

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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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 06TH / 07TH 2021 YEAR B

"A Judeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES	JAN / FEB	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	06	6-30PM	Mary Fogharty RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
SUNDAY	07	9-30AM 11-30AM	Phil Hastings RIP / Intentions Clare + Philip Gilheaney Intentions Jim, Monica and Nicky Cunningham / Oliver Muldoon RIP	
MONDAY	08	9-00AM	Intentions Lily Duck / Patricia O'Donnell RIP	ST BERNADETTE
TUESDAY	09	9-00AM	Intentions Bridie Barry / Paul Finn RIP	
WEDNESDAY	10	9-00AM	Larry Quinn RIP / Intentions June O'Donnell and Family	
THURSDAY	11	9-00AM	Siobhan Brown RIP / Sick and Unwell of SJF Parish	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
FRIDAY	12	9-00AM	Paddy White RIP / Maureen Hughes RIP	
FUNERAL SERVICE		10-30AM	TERESA ROSA COSTA RIP	
SATURDAY	13	10-00AM 6-30PM	Phyllis Scanlon RIP / Owen Doherty RIP Davy McLeod RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	14	9-30AM 11-30AM	Teresa Jones RIP / Frank McGeever RIP / Tony Rogers RIP Fred + Delia Forbes RIP / Monica Beausang RIP	



Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des 06/02/2021 23-45PM.
THANKYOU/VIelen DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

FEBRUARY 2021 CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS
[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU] LAMP LIT AT

<u>Our Lady's Shrine</u>	
THIS WEEK	Phyllis Scanlon RIP
NEXT WEEK	Intentions Boyle + McHugh Families
<u>Sacred Heart Shrine</u>	
THIS WEEK	James Scanlon RIP
NEXT WEEK	Ann - RAB
<u>St Joseph's Shrine</u>	
THIS WEEK	Ann - RAB
NEXT WEEK	Eileen - John
<u>St Anthony's Shrine</u>	
THIS WEEK	Eileen - John
NEXT WEEK	Members of Quinn and McCormick Families

We remember all those who have died recently - especially GED BYRNE, JEFF CLAPHAM, RICHARD DE BRITT, TERESA COSTA, JAMES PATRICK JOHNSTON, INGRID McDOUGALL, VERONICA "Ronnie" PHILLIPS, MARCEL DE MULDER, URSULA PEARSON, PATRICK SHILTON, SUE FRANKLIN, and CANON GILES GOWARD, 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.

Prayers have been requested for People who are Sick and Unwell at this Moment -
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, Peggy James, Ursula Pearson, Christine Ambrose, David Johnson, Jackie Smith, Lily Duck, Bridie Barry.

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
Thanks to all those who have supported ST JOHN FISHER PARISH with their financial support and their donations.

Prayer:
God our Father, enable me to recognise the constant presence and power of Jesus Christ, your Son, prompting me to pray against evil and to welcome his presence in the goodness of those closest to me. Amen.

If we want to be in touch with God, then we need to take the time to withdraw from the world to pray. Like Jesus we need time to recharge our batteries, to be alone, to be renewed.

HANDS – FACE – SPACE Wash your hands – cover your face – keep your distance.
We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

*My dear Parishioners and Friends -
The Church here of ST JOHN FISHER 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 every day of the year.*

VALENTINE'S DAY – BLESSING OF MARRIAGE PEOPLE
MASS- 13/14 FEBRUARY 2021 6-30PM / 9-30AM AND 11-30AM

*Life is only for love - Time is only that we may find God. ST BERNARD
"Laughter is shortest distance between two people." VICTOR BORGE*

GUESTS OF MY LIFE

*You came in the early dawn, and you came in the night.
Your name was uttered by the spring flowers
and yours by the shower of rain.
You brought the harp into my life and you brought the lamp.
After you had taken your leave,
I found God's footprint's on the floor.
Now when I am at the end of my pilgrimage
I leave in the evening flowers of worship - my salutations to you all.*
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Lord, I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning,
Lord, I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me,
Lord, I thank you for the chance to begin life all over again.

*Whoever closes his eyes to the past becomes blind to the present.
Whoever does not wish to remember humanity becomes susceptible to the dangers of new infection.*
RICHARD VON WEISZACKER
[former President of West Germany on the 40th anniversary of Liberation of Auschwitz.]

SMILE OF THE WEEK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
"A man in love is incomplete until he is married.
Then he is finished" **ZSA ZSA GABOR**

SPIRITUAL RE-FUELLING

*In today's Gospel we read, 'In the morning, long before dawn, He got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.' We should not pass lightly over that sentence, because it tells us something about Jesus that we tend to forget. He, too, needed to escape. The lonely place was a vital part of His life, and He could never have lived the way He did without it.
We too need a place and time to escape, to get away from the crowd, the noise, even from family and friends, and spend a little time alone with God.*

We need that kind of experience in order to keep life in perspective. Jesus used His lonely times for that purpose. He needed to be with His Father whom He loved above all things, and to know what His Father wanted Him to do. He met with difficulties throughout His life. There were things that made Him angry and frustrated. One of the most angry speeches made by Jesus is recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 26. Six times He branded the Pharisees as hypocrites and each time He spelled out the details of their hypocrisy.

There were times when He was frustrated with His own apostles. On one occasion He looked at them, sadly shook His head, and said, 'O you unbelieving and obstinate people, how long shall I be with you? How long must I endure you?'



"What are you going to do for Jesus this week?"



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

It wasn't easy for Jesus to live in this world. He saw the evil and injustices more clearly than any of us ever will, but He was not overwhelmed by them because He was able to keep the picture in focus. He would pull back from the world in order to see it more clearly. He would return loving that multitude of men and women, not simply for what they were, but for what they could become.

We desperately need the ability to do the same thing. If we stay too close to anything for too long, the picture becomes distorted and problems get blown out of proportion. Once in a while, we must pull away, stand apart, and look back in order to see this world as it really is.

Another reason we need to escape is because there comes a time when we can't do anything for others until first we have done something for ourselves. Jesus felt like that. He had given Himself without reserve. Now He was faced with the necessity of renewing His own strength and re-fuelling His spirit. What good does it do to keep giving yourself when you have little or nothing left to give? Our Lord recognised the importance of that and always took the opportunity to spend a little while alone with His Father.

In our emphasis on practical religion, we sometimes leave out this very vital dimension. All our emphasis is on giving, serving, and doing. All this is well and good, but it is not enough. We must take into account the truth that it is worthless to keep on writing cheques unless we take the time to put money in the bank. Nothing is achieved when we keep drawing up the bucket when the well has run dry. Let us be practical enough to recognise that we cannot feed a hungry world from an empty dish.

Before we start giving ourselves to the world, we should, first of all, see to it that we have a self that is worth giving. Jesus never allowed that to happen in His own life and ministry. He mastered the fine art of escaping from the world in order to return to the world renewed, re-fuelled and ready to serve.

In our lives there comes a time when we must do something more than just trying a little harder. Some problems cannot be handled by mere energetic enthusiasm. We need wisdom; we need insight; we need power; we need to dig deep into spiritual reserves. Jesus had all of these because, as the Gospel tells us, 'In the morning long before dawn, He got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.' Do we see the need to spend some time every day to be with the Lord searching to know His will and asking for the strength to do it? To achieve this may mean getting up a little earlier when no one is about, or escaping into the bathroom to be alone, or taking the dog for a walk, or locking yourself in the garden shed! If we can afford it, we could go on a day or weekend retreat to re-fuel our spiritual resources, or at least get away from the hustle and bustle of every day living by being alone with Jesus in the countryside. If we don't try to organise our lives in this way we shall never be like Jesus and make our lives effective.

Jesus saw the needs of the world more clearly than anyone and served it more effectively because He had mastered the art of escaping from it and being spiritually re-fuelled.

*Since he is wise he loves you with wisdom.
Since he is good he loves you with goodness.
Since he is holy he loves you with holiness.
Since he is just he loves you with justice.
Since he is merciful he loves you with mercy-
Since he is compassionate he loves you with compassion.
Since he is gentle he loves you with gentleness.
St. John of the Cross 1542 – 1591*

"Some people will tell you that God is always watching to see when you are going wrong - so he can punish you. I don't want you to think of this motto in that way. Every time you read the words, 'Thou, God, seest me,' I would rather have you remember that God loves you so much that he cannot take his eyes off you."

Lord, it is so hard to know which way to choose, which way to go. But you know how my life can best be spent; lead on, then, Lord, and I will choose to live in you, and only walk where you would have me go.



WE ARE CALLED