

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

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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PARISH WEBSITE - https://sjfcov.org
LIVE STREAMING -

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER TIME APRIL 24 TH / 25 TH 2021 YEAR B

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

MASSES	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY 24	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	
MONDAY 26	9-00AM	John Hodder RIP / Intentions Margaret Anderson	
TUESDAY 27	9-00AM	Mick McCrossan RIP / Intentions Maureen Mellett	
WEDNESDAY 28	9-00AM	Fred + Winifrid Doyle RIP / Intentions Graham Coles	
	10-30AM	THOMAS TIMMONS RIP FUNERAL MASS	
THURSDAY 29	9-00AM	Mary Ewart RIP / Charlie McGibney RIP / Intentions Margaret Anderson	
FRIDAY 30	9-00AM	Maureen Daly RIP / Intentions Maureen Almai / Intentions Jasmin	
SATURDAY 01	10-00AM	Andrew Robinson RIP / Maria Scott RIP / Susan Lee RIP	
	6-30PM	Anita Taylor RIP / Bernadette Taylor RIP	
SUNDAY 02	9-30AM	Teresa McSharry RIP / Michael Conway RIP / Intentions Dan Hastings	
	11-30AM	Lilly Duck RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / THANKSGIVING / Madeleine McCann	



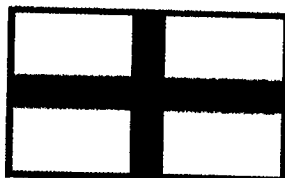
Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace
Do Take Great Care Fr Des 24/04/2021 23-45PM.
THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/
OBRIGADO / SALAMAT

THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
- REGISTERED CHARITY No. 23421

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

Our Lady's Shrine -
THIS WEEK Mary Ewart RIP
NEXT WEEK Thanksgiving
Sacred Heart Shrine -
THIS WEEK Ann - Rob
NEXT WEEK Thanksgiving

**Saint George
Martyr
Patron Saint of England**



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.

St Joseph's Shrine -
THIS WEEK Adi - Eileen
NEXT WEEK Catherine + Patrick Devenney RIP
St Anthony's Shrine -
THIS WEEK Anita + Bernadette Taylor RIP
NEXT WEEK Terry Devenney + Frank Mullin RIP

We remember all those who have died recently - especially BERNARD O'NEILL, GEOFF STRONG, MARY PETHULLIS, PRINCE PHILIP - DUKE OF EDINBURGH, PHYLLIS ELWICK, THOMAS TIMMONS, EVA HIGGETT, and MARIA SCOTT, LILLY DUCK, LEELAMMA MICHAEL, 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. #

THE VOICE

How does one decide the happy but scary question: 'Is God calling me?'
There are five principles:

- [a] Stay where you are! Pray and think, allow the idea to come and go a bit. If it's authentic, it will grow.
 - [b] Be ready for doubt - this will help to strengthen and confirm a call.
 - [c] Continue to pray. Read the Gospels and walk with Jesus as a disciple. Get acquainted with him.
 - [d] Listen to the Lord with another trusted person.
 - (e) Lean forward gently.
- The call of God attracts and draws, by following in little choices, we are prepared for a move in our life.

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, 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, Bridie Barry, Jesse Abraham, Greville Turner, Sony Sunny, and David 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.

STAY CLOSE TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD JOHN 10: 11-18.

Amongst the early Christians the most popular image of Jesus was that of the Good Shepherd. We have proof of this from the numerous sketches of the Good Shepherd found in the Catacombs. In today's Gospel Jesus talked about two different types of shepherds. The good shepherd leads his flock in the right direction. He feeds them with suitable food, and protects them from danger, at the cost even of his own life. The bad shepherd - Jesus refers to him as the hired hand - leads the sheep in the wrong direction, neglects to feed them, or wrongly feeds them, lets his sheep stray and get lost or hurt, and in time of danger when the wolf strikes he will abandon them and run for his own safety. This hired shepherd works only for money, whereas the good shepherd works out of devotion for his sheep.

It is obvious that Jesus was not talking about sheep. He was talking about people and about Himself. He was telling His disciples that He would not run away from danger. He would stand His ground, even if it meant sacrificing His own life in order to save them. Why would a man do that, sacrifice Himself for His friends? Clearly enough the answer is not for money. No amount of money could convince a person to give his own life. He would have no use for it when he was dead and gone. The only possible answer is love.

Sooner or later, we all need the kind of help that money cannot buy, the help that only comes from a loving heart. I am sure you must have heard the story of the tourists who were visiting a little hospital in the third world. They saw a nun cleaning a deep wound on a man's leg. The wound was unpleasant to see or smell. The nun was gently and patiently dressing it. One of the tourists whispered to another, 'I wouldn't do that for a million pounds.' The whisper was louder than intended, and the nun overheard it. Without even looking up from her work, she said, 'Neither would I!'

Lord, your voice guides me. Ever since I was a little child, I have heard you call me by name, beckoning me closer to you, inviting me to share in your work of transforming the world. I have heard and I have followed, Lord, listening to no other voice along the way, determined not to miss even the most subtle of whispers. Your company has brought me joy, Lord, I have felt your presence at every step; I have trusted your shepherding. And yet you have not saved me from pain. Though I have followed faithfully, yet I have still stumbled and known distress. I have not escaped the thorns and brambles. You never promised me immunity from pain. Lord, but only the constancy of your love. Lord, call us closer to you through a world filled with lights contrary to your own. Christian is the name and the Gospel we profess. May your love make us what you have called us to be.

THIS IS MY BODY -
THIS IS MY BLOOD
DO THIS IN
MEMORY OF ME



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Our needs may not be as obvious as that man's, but we still have needs that money cannot supply. When our hearts are broken, we need someone to care. I can't think of anything worse than weeping all alone with a broken heart. It is then we need support and sympathy. We cannot buy that. Caring is a free gift that cannot be bought.

When the Good Shepherd laid down His life for His sheep, He was doing something that no one could expect Him to do, and certainly no one could hire Him to do. The finest work has seldom been done for money. For example, no mother expects payment for caring for her family. She does it spontaneously because she loves them. She knows each child thoroughly, and in return they have complete trust in her love. Every loving mother is like a good shepherd whose devotion to the sheep cannot be bought.

Who were the hired hands to whom Jesus referred? Obviously, they must have been the religious leaders of the day. They had all those qualities mentioned above. They were not leading people to God, they were not feeding them with spiritual food, they were not going after those who had strayed from the right path, those who had got lost and hurt, and they most certainly would not have endangered their lives for them.

What about us, the sheep? We have a lot in common with sheep. Like them, we follow the crowd, never thinking where we are being led. We wander away, following our own inclinations, trying to find new pastures and new delights. We go astray because of our own stupidity, our greed, our desire for pleasure. We can be led astray by others who make evil look attractive.

How do we cope with these dangers and temptations? The only way is to stay close to the Good Shepherd. Jesus tells us that His sheep listen to His voice and follow Him because they know that they can trust Him to keep them safe and lead them to rich pasture. There are many times when we stray from our Good Shepherd, and we feel frightened and alone. But we mustn't, for we have His assurance that He will never desert us. He will go in search of His lost sheep and bring them home.

I WILL BE MEETING THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN 2021 - [and others too!!!!]. This is mainly to say THANK YOU and TO REVIEW the work involved and the commitment given to these various ministries
Choirs - Eucharistic Ministers - Readers - Counters - 100 Club Collectors - Altar Servers - Children's Liturgy Leaders - Youth Group Leaders - Church Cleaners - Gift Aid/Parish Finance/Parish Computer Teams - Piety Stall Helpers - 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.

