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The weekly newsletter can be found on the parish website <https://sjfcov.org> and the Coventry Deanery website.
For live streaming of daily Mass in other local parishes who have the facility: eg Christ the King, St Thomas More,
and for Mass times in Coventry, see the Deanery website for the links (<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>)

Today We Celebrate The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Pp 534 or 744 (new), 423 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

The celebrations of Mass and Mass intentions for the coming week:

Sat 18th July	6.30 pm	Spec Int (Kathleen)	
Sun 19th July	9.30 am	John Mernagh	
	11.30 am	Ints of Buckley & O'Donnell families	
Mon 20 th July		Phyllis Gardener	
Tues 21st July	9.00 am	Phyllis Scanlon	
Wed 22 nd July		Feast of St Mary Magdelene	Brian McCarthy
Thurs 23rd July	9.00 am	Feast of St Brigid, Patron of Europe	Ints of McEvoy & Dixon families
Fri 24 th July		Maureen Billingham	
Sat 25th July		Feast of St James, Apostle	
	10.00 am	Mary McElhinney	
	6.30 pm	Marcus Devine	
Sun 26th July		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30 am	Nesty del Rosario (Thanksgiving)	
	11.30 am	Marie O'Neill	

Weekday Masses Three Times a Week
(church will not be open on other days)

Saturday at 10am, Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 9am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30 am

As Public Masses resume, Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions
on the days when public Mass does not take place.

Message from Fr Peter

Rebuilding Together

During July, in the night sky, a spectacular shooting star named 'Neowise' by NASA, will be visible.
This event reminds me of how Pope John Paul I's impact, after reigning for only 33 days (August-September 1978), was described by the Vatican: "He passed in the Church and the world like a whirling comet which casts a jet of inextinguishable light, like a flash of hope that leaves hearts ablaze, like a marvellous rainbow charged with promises for the poor, weary, divided and restless humanity."

May we too, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through prayer, the Mass and the Sacraments,
also do astronomical work for Christ!

Health and Safety Guidance in a time of Covid 19

We know there are special guidelines for each setting we go into. These are based upon agreed Archdiocesan and Government guidance applied to our circumstances:

Those Attending Mass or a Service

- Should wear a mask or face covering (except those with medical conditions, disabilities and other impairments which prevent them doing so). Children under 11 are also exempt.
- Sanitise hands at entry and exit
- Maintain a social distance of 2m
- Follow a Steward's instructions and any signs
- Recognise that only the priest is allowed in the sacristy or sanctuary area.
- Realise that the priest is unable to greet you as he usually does.
- **Church space is limited to 60.** Give others the chance to come to mass too.
- Remember that the toilets are not available to be used.

Changes During Mass

At present, we won't be having any:

- Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir nor individual Singing (or raised voices)
- Collections during Mass - because we can't pass baskets around to receive weekly offerings, these are at entry/exit points
- You will be invited to sit or kneel at various times in the Mass – please do whichever feels most comfortable for you.

Holy Communion

- **Please stay seated until a steward directs you towards the altar via the central aisle.**
- **Keep your mask/face covering on**
- **Receive the host, silently, with outstretched hands**
- **Consume the host as you return to your seat via the outer aisles.**
- **Don't be embarrassed if you don't feel able to receive at this time -for whatever reason – please come for a Blessing or bow to the tabernacle as you leave.**

General Advice

Please stay at home if you:

- have been told to Shield
- have been exposed to Covid 19
- have a family member who is sick
- feel unwell yourself

An Appeal for Stewards and Cleaners

As you can imagine in order for us to continue to fulfil the complex health and safety guidelines, we will need many more stewards and cleaners. We only have a small group at present. Do consider whether your health and age would allow you to offer to help. Contact the Church through the office website for further details.

Confessions

There are very specific guidelines concerning the Sacrament of Confession and these obviously need a lot of thinking through. At the moment there will continue to be no Confessions, but we hope to offer this in the near future. Further details will be given in the newsletter nearer the time. In circumstances like lockdown, or when a person can't attend church, or a priest is not able to hear the large number of confessions that may be required, the Catechism and Pope Francis, recommend a Prayer of Perfect Contrition to obtain the forgiveness of our venial sins. This also includes our mortal ones- if we aim to go to confession when we can. The Bishops, in line with this teaching, ask us to say : ***“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.”***

With my blessings to you and your families, the schools' staff and pupils for their Summer break, and to all of our key workers.

May St John Fisher and St Gregory Pray for us.

Fr Peter

Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:

Please contact the church to add a name to the Sick List

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, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik,

And pray for the priests of the Archdiocese, especially

Fr Michael Stack, Mgr Tony Wilcox, Fr Andrew McCann and Fr Bernard (Holy Family)

Thank you to the very kind parishioner who has donated £100 to the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

**Joseph Finnerty
Margaret Jones**

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK

Every Thursday at 7pm Mass from a Catholic Cathedral offered by a bishop. All livestreamed.
See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

USEFUL WEBSITES

Catholic Bishops' Conference

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Archdiocese of

Birmingham [www. birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

St Chad's Cathedral is now live streaming services from

Sunday [www. stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

Papal Masses [www. vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

Candles available in July. £3.50 each

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week: Phyllis Scanlon

Next week:

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: Ints of Buckley & O'Donnell families

Next week: Fr Bob

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: James Scanlon

Next Week:

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

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