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During these difficult and uncertain times, the weekly newsletter will continue to be published. It can be found on the new parish website <https://sjfcov.org> and the Coventry Deanery website.

For live streaming of daily Mass in other local parishes who have the facility: eg Christ the King, St Thomas More, see the Deanery website for the links (<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>)

Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions. On Holy Saturday morning, when mass is not celebrated, he will be praying the Stations of the Cross and other traditional devotions for the parish. Details of where you can see these services live-streamed locally and at St Chad's Cathedral are to be found at the new parish website <https://sjfcov.org>

## Today We Celebrate The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord - Cycle A

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Fr Bob: Buckley & O'Donnell families
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Monday</b>	Sheila Sedgley
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	Rachel Girling
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	Dennis Doherty
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Thursday</b>	Nick Forster
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Friday</b>	Kathleen Hale
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	Spec Int – Rose Trill
	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Douglas & Vilma Duffield:	John Meehan

### Message from Fr Peter

Directly in front of me I can see my Christmas crib. It is on my shelf, all year round, to keep me thinking about Jesus's birth. Without reflecting, often, about this fact of faith, we cannot fully appreciate the significance of Easter.

Jesus came to share in our various human experiences of 'ups and downs', joys and sorrows. This is important for us to remember especially during this time of great troubles and worries. A crucifix, given to me by a close friend, travels with me wherever I go. It constantly communicates the comforting message of Holy Week: that Jesus who suffers with us, and gave His life for us, has risen. His resurrection means that He 'walks with us' now – and He always will.

### Supporting Each Other By Phone

All of us benefit from friends and loved ones calling us more regularly right now. The same is true of keeping the parish together and developing our already strong sense of community. Thank you for continuing to ring parishioners that you know, especially those who are elderly or housebound, with no access to other means of communication, like the Internet, for the latest information about the parish. You can contact me on the Presbytery number: Tel (02476 443 459). I also have a dedicated parish mobile: Tel (0790 8817 344). Please pass this number on.

### The Parish Website: [sjfcov.org](https://sjfcov.org)

Thank you for your very positive comments about the website. Each week, new posts are added. For example, for I have written a meditation about the Blessed Sacrament called Adoration at Home. You will find it on the Help To Pray section. As well as the Glorious Mysteries for The Cup of Tea Rosary during the Easter Season of 50 days to Pentecost. There are always more Words of Encouragement as well as useful links as the site is updated regularly. Finally, there is a heading with some of my thoughts called Fr Peter Reflects.

### Our Appreciation for Key Workers

We have many parishioners who work at all levels of the NHS and other emergency services. Together with those who maintain the distribution networks and food outlets we all need. Their courage and dedication inspires us and we promise them our ongoing Prayers and support. I'm also grateful to the staff of Saint John Fisher and Saint Gregory's Schools whose commitment to young people's education is so crucial at this time.

Fr Peter

### YEAR OF THE WORD: The God Who Speaks

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to focus on the Gospel of Matthew. For help to do this, [www.cbew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/celebrating/how-to-do-lectio-divina-holy-reading](http://www.cbew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/celebrating/how-to-do-lectio-divina-holy-reading)

*Fill the present moment to the brim with love by doing ordinary actions in an extraordinary way.*

Pope Francis (Gaudete et Exsultate)

*We need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them.* Pope Francis

## Words of Encouragement from the Saints

### St John Fisher

If we will be purified before God we must have three things, to wit, true faith, good actions and right intent. For a candle that is in a house without its light is understood as faith without good works .... Now I call the wick that is within the wax right intent. For Saint Gregory says 'if you do a work in public hold its intention in secret'.

*Candles will continue to be lit in church for your intentions.  
Candles are available in April - £3.50.  
Please put envelope containing intentions and donation through presbytery door*

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

**Oliver Muldoon  
Zygmunt Wicik  
Kathleen Seenan**

*May their souls, and the souls of all  
the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

#### Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

**This week:** Tina & family

**Next week:**

#### Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

**This Week:** Fr Bob

**Next week:**

#### Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

**This week:** John Buckley

**Next Week:**

#### Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

**This week:** John Meikle

**Next Week:**

### Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:

Please contact the church to add a name to the Sick List

Anne Gillies; Hugh McAteer; Margaret Buckley; Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Garry Hole, Eric Holt,

And pray for the priests of the Archdiocese especially Fr Michael Stack, Mgr Tony Wilcox and Fr Anthony Conlon

**NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY: FIRST TUESDAY:** This has been ongoing in the parish since 1983. Prayers are said on 9 consecutive Tuesdays leading up to the Feast of St Anthony on 13<sup>th</sup> June, beginning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. This year, we urge you to join in from your home.

*O glorious St Anthony, safe refuge of all the afflicted and distressed, who miraculously revealed that all who piously invoke you on nine consecutive Tuesdays, will experience your powerful help, I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to you, and with a firm hope implore your aid, your counsel and your blessing. Obtain help for me dear Saint, in my present necessity (mention it), but if it be opposed to the will of God and the welfare of myself, obtain for me such other graces as shall be helpful to my salvation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

#### Say each Tuesday:

*O gentle and loving St Anthony, in whose arms the infant Jesus ever loved to linger, grant your powerful aid, and at your word my prayer will be granted.*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday:

*Blessed St Anthony, I greet you in the name of the Queen of Angels. I pray that with her you may approach Almighty Gpd with my request that it be granted. Our Father.... Hail Mary.....Glory Be to The Father.....*

### Celebration of the other Sacraments during this time

The Bishop's Conference Guidelines (for more details see <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>) have stated:

- **Baptisms** can only take place when there is serious necessity (danger of death).
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** Given Government guidelines, it is not possible to offer Confessions at this time. The Bishops remind the faithful that they are only obliged to receive Communion once a year. They recommend that the following Act of Contrition be regularly said:  
*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God have mercy.*
- **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** These celebrations are postponed.
- **Weddings** should be deferred.
- **Funerals** The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.
- **Anointing of the Sick** will continue under special guidelines.

*No Pastoral Visits can be made to people who are self-isolating but phone support can be offered.*

*Visits to people in Care Homes and Hospitals will follow advice from the staff*

### USEFUL WEBSITES

Catholic Bishops' Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Archdiocese of Birmingham [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

St Chad's Cathedral is now live streaming services from Sunday [www.stchadscathederal.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathederal.org.uk)

Papal Masses [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

### MAGNIFICAT ONLINE

As there are no public Masses for an indefinite period Magnificat online is allowing free access to enable you to follow the Mass, daily prayers, readings etc at home. Log in at [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free)

Contact Margaret (02074483607) or Paul (02074483618) for more information or to order hard copies

**For a helpful leaflet of prayers and bible readings 'Inspiration in Times of Isolation' and a reflection series 'Encouragement from St John Henry Newman' (written by Fr Peter) see Alive Publishing**