

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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ARCHDIOCESE - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 13TH / 14TH 2021 YEAR B

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

MASSES	JAN / FEB	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	13	6-30PM	Davy McLeod RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	14	9-30AM	Teresa Jones RIP / Frank McGeever RIP / Tony Rogers RIP/Jennifer Barrett RIP	
		11-30AM	Fred + Della Forbes RIP / Monica Beausang RIP / Howard Gregory RIP	
MONDAY	15	9-00AM	Charlie Feenie RIP / Margaret + John Kelly RIP	
			Intentions: Sue Lee / Intentions: Chris Ferminger	
TUESDAY	16	9-00AM	Intentions: Fiona / Intentions: Angel Benny	
ASH WEDNESDAY	17	9-00AM	Patrick Hoban RIP / Fr Bob RIP	
FUNERAL SERVICE		10-00AM	Ingrid McDougall RIP	CANLEY CHAPEL CREMATORIUM
		7-00PM	Mick McCrossan RIP / Mariamma Ivaxi RIP	
THURSDAY	18	9-00AM	Anna Maria O'Neill RIP / Agnes Welch RIP	
FRIDAY	19	9-00AM	Terri Crowe / Holy Souls	
SATURDAY	20	10-00AM	Maurice Webb RIP / Janet Gaffney RIP	
FUNERAL MASS		2-00PM	MARCEL DE MULDER RIP	
		6-30PM	Margaret + John McGrath, Tess Fisher RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	21	9-30AM	Fr Sean Farrell RIP [13 th Anniversary] / Fred + Della Forbes RIP	
		11-30AM	Margaret Boyle RIP	



Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace

Do Take Great Care Fr Des

13/02/2021

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 -

[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU]

YOUR INTENTIONS

LAMP LIT AT

Our Lady's Shrine

THIS WEEK

Intentions Boyle + McHugh Families

NEXT WEEK

Margaret Boyle RIP

Sacred Heart Shrine

THIS WEEK

Ann - RAB

NEXT WEEK

Eileen - John

St Joseph's Shrine

THIS WEEK

Eileen - John

NEXT WEEK

Ann - RAB

St Anthony's Shrine

THIS WEEK

Members of Quinn and McCormick Families RIP

NEXT WEEK

Parishioners of SJF RIP

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.

We remember all those who have died recently - especially GED BYRNE, RICHARD DE BRITT, TERESA "ROSA" COSTA, JAMES PATRICK JOHNSTON, INGRID McDOUGALL, VERONICA " Ronnie " PHILLIPS, MARCEL DE MULDER, URSULA PEARSON, PATRICK SHILTON, SUE FRANKLIN, MICK McCROSSAN, JENNIFER BARRETT, SUSAN MULRYANE, MONICA BEAUSANG, and GEORGE OLIM, 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, Christine Ambrose, David Johnson, Jackie Smith, Lily Duck, Bridie Barry, Sue Lee, Chris Ferminger.

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

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 MARRIED PEOPLE
MASS- 13/14 FEBRUARY 2021 6-30PM / 9-30AM AND 11-30AM

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL –

Recently, we have been working to remodel certain aspects of the school so that the children have an inspiring environment to learn in and to be proud of. Our most recent refurbishment has been our school hall. For us, the school hall is at the heart of our school and is a place where we can come together as a St Gregory's family. It is also a place in which we can come together to worship God, reflect upon the beauty of life and celebrate our successes. When we thought about the uses of our hall, another person also came to mind – Fr Bob! He was also the heart of our school and brought us all together for many of the same reasons as detailed above. Therefore, as a tribute to Fr Bob and reminder of his lasting legacy our hall will now be known as the 'Robert Wright Hall'. It will be our special way of remembering him at St Gregory's. Many of our staff, children and families were eager to do something special to remember Fr Bob, and therefore we are designing a special piece of artwork, which will be installed within the hall in memory of him. When time allows, we hope that many of you will join us for a special Mass to bless the hall - you are of course always welcome to join us at St Gregory's.

6 **KEEPING A SECRET. MARK. 1:40-45.**

It is hard to keep a secret especially when a really good, dramatic, unusual and exciting story is involved. We can sympathise with the man in today's Gospel story. He was a leper, which was one of the worst fates that could befall a person in first-century Palestine. The disease was not only a debilitating illness, it was also a social stigma. It was generally regarded as a sign of disfavour with God and to be highly contagious. Its victims were condemned to a life of loneliness. By law they were ostracised from society, isolated from family and friends, and could mingle with no one but fellow lepers.

Such was the life of the man in our story, until he met Jesus. From that moment he was cured of his disease and enabled once more to be accepted in the community. But then we find a curious thing. After Jesus had healed him, He gave him strict instructions not to tell anyone what had happened.

He must have found this hard. He had been separated from his family, we don't know for how long, possibly several years. Now he could go back to his family, his work, his friends; but he was to remain silent about how he had been healed and by whom. The man was unable to keep such a secret. He was so happy, he had to tell everyone.

We are not surprised at that. Could we have kept it a secret? We are curious to know why Jesus gave him that instruction. All through the New Testament we are commanded to be witnesses; encouraged to speak up, to tell others what Christ has done in our lives. Yet here is a man whom Jesus had blessed beyond measure and he is under orders to remain silent. Why is this?

Part of the reason is fairly obvious. Mark tells us that after the man had made his story public, Jesus could no longer openly enter the towns of that region. Instead it was necessary for Him to remain in desert places and deal with people who came to Him. The man's story had obviously generated so much excitement that the crowds became virtually unmanageable whenever it became known that Jesus was in town. This was not the kind of publicity that He needed or wanted. He did not want over-excited and uncommitted people to be His followers. He wanted people to have a deep personal relationship with God. He was looking for serious followers who had counted the cost and would be still faithful after the initial excitement had faded. This man's testimony was actually more of a hindrance than a help. Jesus wanted him to keep the matter a secret between the two of them.



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**

But I think there was more to it than that. It had something to do with the man himself. When Jesus told him to remain silent it was not simply to protect Himself from the demands of the crowd, it was intended as a ministry to the man himself. Silence was one of the things he needed most. There are times when we need the same thing. Every life should have a secret side. Any life that doesn't have it is shallow and empty.

In contrast, we can think of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She, too, had a remarkable experience. The angel Gabriel announced to her that she was to give birth to the Son of God. Nothing like that had ever happened before. Her mind must have been racing and her heart bursting with the news. But can you imagine Mary going out and making her story public, telling it to anyone she happened to meet in the street? She went first to her cousin, Elizabeth, whose life had also been touched by God. The two of them spent the next three months talking, thinking, wondering and trying to understand what God had done to them. Then after the birth of her Son Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Something like that could have happened and should have happened in the life of the man in our story. What he needed most was not to talk but to think. Later on it might have been right to talk, but first he needed something besides a sensational story to tell. We wonder whether he ever came to grips with the real issues. Who was this Man who had healed him? Why did He do it? How would he handle this new lease of life? Those were the key questions. Unless he faced them squarely and answered them honestly, then his miracle, as wonderful as it was, never made much difference. A healthy body does not necessarily guarantee effective living.

The same thing applies to us, whether we have ever experienced a miraculous healing or not. Every day in many ways God touches our lives, just as surely as Jesus touched that lonely leper. The problem is that we are often too busy to realise it. I am sure that Jesus had that in mind when He told this man to remain silent. He wanted him to look upon this miracle as a spiritual healing and not just a physical healing. Like the leper we too need to ponder and reflect on what God does for us every day in our lives. Mary did this and she can be our example.

STANDING BACK

Question - When are we aware in our lives of God as "more powerful than I am?"

Question - What will we do this week to stand down and give God the centre stage?

When nations and individuals are in deep trouble -	
Philosophy says -	Think your way out.
Indulgence says -	Drink your way out.
Politics says -	Spend your way out.
Science says -	Invent your way out.
Industry says -	Work your way out.
Communism says -	Strike your way out.
Fascism says -	Bluff your way out.
Militarism says -	Fight your way out.
The Bible says -	Pray your way out.
Jesus Christ says -	I am the Way (out).



It doesn't take a lot of muscle to give the heart a lift.

"Should you fall even fifty times a day, never on any account should you that surprise or worry you. Instead, ever so gently, set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to our Lord after you have a thousand faults as much as if you have committed only one."

ST JANE DE CHANTAL

LOOK AT the time you give

OBSERVE the hearts you warm
COUNT the smiles you make.

"When you aim for perfection, you discover it is a moving target".
GEORGE FISHER

"Be patient with everyone, but especially yourself".
ST FRANCIS DE SALES

"Golf without bunkers and hazards would be lame and monotonous. So would life". B C FORBES

"It's only eighteen inches between a pat on the back and a kick in the pants".
E JOSEPH COSSMAN

"One filled with joy preaches without preaching".
MOTHER TERESA

"If you can't be a sun, don't be a cloud".