

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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www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITE -

<https://sjfcov.org>

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR JANUARY 23RD/24TH 2021 YEAR B

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

MASSES	JANUARY	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	23	6-30PM	Nicola Coyle RIP / Intentions Jeannie Nolan	
SUNDAY	24	9-30AM	Bill + Bridie Cantillon RIP / Fr Bob RIP	
		11-30AM	Intentions Craig Jones / Intentions Brangan Family / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
MONDAY	25	9-00AM	Katie O'Connor RIP / John Clifford RIP	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i>
TUESDAY	26	9-00AM	MV Jose RIP / Rosy Mathai RIP / Intentions Brid Conmy	<i>St Timothy and St Titus</i>
WEDNESDAY	27	9-00AM	Bill McDonnell RIP / Steven Edmonds, James + Gladys Edmonds RIP	
THURSDAY	28	9-00AM	Intentions Fr Denis McGillycuddy [50]/Intentions Fr David Barry [50] St Thomas Aquinas	
FRIDAY	29	9-00AM	Intentions Sarah Price / Fr Pat Joyce RIP / Richard de Britt RIP	
		10-00AM	FUNERAL SERVICE GRAHAM HERRON RIP - Canley Crematorium Chapel	
SATURDAY	30	10-00AM	Steven Shuttleworth RIP / Intentions Fr Michael Gamble [25]	
		6-30PM	Eileen Gaunt RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH /	
SUNDAY	31	9-30AM	Patricia O'Donnell RIP / Intentions Marcel de Mulder	
		11-30AM	Intentions Martin Ingram / Intentions Pat + Marie Mullooley	

Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des **23/01/2021 23-45PM.**

THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO

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JANUARY 2021 CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS

[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU]

LAMP LIT AT

Our Lady's Shrine

THIS WEEK

BRID CONMY

NEXT WEEK

Sacred Heart Shrine

THIS WEEK

BRID CONMY

NEXT WEEK

St Joseph's Shrine

THIS WEEK

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St Anthony's Shrine

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We remember all those who have died recently - especially ERMINE SIMMS, PATRICK BURKE, CHRIS HORTON, BRIAN McSWEENEY, CHRISTINE BOYLE, ELIZABETH KEENAN, PATRICIA HANCOCKS, STEVE EDWARDS, JAMES LENNON, MICK QUINN, DEBBIE OSBORNE, MAURICE WEBB, ANGELA LYNCH, MARY GRIFFIN, PETER JERROMES, AGNES WELCH, ARCHBISHOP PHILIP TARTAGLIA, BISHOP VINCENT LOGAN, FR PAT JOYCE, GRAHAM HERRON, SEAMUS HIGGINS, GED BYRNE, CHRISTOPHER SEXTON, JEFF CLAPHAM, RICHARD DE BRITT, and TERESA COSTA, 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.

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

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

We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

A BLESSING

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**

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

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 - not just on December 25TH but every day of the year.

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, Minda Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik, Maureen Quigley, Peggy James, Ursula Pearson, Christine Ambrose, David Johnson.

The Gospel today introduces us to the apostle Andrew. In the entire New Testament Andrew is mentioned only twelve times, and six of those times tell us that he was the brother of Simon Peter. It was almost as if the writers were afraid we would not know who he was. It seemed that his own name didn't carry enough weight. Yet, he was the first of the apostles to have his name linked with that of Jesus.

Andrew was not as well-known as his more gifted and famous brother. However, the one thing that Andrew can teach us is that there is honour in taking second place. Andrew was not a brilliant theologian or an eloquent orator. If he ever wrote a line or preached a single sermon, we are not told about it. He was just a fisherman, an ordinary person. Yet Jesus chose to make Andrew His apostle.

If we could look into the Lord's storehouse of valuables, we would probably be surprised at the insignificance of the things we would see. In it we would find two small copper coins, once belonging to a poor widow. They were all that she had, but she gave them away. We would also find five barley loaves and two fish, the lunch box of a family which a peasant boy donated to Andrew and which was eventually to feed five thousand people. There would also be a broken alabaster box which once belonged to Mary of Bethany. In an act of impetuous devotion, she broke it open and poured its contents on the head of Jesus. We would also find a cup of water and underneath the caption, 'Even a cup of cold water given in my name will not lose its reward.' Jesus had an affinity with ordinary things and ordinary people.

When we study the little we know about Andrew we discover that the ordinary things he did led to the achievement of extraordinary things.

You could make a case that Andrew's position was the most difficult among the apostles. Right from the start he had a close association with Peter, James and John. They were the first four followers of Jesus. It was from these four that Jesus chose His inner circle of apostles. But for

some reason Andrew was left out. One day Jesus went into the home of a little girl who had died and He brought her back to life. To witness this event, He took with Him Peter, James and John. Andrew was left out. On another occasion Jesus went up the mountain of Transfiguration and talked with Moses and Elijah. Again He took with Him Peter, James and John. Andrew was left out. On the night of His greatest agony, when Jesus went deeper into the garden to pray, He took with Him Peter James and John. And again Andrew was left out.

Why Andrew was left out, we do not know, but here we witness the extraordinary spirit that Andrew possessed. If he ever suffered one pang of envy, there is no indication of it in the gospel records. There was simply no room for petty jealousy in him. He was able to appreciate that Jesus had the freedom to choose His special friends as He pleased. Each one was chosen for a particular purpose according to his talents. Andrew had the courage to be himself and do his own work in his own way.

Three times in the New Testament we see Andrew in action, and he is either introducing people to Jesus or helping out in a situation. This tells us he must have been a likeable person. The first time he is mentioned, he is bringing his brother Simon and introducing him to Jesus. The second time he persuades a boy to give to Jesus the food he is carrying. Little did they both realise that with it Jesus would feed a multitude. And the third time we find him reaching across racial boundaries to befriend a group of Greeks who wanted to see Jesus. This was Andrew-- always doing the simple task with quiet efficiency, happy to take second place and not seeking the limelight.

In every walk of life we need leaders who can inspire and motivate. But we also need the back room boys, without whom the leaders would not be able to operate. Andrew was most definitely a back room boy. Jesus needed his skills just as much as He needed the skills of his brother Peter. We thank Andrew for teaching us that there is dignity in taking second place.

A PRAYER

God our Father in Heaven, help me today to be a child of faith. Form within me, as you formed in Abraham and all the heroes of faith, a longing for that heavenly country. I know that you are not ashamed of me, although I can often be ashamed of my weak and unstable faith. Give me today that true confidence which relies on you and all your wonderful promises. Amen.

NEW BEGINNING

Go places, this new day, where your heart would. Walk where you will and in the walking know The way is yours. Allow for storms, At the end of day they'll prove Your heart was wise and that your choice was good.
