at SJW. To

FINANCE: Collection: STM £930 (for last week and the week before) **SJW** £ 154.00

CAFOD Afghanistan Appeal STM final figure: £657.00

THANK YOU

receive news of any last-minute changes,
email stm.walkinggroup@gmail.com

COMING SOON

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**.

UKRAINE: SOME WAYS TO HELP

Please pray for peace. At home, in church, at Mass, rosary, adoration. On **Monday 7 March at the Polish Church** on Springfield Road a 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for peace in Ukraine. Beginning and ending at 1030am with Mass in Polish. *All welcome*

***Aid to the Church in Need** is running an appeal which may be supported [here](#) on their web site, which contains much information and reporting from our fellow Christians suffering Ukraine.

***CAFOD** is also appealing and is at work there see their website or of course donate through the Fast Day collection next weekend. Website [here](#)

*The multi-agency **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** is appealing as well—see [here](#)

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.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for peace in Ukraine

SACRED HEART CANDLE at SJW

Lit this week for Vincent Nightingale

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 that has been sent to the diocese is available on the parish website [here](#). **A paper copy will be available at this weekend's Masses.** Please take on only if you cannot access the internet: this saves the parishes money and the planet trees.

DOLORES CONNOLLY RIP

St Joseph's parish is very grateful for the generous amount of £905 given to the parish in her memory. Please pray for her.

STUDENTS 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 Cath-Soc events. **Click [here](#) for details.**

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



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

DURING their time of hardship and suffering in Egypt, God heard the cry of his people and rescued them. He brought them safely to the promised land. It is only right, therefore, that they should thank God by the yearly celebration and harvest offering. In the Gospel Jesus is in the wilderness, preparing for His future ministry. In His human flesh, He is tempted by Satan with food, power and popularity. Each of these temptations—like all the most difficult to resist—could be made to seem reasonable enough not to be temptations at all! But they are. Surely, everyone needs food: wouldn't a bit of power help spread the Gospel better, and surely popularity would? But this is not God's way. His kingdom is about love, humility, reconciliation and penitence. There can be no 'quick fixes' to avoid the suffering of the Cross, the way by which God brings us to the true Promised Land. And so its triumph is all the greater.

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis recommends that for Lent this year we reflect on St Paul's words in his Letter to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (Kairos), let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10)...only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal. Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without growing weary" (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God... Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5). Let us not grow tired of uprooting sin and evil from our lives....Let us never grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing God never tires.

For Your Prayers...

THE SICK & SUFFERING: STM Diana Hill, Baby George, Joyce Tenn-Lyn, Monica Horner, Angela Prior, 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 **SJW** Bernadette Dooley, Dolores Connelly Knowles
ANNIVERSARIES: STM: John Tarlington, Angela Domican, Sean Gallagher, Cecil Dowson, Lucy Brennan, Pauline Woodcock, Elizabeth Carr, Teresa Wardle, Francis Hughes, Esther Brooks, Linda Walker, Frank Pituello, Mary 'Marion' Kelly, Cyprian Texeira, Mary Hallinan, Nora Payne, Evelyn Doyle, Maria Harrison, Margaret Mulligan, Peter Clark, Hugh Somers, John Kelleher, Louisa O'Brien **SJW:** Henry McEwen, Josiah Morgan, William Beech, John O'Brien, George Kennedy, James Cunningham, Frank Mellor, Nicholas Hoare, Kenneth Withers, Mary Ward, Michael Clifford, Mary Crane, Martha Connelly, James Daniels, Dorothy Maher, Winifred Bergin, George Robson, Muriel Pharaoh

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

Please speak to one of the clergy after Mass to collect a form and begin preparation process.

WEDDINGS

Please make an appointment with Fr Stephen or Fr Peter: about six months notice is best.

CONFESSION at STM

It is available before 5pm Mass on Saturdays and during the Holy Hour on Fridays 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

We are asked to be aware of others' needs and concerns. The use of sanitiser is recommended. The physical sign of peace should not be exchanged. Communion will not be available from the chalice for the time being.

SOME SAINTS OF UKRAINE....

MAY THEY PRAY FOR PEACE IN THEIR LAND!

St Volodimir the Great, 958-1015

A prince of his people whose conversion to Christianity led to the conversion of his nation.

St Anthony of Kyiv, 983-1073

A holy monk, brought monasticism to Ukraine.

St Josaphat, 1580-1623, martyr

A faithful priest who sought the unity of Eastern Churches with Rome, and faced fatal opposition

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!**