

**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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COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE -  
[www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)  
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**November**

You can fall so very often. But you are not  
a failure until you give up.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28TH/29TH 2020 YEAR A**  
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES	DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	28	6-30PM	Pat and Anne Hastings RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	29	9-30AM 11-30AM	John Jo McHendry RIP/Richard Hanlon RIP / Michael Hanlon RIP Eileen McKiernan RIP / Adrian Doyle RIP Intentions Rachel Doyle / Intentions Denis McKiernan	
MONDAY	30	9-00AM 10-00AM	Chris Horton RIP / Dunne + Hannon Family RIP <b>PATRICK BURKE RIP FUNERAL MASS (FAMILY ONLY - SORRY)</b>	
TUESDAY	01	9-00AM	Bill McDonnell RIP / Thurley Family RIP / Holy Souls	
WEDNESDAY	02	9-00AM	Conmy Family RIP / Keane Family RIP / Frank Trill RIP	
THURSDAY	03	9-00AM 7-00PM	Anthony McKiernan RIP / Walter Scott RIP Trevor Bloodworth RIP / Intentions Maria Scott	
FRIDAY	04	9-00AM	Patrick Devenney RIP / Frank Mullin RIP	
SATURDAY	05	10-00AM 6-30PM	Ken Mary Nguyen RIP / Thanksgiving - Lewis Family Tom Hastings RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	06	9-30AM 11-30AM	John + Josephine Devoy RIP / Tom McGee RIP Sean Newsome RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	



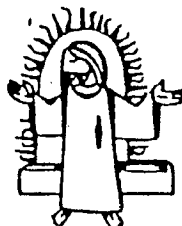
Have a Good Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care  
28/11/2020 23-45PM. **THANKYOU/VIelen DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO**  
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

DECEMBER CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS  
[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU]

LAMP LIT AT  
Sacred Heart Shrine  
THIS WEEK  
NEXT WEEK  
Our Lady's Shrine  
THIS WEEK  
NEXT WEEK

Frank Mullin RIP  
Patrick Devenney RIP

Catherine Devenney RIP  
Phyllis Scanlon RIP



St Joseph's Shrine  
THIS WEEK  
NEXT WEEK  
St Anthony's Shrine  
THIS WEEK  
NEXT WEEK

Intentions Greville Turner  
James Scanlon RIP



100 CLUB WINNERS - NOVEMBER 2020  
£100 59 L SELBY £50 29 ANN POWELL

**O Come. O Come. Immanuel**

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, Patricia  
 Hancocks*

We remember all those who have died recently – especially MARTIN  
 BARON, ERMINE SIMMS, PATRICK BURKE, CHRIS HORTON, MICHAEL  
 QUINN, and TOMMY O'MALLEY JNR. 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.

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](http://littleevangelist.com)

**WORDS SPOKEN BY JESUS IN THE GOSPEL TODAY -**  
 "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when  
 the time will come."

*'Jesus is the reason for the season'*

We thank you, Lord for this season of Advent when our hearts yearn  
 for your coming. Bless us with joyful attentiveness, with eyes fixed  
 on your coming, ears alert for your gently spoken word. Bless, with  
 a glimpse of your stillness, all whose lives are filled to the brim. Help  
 us to build a home where there is space for you so that your healing  
 touch may come to save us. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Being awake is more important than the absence of sleep. It is the constant  
 alertness to the reality that self-interest leaves us unprepared when God calls.

Doing what you like is freedom: liking what you do is happiness.  
 When you think you've reached the peak – keep climbing.

Too often we view Advent as a penitential season rather than  
 as a time to re-focus our lives. The effort to observe Advent as  
 a 'mini-Lent', while carrying out Christmas shopping,  
 listening to carols and joining in the optimistic mood  
 prevailing is often jarring. Perhaps we would be better this  
 Advent to abandon the struggle of trying to overhaul our lives  
 and instead focus on our relationship with God. Perhaps we  
 need to 'do' less in order for God to 'do' more. Let's focus on  
 what Advent is instead.

God of exiles, keep calling us home. You know the yearnings  
 of our hearts. You also know how easily we can lose our way.  
 May this Advent season be a time of coming home to the best  
 of who we are. May our personal homecomings influence all  
 this earth. We walk this day with hopeful hearts, believing that  
 your justice and compassion will bring comfort and freedom  
 to all who are in exile.

Advent is a season of the pilgrim God, the God who hungers  
 for our love, the God who intrudes into humans' history by  
 being born as one of us. For a people who often speak of our  
 journey toward God, we forget that it is God who does most of  
 the travelling. The God who is already present in the very  
 depths of who we are draws nearer and invites us to respond.  
 This God insists on breaking through the wasteland into the  
 wilderness of our hearts.

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR ADVENT

Sunday	Plan to give up something special for Advent – pray for peace,
Monday	Speak a kind word to someone you don't like very much.
Tuesday	Prepare the family's favourite meal tonight – help wash-up.
Wednesday	Pray for your family - together: look at family photos.
Thursday	Read together and talk about 1 Thessalonians 3: 16-24
Friday	Take time to see your own qualities. How best can I use them for Jesus?
Saturday	Make room for silence today and think about how I can be better.

*I'm fed-up today, Lord. I just don't know why and it does not matter. I just feel cross, bored, and miserable. Help me to hold on to your love and not to take my mood out on my family and those I meet. Be with me until the gloom goes and I can feel you there again. Amen.*

*Lord, help me in my reflection on the past year, and lead me to a greater awareness of your presence so that I can look forward with true joy and peace. Amen.*

*"The job of the Church is to love people into taking God seriously."*

*As we begin Advent we reflect on our need to walk with integrity, to call on the name of God, to thank God for the gifts we have received, and to be alert to his coming.*

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK;** "Unless you see a thing in the light of love, you do not see at all"

**WATCH AND PRAY -** the great prayer of the Christian for this season of Advent.

Father,  
 I abandon myself into your hands:  
 do with me what you will.  
 Whatever you may do, I thank you:  
 I am ready for all, I accept all.  
 Let only your will be done in me,  
 and in all your creatures.  
 I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
 Into your hands I commend my soul:  
 I offer it to you  
 with all the love of my heart,  
 for I love you, Lord,  
 and so need to give myself,  
 to surrender myself into your hands,  
 without reserve,  
 and with boundless confidence,  
 for you are my Father.  
 Fr Charles de Foucauld

The Christmas Crib has been erected in Broadgate in time for the First Sunday of Advent and I will bless the Crib at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon. We have permission to do this without any gathering, so Canon Tom and a Deacon will attend the blessing and Con McHugh will film it for the Deanery website. There will be Carols sung and recorded.

**The Season of Advent**

"The season of Advent... has a twofold character: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's First Coming is remembered; it is a time when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming in the last days. In this way Advent is a season of devout and joyful expectation."(Ceremonial of Bishops, 235)

The best thing about the 'good old days' is that they are gone forever.