

THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN FISHER - COVENTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER

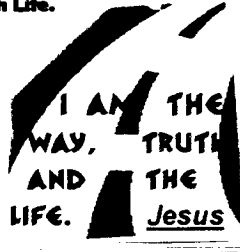
WELCOME - A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE

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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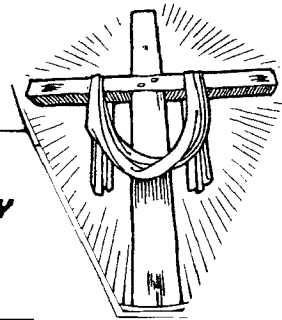
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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER TIME APRIL 17 TH / 18 TH 2021 YEAR B

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

MASSES	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY 17	6-30PM	Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP / Special Intention	
SUNDAY 18	9-30AM	Billy Grant RIP/ Rio Hughes RIP / Geoff Smart RIP	
	11-30AM	Stephen Sedgeley RIP / Intentions SW / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	



MONDAY 19	9-00AM	Douglas + Vilma Duffield RIP / Nuala Nestor RIP	
TUESDAY 20	9-00AM	Stephen Sedgeley RIP / Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP	SECOND TUESDAY FUNERAL MASS
	10-30AM	EVA HIGGETT RIP	
WEDNESDAY 21	9-00AM	Annie McCabe RIP / Carmel Bermingham RIP	
	12-30PM	MARY PETHULLIS RIP	FUNERAL MASS
THURSDAY 22	9-00AM	Ben Quinn RIP / Helen McDonnell RIP	
FRIDAY 23	9-00AM	Philip, Duke of Edinburgh RIP / Intentions Doreen Cadden	ST GEORGS
SATURDAY 24	10-00AM	Gregory + Mary O'Kane RIP / Intentions Conmy Family	
	6-30PM	Guy Phillippe Bruneau RIP / Steve + Janet Higgins [50WA] / Intentions Brenda Melendez	
SUNDAY 25	9-30AM	Rafaela + Pedro Bonsol Snr RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
	11-30AM	Andrew Mahon RIP / Howard Gregory RIP / Intentions John Reynolds	

I WILL BE MEETING THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN 2021 - SOON I HOPE - [and others too!!!!].

This is mainly to say **THANK YOU** and **TO REVIEW** the work involved and the commitment given to these various ministries in ST JOHN FISHER PARISH COMMUNITY -

Eucharistic Ministers - Readers - Muslc - 100 Club Collectors - Altar Servers - Children's Liturgy Leaders - Youth Group Leaders - Church Cleaners - Gift Aid/Parish Finance/Parish Teams - Piety Stall Helpers - ETC ETC ETC ETC

Children's Liturgy of the Word Group [CLG] -

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to make the readings and the Gospel more meaningful for the younger children in our St John Fisher Parish.

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

Do Take Great Care Fr Des 17/04/2021 23-45PM. THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO / SALAMAT
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234

APRIL 2021 CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS
[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU] LAMPS LIT AT

Our Lady's Shrine -

THIS WEEK

Fr Bob RIP

NEXT WEEK

Mary Ewart RIP /

Sacred Heart Shrine -

THIS WEEK

Mary Ewart RIP

NEXT WEEK

Ann - Rob

St Joseph's Shrine -

THIS WEEK

Mary Ewart RIP / Sean Reynolds

NEXT WEEK

Adi - Eileen

St Anthony's Shrine -

THIS WEEK

Hughie Clark / Cathy Grant

NEXT WEEK

Anita + Bernadette Taylor



We remember all those who have died recently - especially BERNARD O'NEILL, GEOFF STRONG, MARY PETHULLIS, MICHAEL MATTHEW KELLY, COLM SMYTH, PRINCE PHILIP - DUKE OF EDINBURGH, PHYLLIS ELWICK, THOMAS TIMMONS, and EVA HIGGETT, RIP- and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy - the Corona Virus worldwide - 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 Care. #

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.

JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

He had been like a beautiful dream, living a life that would have changed the whole of this world. They agreed on that. Yet, in the end, they had shaken their heads; the life he had lived was too good to be true.

"Let us be logical - business is business, let us not lose our heads" and they gave up on him, though the best ones among them did it with great regret. No wonder that the sun stopped shining at the scene of his death. From now on darkness was going to be the fate of all. But then, the cries and shouts of women running early in the morning: a tomb cracked, life overcame death. The stone, that crushed their hearts, was rolled away from the entrance to his tomb.

The silence, that deafened their ears, heard a voice that said 'He is alive.' The darkness, that blinded their eyes, was shattered by the brilliance of his appearance. The dumbness, that muted their voices, broke in shouts 'He is Risen, alleluia.' We have been going out with our hope of Resurrection growing from strength to strength, ever since. Alleluia Amen.

"He is Risen" light undoing the dark. Finally, he himself was found by a friend in a garden! Alleluia, Praise the Lord.

MOTHER TERESA speaking of her work would say –

"It's only a drop in the ocean - but the ocean would not be the same without the drop!"

WHAT THE RISEN CHRIST WOULD SAY TO US. LUKE 24:35-48.

Suppose Our Lord was to appear visibly in our midst here this morning. He came through the doors of the Church and walked down the aisle. We could see the scars in His hands and feet. He stayed with us, say for thirty minutes, talking with us and listening to us. This scene is not entirely fanciful. It is essentially the same as the one described in today's Gospel.

A few of His disciples were together somewhere in Jerusalem. They were discussing the Lord and wondering if He might really be alive, when suddenly He walked among them and spoke to them. And that is the place I want to focus our imaginations. What do you think the risen Lord would say to us, if He were visibly and audibly present with us this morning? We are not qualified to speak the mind of the Lord. But drawing on the conversation recorded in today's Gospel, we can make some guesses.

I think the first thing Our Lord would do is to put us at ease. That is what He did to His disciples. His very first sentence to them was, 'Peace be with you!' That was the message they desperately needed to hear. Not only were they startled by His sudden appearance, they were deeply troubled about many things. His death was a traumatic shock that had left them reeling. The cruelty they had seen heaped upon Him made them fearful for their own personal safety. They wondered about their future.....where would

Prayers have been requested for People who are Sick and Unwell at this Moment -

Anne Gillier, 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, 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 Duch, Bridie Barry, Jesse Abraham, Greville Turner, Sony Sunny, and Denis Tuson.

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

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

We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

they go, what would they do, how could they pick up the pieces of their lives? All of these feelings must have been compounded by a sense of personal shame. Each of them knew in their own heart that he had played the coward. They had forsaken their Lord at the time when He had needed them most. Then, on top of all this, they were trying to assimilate the reports and evidences of the resurrection. They were deeply disturbed. Jesus knew it and so He gave them a blessing of peace.

Why should we not suppose that Jesus would deal with us in the same way? Many of us, to some extent all of us, have come to Mass today with troubled hearts and minds. We are bothered about many things--a job, money, children, marital problems, health problems, our personal sins. Added to these are world conditions----inflation, recession, the decline in the moral fabric of society, the unknown future of the world. In this world, it seems we never run out of things to worry about. Jesus knows this about us, and I think He would deal with this matter first. Those among us who would expect a scolding for our sins would probably be relieved. There is very little record in the Gospels of Jesus scolding sinners. There are a few times that He did, it was for the sin of religious hypocrisy. His very presence made sinners see themselves and repent. So I think Jesus would deal with us now as He did back then. The first thing we would hear Him say is that brief but beautiful sentence, 'Peace be with you!' He would put us at our ease.

The next thing He would do is to start us thinking. Once the inward turmoil of the disciples was at peace, He began to remind them of some of the things He had taught them. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that dealt with the suffering, death and resurrection of the Messiah. They were already convinced He was the Messiah, but they had been expecting something quite different. They were convinced that He would have established an earthly kingdom and restore the glory of Israel. Nearly all Jews expected that. This is why they were so baffled by His death. They could not believe that such a thing could happen to the Messiah. Then the risen Christ made them think at a deeper level. Without a doubt He would do the same for us. He would challenge some of our ideas. Stimulate our minds. What a marvellous thing it would be to spend a little time in the presence of Jesus. Then it would be said of us, 'He opened their minds.' He would set us thinking. And finally, He would put us to work. Having put His disciples at ease and having opened their minds, He told them that they had a job to do. Their message was to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Their field was the whole world. He concluded, 'You are witnesses to this.'

The risen Christ would say the same things to us today as He said to the disciples. Obviously, He is not here as visibly and audibly as His disciples saw Him, but He is here, nonetheless. If we will listen to Him He will still our troubled hearts and put us at ease. He will open our minds and stimulate them, and finally, He will send us out into a sin-sick world and put us to work. The question is are we prepared to spend some moments with Jesus, let Him speak to us and do as He would wish, like His first disciples did?

Another thought on today's Gospel - Jesus did not give out to Thomas because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has gently taken you and led you to a deeper knowledge about some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of leader or teacher?

***May the light of God Illuminate
the heart of my soul.
May the flame of Christ, Kindle me to love.
May the fire of the Spirit, Free me to live
This day, tonight and forever.***