



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 29th MARCH 2020 Year A

Saturday	28 Mar	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP); Bridget Coyle (RIP); Peter Carrigan (RIP)
Sunday	29 Mar	10.30am	Lizzie & Johnny Vance (RIP); Veronica Bedding; Alice
Monday	30 Mar	10.30am	Patrick Kavanagh (RIP)
Tuesday	31 Mar	10.30am	Ton Sheridan (RIP)
Wednesday	01 Apr	10.30am	
Thursday	02 Apr	10.30am	
Friday	03 Apr	10.30am	
Saturday	04 Apr	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	05 Apr	10.30am	
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): No Confessions until further notice			
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart:		Our Lady:	
Divine Mercy:		St Joseph: Special Intention (BK)	
St Anthony:			

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.

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.

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.

If anybody is sick at present and would like their name included, please phone the parish number.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)
Second Reading (Romans 8:28-11)
Gospel (John 11:1-45)

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

These are strange times, as we all are aware. The gospel for this week offers us a sense of hope amid this disruption. Martha and Mary are grieving for their brother and their reaction is something we share. As we search for stability we are grieving for the loss of living normally. When Jesus arrives he comes to the sisters in the middle of their confusion. Martha greets Jesus immediately saying, If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, Whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. She recognises her grief, but makes it a clear statement of hope and trust in his life giving presence.

Jesus calls the sisters to himself drawing them into the mystery of the resurrection and returns Lazarus to them. We, in our time, are called to that sharing now. To trust as a family in that same hope, and to gather in a spiritual communion with all our brothers and sisters, even if we are unable to gather in our church to celebrate that presence in the Eucharist. We are the building blocks of the church and our faith and certainty in Christ's presence is the mortar that holds our church as one living building. As our Lenten prayers continue let us keep a keen eye on the resurrection we celebrate at Easter, and like Martha, Mary and Lazarus continue to make this a hopeful and faithful journey.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS SUNDAY

A reminder that British summer time officially starts at 1am on Sunday 29 March, when the clocks go forward an hour to 2am.

Dear Parishioners,

You will all have heard the latest controls that the government put in place last night asking that none of us go out except for essential food shopping, medical needs, one period of exercise each day and to travel to work if it is necessary.

These new restrictions mean that we can no longer open our churches for private prayer. While this is difficult for us, it is essential. We all want to survive this and need to do whatever it takes.

I will be saying Mass each morning and am happy to include your intentions. Please phone the parish on **02476 612193**, text your intention to the parish mobile on **07706 400871** or email the parish on stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk. I will ensure you are remembered in my Masses.

You can also still light devotional candles by contacting the parish in the same way.

Mass continues to be live streamed from several churches and you can connect to one of these through the Birmingham Diocesan website under the section on Covid-19.

Let us continue to hold each other in prayer as we live in our isolated spaces.

Fr George

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

In this time of isolation from the parish, would anybody be interested in starting a Parish WhatsApp group where we can exchange messages and have a group chat about things? If you would be interested please send your WhatsApp number to me, Jessica to secretary.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk and let's get talking!

Pope Francis says: "We want to respond to the pandemic of the virus with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness. Let's remain united"."