

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT MARCH 13TH/14TH 2021 YEAR B

<i>"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"</i>			
MASSES / SERVICES	FEB	TIMES	INTENTIONS
SATURDAY	13	6-30PM	Martin + Molly Hoban RIP / Patrick Hoban RIP / Patty + Turner Families RIP
SUNDAY	14	9-30AM	Anne Hastings RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Intentions Pauline
MOTHER'S DAY		11-30AM	Douglas + Vilma Duffield RIP / Michael Cullinan RIP / Finbarr Coyle RIP
MONDAY	15	9-00AM	Noreen Noon RIP / Esther Ilangasekera RIP
TUESDAY	16	7-00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY	17	9-00AM	Freddie Geoghan RIP / Archbishop Philip Tartaglia RIP / Bishop Vincent Logan RIP
THURSDAY	18	7-00PM	Jean Melia RIP / Fr Bob / Patricia O'Donnell RIP
FRIDAY	19	9-00AM	LENTEN HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER John O'Brien RIP Intentions Abraham Family
SATURDAY	20	9-00AM	Eilish Sexton RIP Fr Bob RIP
SUNDAY	21	12-00PM	MARY WOODWARD RIP FUNERAL MASS
		9-30AM	EXPOSITION AND ROSARY [9-45AM]
		10-00AM	Nuala Nestor RIP / Chris Horton RIP
		6-30PM	Giovanni Giuseppina Nicolina Domenico Carmela Nina / Steve Hampson RIP
		9-30AM	Catherine Devenney RIP / Ben Quinn RIP
		11-30AM	Catherine Devenney RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Joe Buckley RIP

Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des 13/03/2021 23-45PM.
THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

MARCH 2021 CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS

[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU] LAMPS LIT AT

Our Lady's Shrine - THIS WEEK

Connolly + McAloran Families
Cathy - Family + Friends
Ann - Rob Joe Buckley

Sacred Heart Shrine - THIS WEEK

Tina Hastings + Family
Patty + Turner Family RIP

St Joseph's Shrine - THIS WEEK

Michelle Melia RIP / Mary Taylor
Adi + John

St Anthony's Shrine - THIS WEEK

Patty + Turner Families
May Comerford RIP

We pray for the welfare and the well-being of all our people -

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.

FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DO NOT SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE.

We remember all those who have died recently - especially VERONICA "Ronnie" PHILLIPS, MARCEL DE MULDER, URSULA PEARSON, MICK McCROSSAN, JENNIFER BARRETT, SUSAN MULRYANE, MONICA BEAUSANG, SUSAN LEE, ROSE SOMERVILLE, MARY EWART, JOHN HODDER, CHRIS FERMINGER, JOSEPH MATTHEW, PATRICIA DILLON, FINBARR COYLE, and TERESA MALONEY, and MARY WOODWARD, 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 .

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, Eileen 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, Jesse Abraham, Greville Turner, and Sony Sunny.

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

HANDS – FACE – SPACE Wash your hands – cover your face – keep your distance.

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.

*Without the Way there is no going
Without the Truth there is no knowing
Without the Life there is no living. THOMAS A KEMPIS*

*May the Lord's Touch Strengthen Us
May the Lord's Words Encourage Us
May the Lord's Ways Inspire Us*

That you may have eternal life

Time and again we see them pass by on our television screens, the refugees, driven away from their homes by floods, famines, wars. They live in miserable shacks or refugee camps. Clothed in rags, with starving babies on the hips, they stand in line with a plate waiting for some food. What human misery? These people are homesick. They want desperately to go back to their homes and farms, but often machine guns and barbed wire prevent their return. The Jews carried away into exile in Babylon were exactly like the displaced persons of our days. Since the Jewish writers saw exile and suffering as a divine punishment for sin, the miserable situation, famine, want, and longing for home of these exiles point to the sinful human condition of all. The Lenten Season invites us to be aware of how alienated sinful mankind is from God. Return is possible through Christ our Lord "who was lifted up on the Cross: died: rose again." THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIM (Gospel).

MANY PEOPLE ARE BORN CRYING - LIVE COMPLAINING - AND DIE DISAPPOINTED!

THE PRAYER OF SENILITY

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway – the good fortune to run into the ones that I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

PRAYER [FROM LAST WEEK]

Dear LORD, all through this day, this week, [this season of Lent], through this month, this year, in fact, LORD, every moment of my life, let me touch as many lives as possible for you - through the Word I speak, the Example I give, the Life I live, the Prayers I say, the Situations I encounter. [WELPS!!]

Dear LORD, help me to remember that you are always on my side - that nothing is going to happen to me TODAY that you and I cannot handle together.

Dear LORD, encourage me to give you, Jesus, a fair chance in my life so that you Jesus may have a fair chance in the lives of others.

Dear LORD, you have the message of eternal life. AMEN.

We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

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

THE SEASON OF LENT-

*Speak to someone about the Faith -
Pray - Fast - Give to the Poor -
Read the Scriptures every Day -
Help a Neighbour, Don't wait to be asked -
Wear a symbol of Christianity -
Help the Parish Activities in Lent -
(Masses - Holy Hours - Stations of the Cross)
Pray together as a Family -
Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

ST JOHN FISHER NURSERY – APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021.
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SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK;

We are all manufacturers making good, making trouble, or making excuses.

The straight and narrow path is the only one which does not seem to have a traffic problem.

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.

Life is made up of getting and giving; for—getting and for-giving.

TONIGHT count how many times you have judged and condemned during the day and how many times you have forgiven.

The latter is the measure of Christ in your heart.

"To be truly happy is a question of how we begin, and not of how we end, of what we want and not what we have".

Robert Louis Stephenson

*Dear God - you made the sky and sea and all things through the ages.
There's something you ought to know - you're not in Yellow Pages!*

THE VISIT

My name is Nicodemus. You heard part of my meeting with Jesus in the Gospel today, I was or am, I suppose a Pharisee. The truth was our interest and this Jesus spoke with such certainty about God and life that I wanted to hear more. I went by night - carefully even then, the night has a thousand eyes. But it was worth the risk; it was all good news. I only wish some of my fellow Pharisees came too. But doesn't jealousy blind us all, and to be honest, a lot of us were simply jealous of Jesus. Oh not just his charm and wit, but even more the way he brought God down to people's level. He took down the fence of rules that had been put up between God and people, and with it some of us who were sitting on the fence. The people couldn't get over the fence, and God couldn't get under. He introduced people to God, let people see that God loved them. Oh, you're used to that word 'love', but to us it was all new. Not God the maker or God the Boss, or God the condemner, not a God you had to be wary or afraid or suspicious of. You simply can't imagine the thrill of being told that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. I was there later on Calvary too. Quietly - as is my way - and I looked, and I saw Him raised up, raised up with all our sins on his back. I saw Him again after Easter. The news was good.

Philip Yancey, in his book What's So Amazing about Grace? tells how preacher Fred Craddock once 'tinkered' with the details of this well-known parable. Yancey writes, 'In his sermon he had the father slip the ring and robe on the elder brother, then kill the fatted calf in honour of his years of faithfulness and obedience. A woman in the back of the sanctuary yelled out, "That's the way it should have been written!"

Thus, do we grapple with grace. Yancey believes that these 'lost and found' parables were not given to teach us how