

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 YEAR JANUARY 30TH/31ST 2021 YEAR B

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

MASSES	JAN / FEB	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	30	6-30PM	Mai Sheeran RIP / Eileen Gaunt RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	31	9-30AM	Patricia O'Donnell RIP / Frank Murray RIP	
		11-30AM	James Patrick Johnston RIP / Intentions Marcel de Mulder Intentions Martin Ingram / Intentions Pat + Marie Mullooley	
FEBRUARY				
MONDAY	01	9-00AM	Anna Clare Rip / Patricia O'Donnell RIP / Fr Bob RIP	
TUESDAY	02	9-00AM	Eileen Gavin RIP / Christopher Sexton RIP / Special Intention [R]	
FUNERAL SERVICE		10-30AM	Christopher Sexton RIP	CANLEY CREMATORIUM CHAPEL
WEDNESDAY	03	9-00AM	Alan Brookes RIP / Nicola Coyle RIP	ST BLAISE
THURSDAY	04	9-00AM	Mick O'Donovan RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
PADRO PIO PRAYER GROUP		7-00PM	Brendan + Karen Cunningham RIP / Jim Byrne RIP	
FRIDAY	05	9-00AM	Intentions Frances + Bill Cox / Destiny and Dominic	
SATURDAY	06	10-00AM	Gary O'Donnell RIP / Charles McFadden RIP	
		6-30PM	Mary Fogharty RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	07	9-30AM	Phil Hastings RIP / Intentions Clare + Philip Gilheaney	
		11-30AM	Intentions Jim, Monica and Nicky Cunningham / Oliver Muldoon RIP	

Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care *Fr Des* **30/01/2021 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

Patricia O'Donnell RIP

NEXT WEEK

Phyllis Scanlon RIP

Sacred Heart Shrine

THIS WEEK

James Scanlon RIP

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, TERESA COSTA, JAMES PATRICK JOHNSTON, INGRID McDUGALL, and CANON GILES GOWARD, 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.

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 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***

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

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.*

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change -
the courage to change the things I can - And the wisdom to know
the difference.*

THE SERENITY PRAYER

LOVE'S STRENGTH

*And he showed me something small, no bigger than a hazelnut,
lying in the palm of my hand. I looked at it and thought - what can
this be? I was given this general answer. It is everything which is
made. I was amazed that it could last because it looked so small and
fragile. And I was answered my understanding. It lasts and always
will because God loves it and everything has been made through the
love of God. In this little thing I saw three things God made it, God
loves it, and God cares for it.*

JULIAN OF NORWICH

**PS. ALL I HAVE SEEN TEACHES ME TO TRUST THE CREATOR FOR
ALL I HAVE NOT SEEN. Ralph Waldo Emerson**

TIME IS -

*too slow for those who wait - too swift for those who fear - too slow
for those who grieve - too short for those who rejoice - but for those
who love, time is eternity.*

HENRY VAN DYKE

**VALENTINE'S DAY - RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE PROMISES
MASS- 13/14 FEBRUARY 2021 6-30PM / 9-30AM AND 11-30AM**

*'Jesus called - just from alongside the road the first ones he found /
Simon and Andrew / James and John. He did not select them / he just
happened to meet them a random sample of all to come. He took
them away from the ways of the world that was doomed into the
new community to come / with the immediate promise to them that
they too would not stay alone: I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.
A net full of fish / a tree full of fruits / a field with Pearls ~ a
sheepfold full / with guests around the table / with bread really
shared /and wine going round / and GOD'S FAMILY BUILT / with
Peter as a guide / and Andrew questioning / with James for the
practical things / with John for his Vision / and with H I M / at the
Head of the life - giving table.*

(THE JESUS COMMUNITY)

Fr Joseph Donders

CHRIST CAME TO DISTURB THE COMFORTABLE MK. 1:21-28.

*Jesus was a very skilful public speaker. People were
profoundly affected both by the things He said and the way that He
said them. We see this in today's Gospel. Mark doesn't tell us a
single word that Jesus spoke. Instead he deals with the reaction of
His listeners. Most of the people were favourably impressed. 'He
spoke unlike the scribes and taught with authority.' But one man
was plainly offended. He shouted at Jesus, "What do you want with
us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Mark explains
his behaviour by saying he "was possessed by an unclean spirit." At
least we can give the man the credit for taking Jesus seriously. He
saw Jesus as a threat to his present way of living.*

*We tend to forget what a disturbing presence Jesus was.
Take a casual stroll through the pages of the New Testament, and
you will meet all sorts of people whose lives were disrupted by His
influence. Even before His birth, He drastically altered the plans of
Mary and Joseph. While a baby, He evoked the anger of a jealous
and brutal king. As a grown man, He made one brief trip to the
country of the Gerasenes, on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee,
where He cast out of one man a legion of devils into a herd of pigs
and the locals begged Him to leave their district. Zachaeus was
probably the wealthiest man in Jericho, until He opened the doors of
his home and his heart to Jesus. That brief visit cost him most of his
fortune. He ended by giving half to the poor and paying restitution
fourfold.*

*Nicodemus had reached the pinnacle of His career. He
was a teacher of Israel and a member of the Sanhedrin court. Then
he had a private meeting with Jesus. From that moment he was a
troubled man, his conscience pulling in one direction and His career
in another. He wanted to take an open stand for Jesus, but lacked
the courage to endure the scorn of his peers. Joseph of Arimathea
had a similar experience. He was a rich man, planning to live out
his days in ease and comfort. Then somehow, he fell under the spell
of Jesus. He was torn between his prestige and his convictions. John
tells us that, 'he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the
Jews.'*

*After the crucifixion Jesus went on disturbing people's
lives. Saul of Tarsus was a solid member of the establishment,
regarded for his scholarship and admired for his zeal. A promising
future stretched out in front of him. Then he met Jesus on the road
to Damascus and everything changed. He became a hated and a
hunted man. He might have died in bed with his head on a pillow,
if Christ had left him alone. But according to a tradition, he died in
Rome, with his head on a chopping block!*

*Over a thousand years later look what Jesus did to
Francis of Assisi. He was the son of a rich cloth merchant, heir to
great wealth. Then Christ challenged him and he stripped himself of
his fortune and lived the life of a poor man. That man in the
synagogue at Capernaum was right. He may have been possessed
but he was aware that involvement with Christ would mean radical
changes in his life. The rest of the crowd were, 'deeply impressed by
what Jesus said.' We can believe that, but we are not told whether
they did anything about it. As far as we know only one person was
changed in the synagogue that day. It was the man who was
possessed and felt threatened by Jesus.*

*What about us? Would we be like that man or the
crowd? One of the easiest and the most common things in the world
is to be favourably impressed with the teachings of Christ. We like
to applaud the things that He said, but to take them to heart and
apply them to life is quite another matter. The thought of changing
our lives can be frightening. Here we join the company of the man
who wanted Christ to leave Him alone.*

*This man was possessed. We are not at home with the
idea of demon possession. It is something that belongs to another
time and place. But perhaps, it is not as strange as at first it might
seem. We sometimes speak of having an unforgiving spirit, or a
selfish attitude, or a prejudiced mind. They certainly make us
'possessed,' in the sense that they dominate our lives. We would be
better off without them, but they are not easy to overcome. They
have virtually become a part of us. The experience of this man
differs from ours in at least one way. Without prior consent or
consultation, Jesus cast out the unclean spirit, and made the man
whole. Jesus doesn't work with us like that. He makes no corrections
in our lives, against our will. But if we allow Him, He will most
certainly get rid of those things that separate us from Him.*

*So to be threatened by Jesus is not a bad thing. It
simply means taking Him seriously. If we do, it will be the first step
on the road to a better way of living.*