

THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN FISHER - COVENTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER

WELCOME - A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE

OUR CHURCH WAS BUILT [1972]
50TH ANNIVERSARY 2022
FOUNDATION OF OUR PARISH [1964]
60TH ANNIVERSARY 2024
CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH [1985]
40TH ANNIVERSARY 2025

Our Parish invites each person to be active and participating member in every aspect of Parish Life.

We care for each other and we want to worship and serve our Lord and one another.

Do please consider volunteering by participating wherever you feel you can help and serve.

GO IN PEACE

telling the Good News
sharing in the Breaking of the Bread
enriching the Community
through our talents, treasure and time:
transforming the Community by prayer



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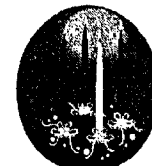
LIVE STREAMING - St John Fisher Catholic Church

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Blessing



TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12TH/13TH 2020
"A *Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition*"

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MASSES	DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	12	6-30PM	William Green RIP / Brendan McKirdy RIP Patrick Doherty and Doherty Family RIP	
SUNDAY	13	9-30AM 11-30AM	Linda Allen RIP / Denis Cremins RIP / Michelle Melia RIP Tony Gill RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
MONDAY	14	9-00AM	intentions Declan Devenney	
TUESDAY	15 [SJF] [SG]	9-15AM 10-30AM	Eileen Gavin RIP / Austin O'Malley RIP William Green RIP / Chris Horton RIP	
WEDNESDAY	16	9-00AM	Thanksgiving JM / Intentions Peggy Divine	
THURSDAY	17	9-00AM	Celine Sturgeon RIP / Special intention GA	
FRIDAY	18	9-00AM	Chris Flynn RIP Val Considine RIP/ Colette Hickie RIP	
SATURDAY	19	10-00AM 6-30PM	Jim McGeogheghan RIP / Fr Bob RIP Giovanni Giuseppina Nicolina Domenico Nina Carmela / Brendan McKirdy RIP	
SUNDAY	20	9-30AM 11-30AM	Theresa Effie Wilson + Theresa Aba Pimpeh - Segue Wilson RIP Doreen Smith + Thomas Malia RIP Teresa + Arthur Hawthorne RIP/Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP jiiiy journeaux RIP / Carol + Hugh Lynch RIP Intentions Patrick + Marie Mullooley [60 TH Anniversary]	



ST JOHN OF THE CROSS



Have a Good Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des
12/12/2020 23-45PM, THANKYOU/VILEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

DECEMBER CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS

[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU]

LAMP LIT AT

Sacred Heart Shrine

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK Katie O'Connor RIP

Chris Horton RIP

Our Lady's Shrine

THIS WEEK Chris Horton RIP

NEXT WEEK Pat + Ann Hastings

Pat + Patricia O'Donnell

St Joseph's Shrine

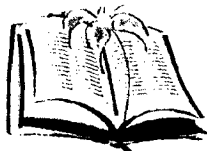
THIS WEEK Elena Reyes

NEXT WEEK St John Fisher Parish RIP

St Anthony's Shrine

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK Fr Bob RIP



Rejoice!

Prayers have been requested for the Sick of our Parish -

Anne Gillies, Hugh McAteer, Margaret Buckley, Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Eric Holt, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Eloine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik, Maureen Quigley.

We remember all those who have died recently - especially ERMINE SIMMS, PATRICK BURKE, CHRIS HORTON, BRIAN MCSWEENEY, CHRISTINE BOYLE, MATHEW KULANGARATHOTTIYIL, ELIZABETH KEENAN, PATRICIA HANCOCKS, and MICK QUINN, RIP- and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy - the corona virus - and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ETERNAL PEACE AND HAPPINESS, GRANT TO THEM, O LORD.

We remember in prayer Families and Friends who miss the presence of someone they love.

May they be reassured always of the Lord's Love and Care.

A MEMORIAL STONE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BACK WALL BEHIND THE BAPTISMAL FONT FOR FR BOB - IT WILL BE BLESSED AT MASS THIS WEEKEND.

God Bless for the Moment!

WORDS SPOKEN IN THE GOSPEL TODAY -

"A MAN CAME, SENT BY GOD. HIS NAME WAS JOHN.
HE CAME AS A WITNESS,
AS A WITNESS TO SPEAK FOR THE LIGHT,
SO THAT EVERYONE MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM.
HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT, "

We pray for the welfare and the well-being of all our people – ALWAYS in our thoughts and prayers.

Please remember in your prayers to the Lord this week the elderly, the ill, the house-bound, the sick of our Parish – all those in our hospitals – all in our nursing and residential homes - those dying in our hospices - and all those who have asked us to pray for them.

May all know the Lord's Comfort and Peace – May the Lord bless all those who care for them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WEBSITE - littleevangelist.com

We continue our Advent Journey and planning our Christmas-Time Masses. We have "Wolk With Me" prayer books and calendars at the back of Church. With the change of guidelines, we now offer public Mass each day. We have begun OUR SIGNING IN ARRANGEMENTS for our Christmas-Time Masses.

The Crib will be set up but sadly people cannot crowd around the Crib after Masses.

We will need help to cope with our Christmas Masses and ask people to volunteer as stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. We need 4 Stewards per Christmas Mass to help seat people safely. Please let us know what Mass you would be willing to help. Please remember that all over the Christmas period Masses will be broadcast and so if you feel safer at home, please continue to watch the live streaming in our Church. The Bishops have continued to dispense the obligation to attend Mass.

Sadly but very clearly things will be very different this year. It is important that people co-operate with the arrangements and make others aware. Each parish will advertise their times and arrangements. Please make people aware of this as – sadly again - people cannot turn up unexpectedly. Thanks to all those who have supported ST JOHN FISHER PARISH with financial support and donations. They are always gladly and gratefully received.

"Lord, teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward
save that of knowing that I do your will.'
Judge each day not by the harvest, but by the seeds you plant.

God,
some days I feel like a small dot
in this huge universe.
I wonder why I am here.
Is there a reason for my birth?
I can't seem to see what it is
yet you have given me talents
gifts I can use to work for you.
Guide me so that I see
how this tiny speck called me
can be a useful part of this world.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

When John the Baptist first burst upon the scene, there was wide speculation about his identity. The authorities in Jerusalem decided to investigate this strange man and learn something about him. Today's Gospel reading is an account of that investigation. It gives us some helpful insights into what John believed about his own life. One overriding impression is clear; here was a man who believed he had a mission.

We would expect that of John. He was a public figure. His name was a household word. Crowds of people hung on his every word. They would walk miles just to hear him preach. It is not surprising for such a man to have confidence in himself. He knew who he was and what he had been sent to do.

Public opinion tried to make John into something other than he was. Some thought he was the Messiah. Others thought he was Elijah, risen from the dead. Still others thought he was the prophet foretold in the book of Deuteronomy 18:15. But John disowned all such titles, and just went on being himself. He accepted himself as he was. We must accept ourselves for who we are, and not try to be anybody else.

Next, we must recognise that, like John, we all have a mission in life. John was called 'a man sent by God.' The same title can apply to you and me. Every one of us is a man or a woman sent from God. We are created by God for a purpose. We know, of course, the story of John's coming in the world. He was conceived and born when his father was an old

PREPARE
A WAY FOR
THE
LORD



As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we endeavour to grow our understanding and wonder at the birth of Jesus. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts - not just at this joyful season but all the year round.

Show me your will for my life.

Get ready for eternity. You're going to spend a lot of time there.

What this world needs is fewer rules and more good examples.

Revenge is like biting a dog because the dog bit you.

HANDS – FACE – SPACE

Wash your hands – cover your face – keep your distance.

Wash Hands – Cover Face – Make Space

We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

Without the Way there is no going

Without the Truth there is no knowing

Without the Life there is no living.

May the Lord's Touch Strengthen Us

May the Lord's Words Encourage Us

May the Lord's Ways Inspire Us

GOD MADE US A FAMILY

We need one another

We love one another

We forgive one another

We worship together.

Together we use God's word

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all men.

Together we serve our God.

Together we hope for Heaven.

These are our hopes and our ideals

Help us to attain them O God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are all strings in the concert of his joy.

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR ADVENT

Sunday Go for a walk today and enjoy God's beauty around us.

Monday Discuss as a family the qualities we see in each other.

Tuesday Talk to someone who seems left out at work, at school.

Wednesday Pray for those in religious life and priests you know.

Thursday Take time to listen to the children. Discuss Christmas.

Friday Pray for the lonely/remember the hungry.

Saturday Stay calm today. Pray for Peace.

man and his mother was past the age of child-bearing. John's life was a miracle. But so is ours. The circumstances of our birth may have been quite ordinary, but to God we are unique. Every human life, including yours and mine, is a miracle of God.

The only thing special about John was the cause that he represented. When the delegation insisted that he tell them his true identity, he answered, 'I am a voice.' That is all he was, a voice speaking out for a cause. You also are a voice, and so am I. Every one of us is a witness to Christ.

John's mission was to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. The good news is that you and I can do the same thing. The least among us can represent the greatest cause in the world. By the words we speak, by the deeds we do, by the attitudes we show, we can help to make the world a little more receptive to the coming of Christ.

John achieved his mission of preparing people for the coming of Christ. With the coming of Christmas we have the same opportunity to bring Christ to the attention of people. We are surrounded by commercialism and materialism, which can obscure the real meaning of Christmas. Are we going to be swept along by this tide, or are we going to organise our preparation for Christmas in a spiritual way? We may not be great preachers like John the Baptist but in our own quiet way we can make people think that there is more to Christmas than material happiness. This is our special mission.

The Lord asks everything of us,
and in return he offers us true
life, the happiness for which we
were created.

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate