

**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



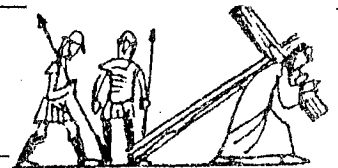
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# A Journey Through Lent



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT FEBRUARY 20TH / 21ST 2021**  
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES / SERVICES	FEB	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	20	6-30PM	Margaret + John McGrath, Tess Fisher RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	21	9-30AM	Fr Sean Farrell RIP [13TH Anniversary] / Fred + Delia Forbes RIP	
		11-30AM	Margaret Boyle RIP	
MONDAY	22	9-00AM	John Clifford RIP / McCarron and McGrath Families RIP	
		7-00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
TUESDAY	23	9-00AM	Davy McLeod RIP / Maraid George RIP / Intentions Fiona Smith	
FUNERAL SERVICE		3-45PM	PATRICK SHILTON	CANLEY CHAPEL CREMATORIUM
WEDNESDAY	24	9-00AM	Paddy Mulligan RIP / Nicola Coyle RIP	
		7-00PM	HOLY HOUR - TAIZE	
THURSDAY	25	9-00AM	Oliver Muldoon RIP / Susan Lee RIP	
FRIDAY	26	9-00AM	Michelle Mella RIP / Jim Byrne RIP	
SATURDAY	27	9-30AM	EXPOSITION AND ROSARY [9-45AM]	
		10-00AM	Joseph and Agnes Kavanagh RIP / Intentions Hastings/Grady Families	
		6-30PM	Winifred Powell RIP / John Meehan RIP	
			Steven Edmonds - James and Gladys Edmonds RIP	
SUNDAY	28	9-30AM	Catherine Devenney RIP	
		11-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	



Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des 20/02/2021 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

**Our Lady's Shrine**  
THIS WEEK Margaret Boyle RIP  
NEXT WEEK Fr Bob RIP  
**Sacred Heart Shrine**  
THIS WEEK Eileen - John  
NEXT WEEK Cath O'Toole [Birthday]  
**St Joseph's Shrine**  
THIS WEEK Ann - RAB  
NEXT WEEK Catherine Devenney RIP  
**St Anthony's Shrine**  
THIS WEEK Parishioners of SJF RIP  
NEXT WEEK Patrick Devenney 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, TERESA "ROSA" COSTA, JAMES PATRICK JOHNSTON, INGRID McDUGALL, VERONICA "Ronnie" PHILLIPS, MARCEL DE MULDER, URSULA PEARSON, PATRICK SHILTON, SUE FRANKLIN, MICK McCROSSAN, JENNIFER BARRETT, SUSAN MULRYANE, MONICA BEAUSANG, SUE LEE, BEN QUINN, ROSALEEN SOMEVILLE 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, 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, Chris Ferminger, Jesse Abraham, Greville Turner.

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.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER -**

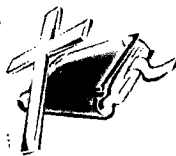
Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host, sanctify my eyes, that they may close more and more to all that is merely earthly.

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host, send a ray of divine light into my soul, that I may better know you and myself.

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host, send a flame of divine love into my heart to consume everything in it that is displeasing to You and to set it all on fire with Your love. Now and in eternity may my only desire be to contemplate the infinite beauty of Your divine countenance which delights the angels. Amen.

Without the Way there is no going  
Without the Truth there is no knowing  
Without the Life there is no living.

THOMAS A KEMPE



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

**LORD, MAKE ME SEE YOUR GLORY IN EVERY PLACE - Michelangelo**

**MAKING DECISIONS**

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.

**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.



**I LIKE NOT ONLY TO BE LOVED - BUT TO BE TOLD I AM LOVED.**  
George Eliot

**LENTEN PRAYER**

As we begin this Lenten

journey, so very aware of the weeks ahead

and what it might be for us, bless our intentions,

bless those around us with whom we start this holy season.

Let us not be overwhelmed or downcast, but keep alongside us the companionship of Christ,

And keep ahead of us the joy of Easter. Amen.

**Lent - A Time to Reflect**

Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt

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**

Today Jesus is tempted - just as we ourselves are tempted. Jesus has choices placed before him - each time he chooses the right way of acting.

We too are faced with choices, with decisions.

**L E N T** is a time to reflect on which choice, which decision - life or death - fulfilment or disaster - despair or hope.

As we begin another Lenten Season we have a choice, a decision to make - are we willing to open ourselves to the change the Word of God can make in our lives? The alternative is to be closed - to turn away - to ignore God's love - God's peace - God's forgiveness.

The secret of being loved is in being lovely - and the secret of being lovely is in being unselfish.  
Jostah Holland

The longer you live, the more you will realise that forgiveness, consideration, and kindness are three of the great secrets of life.

For yesterday is but a dream,  
only a vision

And tomorrow is

But today well lived makes  
Dream of Happiness

Every yesterday a

And every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope. Look well therefore to this day

"Prayer does not change God - but the one who prays".  
Kierkegaard.

Soren

Friday is Family Fast Day - envelopes are available for your donations to CAFOD.

It is to be observed as a day of prayer for the hungry and the needy of the world.

**FUNNY???????????????? ISN'T IT?**

**FUNNY -** £10 looks so big when you take it to Church - and how small when you take it to the supermarket.

**FUNNY -** how long an hour seems when you are serving God - and so short when you are playing golf, or cards or watching TV.

**FUNNY -** How hard it is to read a chapter of the Bible and how easy to read a 300 page novel.

**FUNNY -** That we can't think of anything to say when we pray and have no difficulty carrying on a conversation with a friend.

**FUNNY -** How easy we find a reason for not going to Church - and never think of missing our night out.  
**IT'S REALLY FUNNY, ISN'T IT?**

**THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF FR BOB - RIP**

There will be Mass on Friday March 05<sup>TH</sup> at 9-00AM.

We will be joined with some of the young boys and girls from St John Fisher and St Gregory Schools. We will remember FR BOB especially at all our Masses during that weekend.

At Midday 12 Noon the Rosary will be recited at his grave in Lentons Lane. Please pray for FR BOB at this time - the first anniversary.

We give thanks to God for his life and example as a Priest in the Archdiocese of Birmingham [ 43 years] and 25 years as the Parish Priest of ST JOHN FISHER PARISH COMMUNITY here in Coventry.

**MAY FR BOB REST IN PEACE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**FRIENDSHIP**

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort  
of feeling safe with a person:

having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words,  
but pour them all out, just as they are,

chaff and grain together,

knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them,  
keep what is worth keeping,

and then with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

**CAFOD**

On the side of people in need