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27th February 2022: Day for the Unemployed

EIGHTH 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.	Eddie & Brendan Kelly RIP
SUNDAY 27th EIGHTH SUNDAY	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
Monday 28th <i>Feria</i>	Mass STM	9.00 a.m.	Peace in Ukraine
Tuesday 1st March <i>St David</i>	Mass SJW	10.00am	Private Intention (TR)
Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins	Mass STM Mass SJW Mass STM Mass STM	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12 noon 7.00 p.m.	Edmund Burke Dolores Connolly RIP Peace in Ukraine The People of the Parish
Thursday 3rd <i>Thursday after Ash Wed</i>	Mass STM Mass SJW Reception SJW Confirmation Mass STM	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Margaret James RIP Matthew Nash RIP Thomas Knowles RIP Eddie & Peggie McElvenney RIP
Friday 4th <i>Friday after Ash Wed</i>	Funeral Mass SJW Exposition & Benedic- tion, Mass STM	11.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Thomas Knowles RIP Rachel Ward RIP
Saturday 5th <i>Saturday after Ash Wed</i>	Mass STW Mass SJM	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	People of the Parish Dolores Connolly RIP
	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 People of the Parish

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LENT: TIME FOR PENANCE, PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

COVID SAFETY

We are still recommended to sanitise hands, wear face masks and maintain a bit of distance where we can. There are now no legally enforceable restrictions. We are very much encouraged to be responsible for our own **AND others'** well being. The virus is still with us. 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.

Thank you to those of you who have clearly been able to make a commitment to being present.

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 8th of Ordinary Time. Yr C

READERS AT STM

This wk: Sat Mary Wilson Sun Maureen Porter

Next wk: Sat Kate Day Sun Noreen Thornhill

MUSIC AT STM

The musicians themselves wish, for the time being, to retain the pattern of playing for alternate weeks. Music be back next 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. Thank you to our volunteers. ***Please volunteer too!***

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

Once the need for Covid cleaning is over (this depends on having normal cleaning) and we don't need the stall for the stewards and cleaning equipment **we shall need volunteers to run the piety stall.**

PIETY STALL AT SJW

This is usually open in the hall after 1045 Mass.

THIS WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at STM at 9am, noon and 7pm, and at SJW at 10am. **Pope Francis has asked us all to pray and fast on this day for peace**

LENT 2022

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. Please make use of opportunities for prayer, worship and confession in church. STM has a Friday early evening 5.30 pm hour of Exposition followed by Mass at 6.30pm for Lent. 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.

CONFIRMATION

The STM parish Confirmation with Bp William Kenney is on Thursday at 7pm. Please pray for those to be confirmed, and their families..

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT of the year, year C.

2nd COLLECTION: Cathedral Maintenance CLEANING AT STM

THANK YOU to all who turned up to clean on Saturday: sparkling results! The consensus was that cleaning will happen on Saturdays from 5 March at 9.45am. Please come along and help if you can. ***Thank you***

COMING SOON

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, as shown above.



FINANCE: Collection:

CAFOD Afghanistan Appeal

STM Not known as yet **SJW** £203.55

STM £598.00

SJW. £254.00

THANK YOU

2022 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

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

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 be added to the email list to receive news of any last-minute changes, email 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**.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Please pray for peace. Mass on Monday at STM will be offered for this intention. The Catholic charity **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 in Ukraine.

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 Fr Peter's intentions

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 next weekend's Masses.**

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 CathSoc events. Click [here](#) for details.

There is an ecumenical **Service of Readings and Ashing this Wednesday**, Ash Wednesday at 1230pm at the chaplaincy.

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



THE READINGS THIS WEEK

What we say can have so many possible consequences that the author of Ecclesiasticus is surely right to tell us that we are not to 'praise a man before he has spoken'. If the just man's voice utters wisdom then, as St James tells us, the tongue is indeed a powerful part of us revealing our own wisdom or folly, our virtues and our vices. Jesus draws on the same idea in the gospel when He tells us that 'a man's words flow out of what fills his heart'. Uniquely, Jesus is of course the living Word and from the great depths of love stored in His Sacred Heart, what he speaks to us He does out of love. The Word speaks to us the Word: how wonderful that we as Christians have not just Holy Scriptures but furthermore and uniquely the Word made Flesh in Jesus. That love that is Christ is testified to by His actions and by His words, it flows from His Heart. As we approach Lent we do well to remember that it is our words and actions that can reveal what is in our own hearts. If we can keep Christ's commandments to love God and our neighbour, than all our words and deeds in Lent will reflect that.

FR PETER REFLECTS

Pope Francis has begun a new series of weekly catechesis on the meaning and value of old age. 'The prophet Joel speaks of a time when "the elderly shall dream dreams and the young see visions" (Joel 2:28). Let us not forget that in both family and social culture, the elderly are like the roots of the tree: they have all the history there, and the young are like the flowers and the fruit. If the juice does not come, if this 'drip' -let's say- does not come the roots will never be able to flourish. Let us not forget the poem I have said many times: "All that the tree has that flourishes comes from what it has buried... what the tree has that flourishes lives on what it has buried" (Francisco Luis Bernardes)...The old have resources of life already lived that they can call on at any moment. Will they stand by and watch young people lose their vision, or will they accompany them by warming their dreams? Faced with the dreams of the old, what will the young do?' (*General Audience, 23rd 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 **SJW** Dolores Connelly, Tom Knowles **ANNIVERSARIES:** STM: Irene Hammond, Richard Royal, Ethel Jones, Kathleen Gaught, Norman Jennings, George Smith, Margaret McCormack, Daniel Lee, Philip Cairns, Daphne Carvell, Kitty Budkiewicz, Blanche Dargan, Dora Lees, Harry Davenport, Eddie McElvenney, John Higgins, James Costello, Stella Thomason, Lillian Brennan, Margaret McElvenney, John Avery, Mary Parkinson, Leslie Cook, Catherine Mayne, Kathleen Madgett, Mary Mills, Elizabeth Garry, Margaret McBeth, Larry Kelly, Sequoia Collier **SJW:** John Bagge, Norah Norton, Hugh Rowan, Josph McKeown, Patrick Doherty, Rosetta Stanners, Mary Lee, Michael O'Brien, Ronald Black, Sarah Knowles, Mini Parkin, Kevin Verdon, Henry McEwen, Josiah Morgan
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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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!