

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 and by action

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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19TH/20TH 2020 YEAR B
"A Judaea - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES	DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	19	6-30PM	Giovanni Giuseppina Nicolina Domenico Nina Carmela Brendan McKirdy RIP / Neal + Joan Kelly [WA 31]	
SUNDAY	20	9-30AM 11-30AM	Theresa Effie Wilson + Theresa Aba Pimpeh - Segue Wilson RIP Doreen Smith + Thomas Melia RIP / Tommy + Teresa McSharry RIP Teresa + Arthur Hawthorne RIP / Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP Jilly Journeaux RIP / Carol + Hugh Lynch RIP Intentions Patrick + Marie Mullooley [60 TH Wedding Ann]	
MONDAY	21	9-00AM	Christina, Christina + Danny Boyle RIP / Michael Callinan RIP	
TUESDAY	22	9-00AM	Brendan McKirdy RIP / Intentions Patricia Troy / Intentions Patrick + Marie Mullooley	
WEDNESDAY	23	9-00AM	Intentions Anne Nolan / Intentions Ann, Albert, Ciara Wells	
THURSDAY	24	10-00AM 9-00AM	ELIZABETH KEENAN RIP FUNERAL MASS Intentions June + John Bender / Catorina Murphy RIP / Chris Horton RIP	
CHRISTMAS EVE		5-00PM 7-00PM 9-00PM	John McGinnity RIP / Giovanni Giuseppina Nicolina Domenico Nina Carmela PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Tom Dullard RIP Pat + Anne Hastings RIP / Katie O'Connor RIP / Fr Bob RIP / Patrick Hoban RIP	
CHRISTMAS DAY	25	9-00AM 11-00AM	Patrick + Catherine + Terry Devenney RIP / Frank Mullin RIP Fr Bob RIP / Paul Stokes RIP / Intentions Romero + Mislang Families	
SATURDAY	26	10-00AM 6-30PM	Pat + Bridie Daly RIP / Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP Intentions Barbara + Richard Jones [50 TH WA] / Pat O'Donnell RIP / Patricia O'Donnell RIP	ST STEPHEN FEAST OF THE
SUNDAY	27	9-30AM 11-30AM	Intentions Dymrna Devenney / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Intentions Jeannie Nolan / Lavinia Phimister RIP	HOLY FAMILY
MONDAY	28	10-00AM	Douglas + Vilma Duffield Dennis Duffield RIP Intentions Paddy + Carmel McInerney	HOLY INNOCENTS
TUESDAY	29	10-00AM	Intentions Maureen + Jan McInerney / Margaret + John Kelly RIP	ST THOMAS A BECKET
WEDNESDAY	30	10-00AM	Charlie Feenie RIP / Intentions Cheryl Entress	
THURSDAY	31	10-00AM	Intentions Jim Sheehy + Family / Intentions Agnes Nolan	
JANUARY 2021				
NEW YEARS DAY	01	10-00AM	McNamara + Green Families RIP / Ken Browne RIP / William Coyle RIP	
SATURDAY	02	10-00AM 6-30PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Intentions Eve + Family / Thomas Wood RIP / Stephen Wood RIP	
SUNDAY	03	9-30AM 11-30AM	Intentions Deacon Gerry + Eileen O'Reilly Intentions Margaret Ward + Family	

Have a Good Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des

20/12/2020 23-45PM, THANKYOU/VIELEN 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 Katie O'Connor RIP

Chris Horton RIP

NEXT WEEK Cathy - Family + Friends

Our Lady's Shrine

THIS WEEK Pat + Ann Hastings

Pat + Patricia O'Donnell

NEXT WEEK Special Intention - Hastings Family

St Joseph's Shrine

THIS WEEK St John Fisher Parish RIP

NEXT WEEK Doreen Smith RIP

St Anthony's Shrine

THIS WEEK Fr Bob RIP / Tom Dullard RIP

NEXT WEEK Chris Horton RIP

**A MEMORIAL STONE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BACK WALL
BEHIND THE BAPTISMAL FONT FOR FR BOB – MAY HE REST IN
PEACE.**

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, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik, Maureen Quigley.

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. 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.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH -

God our Father, as a Parish this day we re-dedicate our whole lives to the service of your Church. With confidence, we present our heartfelt prayers to You. We ask you to bless this Parish Community, our homes, our families. Strengthen with your peace all our days. We commend ourselves to the protection of Mary, our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church. Through her prayers may we be preserved from all evil influences, now and at the hour of our death. This prayer we ask in the Name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

When you send forth your Spirit, everything will be created, and you will renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104-30.

"THOSE WHO WISH TO SING ALWAYS FIND A SONG"

"Love one another as I have loved you". JESUS

If we follow these rules then God will be happy and we will be blessed.

WE FORGET

We ask for a piece of sand and he gives us a beach.

We ask for a drop of water and he gives us an ocean.

We ask for time and he gives us life eternal.

And it is so easy for us to fall in love with the gift and forget the giver.

[Prayer is A Hunger Edward Farrell]

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

O God, we thank you for the joy and goodwill of Christmas.

We remember all those who have died recently – especially ERMINE SIMMS, PATRICK BURKE, CHRIS HORTON, BRIAN McSWEENEY, CHRISTINE BOYLE, ELIZABETH KEENAN, PATRICIA HANCOCKS, STEVE EDWARDS, JAMES LENNON, 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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

In thanksgiving for the Eucharist -

**we thank God for freedom and the means to strengthen it;
we thank God for forgiveness and the sacraments of mercy;
we thank God for happiness and pray for peace of mind.**

Happy are we, Lord, because we have begun to know you.

Happy are we, because we have believed in you.

Happy are we because of your wounds, and the sign of your blood on our lips.

Happy are we, you are our great hope.

Happy are we, you are our great God forever and ever, because we have begun to know you.

Happy are we; because we have believed in you.

Happy are we, because of your wounds, and the sign of your blood on our lips.

Happy are we, you are our great hope.

Happy are we, you are our great God forever and ever.

Happy are we, because of those who bring joy to our lives by their talents for music,

crafts, and arts. May their joy in creating be a sign of your love.

We look for you every day and we see you, Lord,

wherever joy is spread,

wherever lies are rejected,

wherever injustice is stopped.

In order to find you, Lord, we must keep watch.

May we recall with joy our Saviour's Birth.

May we experience with love his presence in Word and in Sacrament.

May we be ready to greet him when he comes again at the end of time.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED IN WHATEVER WAY NEEDED OVER THE LAST NINE MONTHS – I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR GOODNESS AND YOUR CARE.

A BLESSING

We pray that God will bless our Parish and all our homes and families for the many good unseen things that go on - which are always seen by God. THANK YOU SO MUCH

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

POPE FRANCIS

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

For gifts and Christmas cards, for parties and Christmas trees.

But help us, God, not to forget what Christmas is really about

Help us remember that your love for us was such that you took upon yourself the form of a baby in order to make yourself known to us in a way we can understand. Amen

My dear Parishioners and Friends -

PEACE BE WITH YOU: Another year is drawing to a close and CHRISTMAS TIME is with us once again. The Church here of HOLY FAMILY is a great landmark - it is a sign of God's love and God's life - it is a tribute to your faith, courage and goodness. In our excitement let us not forget that Christ is the real cornerstone and we are the living stones, called and chosen to bring Christ's love to others. We are called to live the Gospel way of life - not just on December 25TH but every day of the year.