



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 22nd MARCH 2020 Year A

Saturday	21 Mar	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP); Bridget Coyle (RIP); Peter Carrigan (RIP)
Sunday	22 Mar	10.30am	Lizzie & Johnny Vance (RIP); Veronica Bedding; Alice;
Monday	23 Mar	10.30am	Martin Kavanagh (RIP); Fr Bob (RIP); Conal Kavanagh (RIP)
Tuesday	24 Mar	10.30am	Joseph Kavanagh (RIP); Fr Bob (RIP); Kate Schnell; Martin
Wednesday	25 Mar	10.30am	Kate McCarron; Joseph Kavanagh (RIP); Jerry & Val Mahoney (RIP);
Thursday	26 Mar	10.30am	Eileen Connolly; Oliver Muldoon (RIP); Maureen Kinsey;
Friday	27 Mar	10.30am	Kavanagh (RIP); Holy Souls; Maureen Billingham (RIP)
Saturday	28 Mar	10.30am	Marie Stanford (RIP); Patrick Lynch (RIP); Joseph Kavanagh (RIP)
Sunday	29 Mar	10.30am	Kay Igoe (RIP); Dannie O'Donnell (RIP); Kate Schnell; Fr Bob (RIP)
All these masses are private with no congregation			
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): No Confessions until further notice			
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart:		Our Lady:	
Divine Mercy:	Special Intention (PE)	St Joseph:	Special Intention (BK)
St Anthony:	Special Intention (LF)		

Next week's counting team: G

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Annie Neville
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the 40-day preparation period before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It lasts 40 days because Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before he began his public preaching. During this period, we should fast, pray and share with the needy to prepare ourselves more fully and to celebrate more readily Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

ASSISTANCE

If any of our parishioners are in need of help with shopping, please let us know by calling the parish phone number: **07706400871**. We have a few volunteers who are more than happy to assist you.

MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

If you would like to submit any Mass Intentions and devotional candles, please do so by calling the parish phone number.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.
Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.
Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word.
Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.
Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.
Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.
We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

We have received a letter from our Bishops explaining that, while there are no public services in our churches and people should not gather together, our churches remain open for private prayer. In visiting our churches at this time, we observe all the care and practices of hygiene and social distancing. If you are in the vulnerable group because of health or age, we ask you to pray at home.

Parish priests will continue to say Mass daily but alone. We are invited to join ourselves with their Mass and offer a Spiritual Communion. (See below for an explanation of this). This is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will keep Sunday, and other days, holy.

Our Bishops also speak of how we need to care for each other during this time, especially being attentive to the needs of our neighbours, the elderly and vulnerable.

Fr George will say Mass every day at St Patrick's and if you have a Mass intention that you would like him to include in his Mass please **phone the parish number. Our church will be open each day, from Sunday 22nd March onwards, from 9.30 to 10.30** for private prayer and in case you want to drop off any food for the homeless.

How to make a Spiritual communion was defined by St Thomas Aquinas as "*an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him*". In the present context it means not receiving the Blessed Sacrament physically.

The following prayer might be useful in making a spiritual communion:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

This prayer could be said daily at any time, of course, but particularly around the time a person would normally receive communion at Mass (approximately 5.30pm on a Saturday or 11.15am on a Sunday) at a weekend. It is also recommended that we follow Mass on-line and make our spiritual communion during the Mass.

You can find the times of live streaming of Masses on <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to receive the full texts of the emails being sent out by our parish on a regular basis, please send your name and email address to the parish secretary at: secretary.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk

Pope Francis says: "In the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the church. United to Christ we are never alone, we form one body, of which he is the head."