



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady of Lourdes



14, Westhill Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV6 2AA

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parishioners

This weekend we commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. We thank God for all the sacrifices made by so many to secure peace in Europe. We have flown the Union Flag outside the Church over the weekend as a mark of respect. Thanks to the youth leaders for organising the delivery of cream teas around the area on Friday to celebrate VE Day. Thank you for your continued support of our daily Mass and Rosary. We will continue as usual with 9.30am Mass and 7.00pm Rosary. We will try to honour the requested Mass intentions, but as usual we will give priority to funeral masses if they occur on a particular day. We all know it is a difficult time for family mourners only to be allowed five people at the graveside or the crematorium, so having this Mass allows the wider family to pay their respects. When we return to normal, we will have the option to have memorial masses for the deceased. There is also the new section on the website and newsletter entitled "Rest in Peace". This will allow you to look at a photo of the deceased whose funerals will be celebrated over the next week or so. It will be an alternative to the photographs on the funeral board at the back of the Church. These details will also be attached to the weekly newsletter along with perhaps a few words about the deceased.

We continue to get great numbers watching the services we are providing over the webcam. We will continue to use the Spiritual Communion every day and the Spiritual Confession on Saturday mornings. The hymns for Sunday morning mass will be "Alleluia sing to Jesus" and "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven". You may have an old hymn book with these in or you may wish to download from the internet. You can then join in the singing and judge if your singing is better than ours.

Our thanks to all who are supporting the various charitable works within the parish. Lots of people are volunteering to help with the delivery of food, medicine and helping with shopping. The meal service from the parish centre is also very helpful to many and people are generously supporting the Foodbank and food for the homeless through the parish WhatsApp Group.

When churches are open again, we will have the Sacraments available as usual and will be able to honour all the Baptisms and Weddings that have had to be postponed. Likewise, we will make arrangements for First Communions and Confirmations to ensure that the children receive their Sacraments, although the dates may have to be changed.

The leaders from the Youth Group are trying to keep in touch with the young people of the Parish by running a Virtual Youth Group. You will find all of the details on the Parish Website and there is also a closed Facebook Page that young people can ask to join.

### Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest

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For information please email: [ctkyouthonline@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). One of our younger parishioners has sung a lovely version of the "Prayer". You can look it up on YouTube by typing in "Alice McKenna – The Prayer". Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers, please try to ring the people that they normally visit on a regular basis. If you need the persons number, please email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk).

A number of people have asked about the Offertory collections. If you wish to make a payment to the parish to help us through this time, you could email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk) for our bank details. Or you could just keep your weekly offerings to one side and hand them in when the churches can be opened again. Or you could post us a cheque made payable to "Christ the King Parish". Please don't worry about Gift Aid envelopes as we can make up the weeks when we are open again. Thanks for your generous support.

Our thanks to some very generous anonymous donors who have given substantial amounts to help the parish activities. Please remember to look out for vulnerable neighbours and see if you can help them. Try to keep to a good routine and try to include some time for prayer and exercise. You can use the admin email to keep in contact, but you can phone us at the Presbytery if anyone needs us in an emergency. If you wish to volunteer to help the housebound and those in isolation, there are a number of ways you can do this. Please see at the bottom of the page.

Please continue to pray for those working for the National Health, helping with the supply chain of goods needed by us all and those staff looking after children of essential workers in our schools.

The Casements Gaelic Club are organising collections for the Foodbank on the car park on Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 5.00pm. All donations welcome as the Foodbank was broken into and had lots of food stolen.

We are hoping to begin work on the lift in the Parish Centre now that the club is empty. Also, we hope to have sorted out some of the recording problems with the website and we will be recording Sunday Mass in case people want to watch it later or for people abroad who are on a different timescale.

We have three more funerals this week and I will be attending Bishop Leo's funeral in Northampton. This will be webcammed at 12.30pm from Northampton Cathedral. There is also a 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Chad's on Monday said by the Archbishop and again available on webcam. For one more week we have left on the Pastoral Letter and the letter from the Archbishops.

You may have heard me announce that Fr Michael is much improved. He has spoken to me a couple of times this week and has been moved from Critical Care. Please continue to pray for him and all those affected by the Coronavirus.

God Bless

Fr Tom

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	9.30am	Anthony Tierney. Anniv. James Austin's Intentions.
Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	9.30am	Maureen Orton. Birthday Memorial. Bridie Moroney. Anniv. Special Intention.
Monday	9.30am	Marie Htherton. Anniv. Bill Hetherton. Anniv. Kevin Hughes and May Norton. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.30am	James O'Flanagan. Anniv. Pa Gibbons. Anniv.
Wednesday	9.30am	Karen Pollard. RIP.
Thursday Feast of St Matthias	9.30am 11.00am	Stella Griffiths. RIP. Dermot McKirdy. RIP.
Friday	9.30am	Patrick Higgins. RIP.
Saturday	9.30am	Peter and Mary McDaniel. Anniv. Ann Boyle. Birthday Memorial. Michael McDermott. Anniv. Brendan and Brea O'Connor. Anniv.
Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	9.30am	Hugh Fitzmaurice. Anniv. Betty Tierney. Anniv. Thomas Gwynn. Anniv. Mary Farrell. Anniv. Helen and Tony Blanche – 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedd. Anniv.
St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

**This week we pray for those recently deceased**  
Karen Pollard, Stella Griffiths, Patrick Higgins,  
Dermot McKirdy, Margaret Sweeney, Bishop Leo McCartie,  
May they rest in peace

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**FOODBANK URGENT APPEAL** Unfortunately the Foleshill Foodbank had a break in during week. All food, their safe and phones were stolen. Kindly the Roger Casements GAA Club have arranged a donation drop off which will be operating from Christ the King car park on Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 5pm. Items needed: sanitary products, bleach, washing up liquid, tins of meat, fish, coffee, sugar, cereal, pasta, rice and any other non-perishable foods.

**ONLINE RETREAT “COME ALL YOU WHO THIRST”** on 29/30/31st May. Amazing prayer, worship and services lined up for you and some very exciting speakers and musicians booked. You are welcome to contact Justine Gaffney on 07551096269 if you have any questions, need help with using Zoom etc. Eventbrite link for registration <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE – “CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER” ONLINE** If you missed this service or wish to view it again, it is still available on YouTube using this link: [City Praise and Prayer YouTube Channel](#).

**VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP** The leaders from the Youth Group are trying to keep in touch with the young people of the Parish by running a Virtual Youth Group. You will find all of the details on the Parish Website and there is also a closed Facebook Page that young people can ask to join. We will upload a different session each week with games, challenges, fun and most importantly our usual weekly youth prayer and reflection. For more information email [ctkyouthonline@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). Consent form for parents: <https://forms.gle/QTmzart2YGuHThu68>.

Youth Group Session One - Link to video / video <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-IJHclXy0RYpGx4AkNSxg>.

**FOOD BANK** Food is still urgently needed. Items for the Foodbank may be donated at Morrisons on the Holyhead, Tesco at the Ricoh and Sainsburys, Canley. Items may also be taken to the central Food Bank Distribution Centre at Progress Way, CV3 2NT. Donations of money made be made through Coventry Food Bank website which has a Donate button in the top right corner of its opening page.

**VOLUNTEERING** During this difficult period when people are more vulnerable and isolated, there are various projects going on in Coventry. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours per week and can help shopping for food, delivering food, helping at Foodbanks please email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk).

### *Saint Corona, Pray for us!*

It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona!

There's a lot online if you look her up.

It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 15 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd).

Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14<sup>th</sup> May

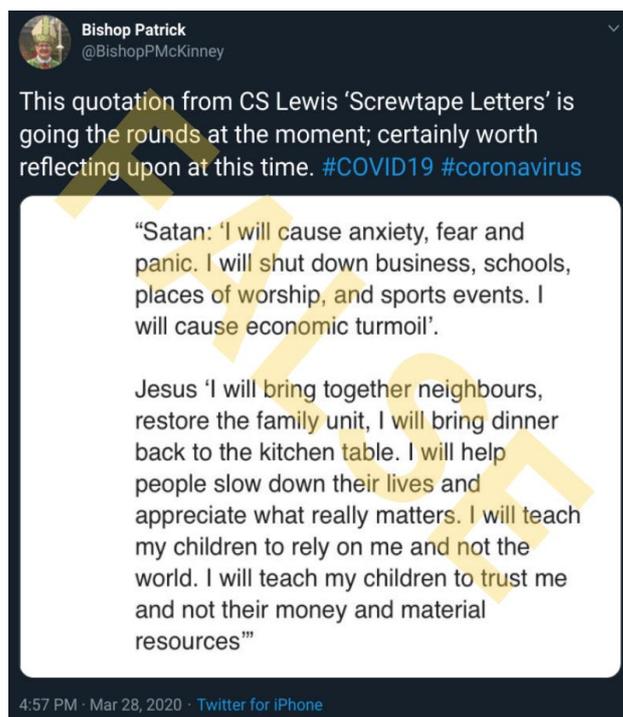


This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara (died 1888), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*And people stayed home, and read books and listened,  
And rested and exercised, and made art, and played,  
And learned new ways of being,  
and were still, and listened more deeply.  
Someone meditated, someone prayed, someone danced,  
someone met their own shadow,  
And people started thinking differently...  
And people healed...  
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,  
dangerous, mindless, and heartless,  
The EARTH began to heal...  
And when the danger ended, and people found themselves,  
They grieved for the dead, and they made new choices,  
And dreamed of new visions, and created new ways to live  
and heal the Earth fully.... Just as they had been healed.*

The famous Author C S Lewis 1898 – 1963 famous for the chronicles of “Narnia” and the “Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe”, also wrote the screwtape letters which speaks of Satan teaching an apprentice the skills of evil and temptation.

There has been an updated quote written this year in the style of the dialogue between Satan and Jesus.



The original book is well worth a read!

## **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion**

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer:

*“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 into 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.”*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### **Dispensation from Easter Duties**

In their letter of Dispensation 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales said “in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.”

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916). Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition

***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 should 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.***

# PASTORAL LETTER



**PASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE  
MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY  
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2/3 MAY 2020**

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, dear friends,

We are living through the strangest and most unsettling of times together. None of us has ever experienced a Holy Week and Easter quite like this year's as the coronavirus took hold across our communities. I know that many of you have been anxious about your family members and friends who have been ill and our prayers are with those who have suffered bereavements in recent days. We pray that all those who have died will see the light on the face of the risen Christ.

Over recent weeks we have had to modify our way of life and our way of faith for the wellbeing and safety of one another and this has inevitably changed the way that we practise our faith day by day. I realise what a burden it is not to be able to visit your parish church or to receive the sacraments, but this sacrifice is contributing to the good of others.

As we continue our journey through the Easter season today's Gospel offers us consolation and encouragement just when it is most needed. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – the moment in Eastertide when we hear the risen Christ calling us as our shepherd: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* This year more than ever we need to hear the voice of the shepherd calling us forward – to be carried on his shoulders so that as his flock we may gain fresh strength and purpose.

Our Lord calls us to be watchful and attentive as the sheep of his flock, to recognise and love the sound of his voice. When the Lord calls us it is more than a beckoning – it is a vocation, a calling to be his disciples and to do his bidding. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for an increase of vocations within the Church – vocations to married life, to Religious and consecrated life, to the ordained ministries.

I would ask you to pray especially today for those in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and for the Priesthood. It will be a great blessing this year to ordain three of those who are currently in formation as Permanent Deacons and I know how much they will bring to the parish and chaplaincy communities they are looking forward to serving.

This summer we shall welcome our three newly-ordained priests at the conclusion of their studies and formation in Rome. I am also looking forward to ordaining four of our eleven current seminarians as priests. During the coronavirus pandemic all our seminarians have been stationed in parishes across the Archdiocese. I thank the clergy and the parishioners who have kindly made them so welcome during this unexpected pastoral placement. I also thank all the seminary staff who have continued to support them in their formation.

Priests and deacons witness and work in close collaboration with all the lay faithful, recognising and grateful for the wide range of charisms they have received from the Holy Spirit. The Church's life is enriched by the different vocations that come from the Good Shepherd. We have all been touched over recent weeks by the

dedicated work of doctors, nurses and care-workers and I am grateful for the healthcare chaplains and volunteers who support them.

I am also grateful to those whose vocation finds its fulfilment in education. Thanks to our teachers and governing bodies, very many of our Catholic Schools have remained open, providing a vital local service for children and their families through their outreach work and care. Children and staff have been making food parcels and seeing them delivered to families and foodbanks. Some schools have been making PPE equipment for local hospitals and NHS workers or delivering hand-painted cards to lonely parishioners.

There are others whose vocation from the Good Shepherd lies in social outreach, making the Church's social teaching alive and active in our local communities. Father Hudson's Care supports the work of several agencies across the Archdiocese, making a real difference to those in need during the current pandemic.

In Birmingham Tabor House usually provides emergency night-shelter for those who have been sleeping rough on the streets of the city. It is currently helping the City Council to staff a crisis centre in a central hotel providing accommodation for over fifty people. In Smethwick the Brushstrokes centre has remained open, thanks to staff and volunteers. Last week it provided food for over two hundred destitute people, either delivered to their homes or safely collected from the centre. You will know of other good examples in your own neighbourhood.

In these difficult days I recognise the wonderful and courageous witness of those who work in our Care Homes and I ask your prayers for the six Catholic Care Homes in the Archdiocese. They have come face to face with the coronavirus and they have offered the consoling touch of the Good Shepherd to those who are sick and recovering, as well as those on their final journey to the Lord.

Many of us would have been preparing during the month of May for our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The experience of Lourdes has sparked or fostered many a vocation. This year I shall celebrate a special Lourdes Mass to be live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 24 May, the Seventh Sunday of Easter when our pilgrimage was due to begin.

In all of these different settings the ministry of deacons and priests is greatly valued as they represent the Good Shepherd himself. On this special day of prayer for vocations, please pray for those in formation for ordained ministries at our seminaries and currently in our parishes. Pray also for those hearing or reading this who are aware of the calling of the Good Shepherd, that they may have courage and find in Christ the confidence they need to offer their whole lives to him.

Dear friends, we also pray for one another as we continue the journey in company with the risen Christ and always encouraged by his promise to us: *I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

Yours devotedly in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Bernard Longley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

✠Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 1 May 2020 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on 2/3 May 2020

# ***A People who Hope in Christ***

## **A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England and Wales**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: *'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.'* (27 March 2020)

The impact of Covid-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of Covid-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.

When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.

None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully though 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice

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of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and wellbeing.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.

As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.

None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.

We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.

On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.

We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ,

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

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# Rest In Peace

## **EDWARD MCCOOEY**

Funeral on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Mass 9.30 am CTK webcam. Burial 11 am Canley.



## **KAREN POLLARD**

Funeral Mass CTK webcam 9.30am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
Committal 11am Canley Cannon Hill Chapel.



## **PATRICK HIGGINS**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am at CTK Mass and 1pm Canley Crematorium



Patrick Joseph – known as PJ to everyone. Passed away suddenly at home.  
PJ was born in ballaghaderreen in county mayo Ireland in 1948. He was the 2nd son to Thady and Julia and brother to Junior & the late Aiden.

He moved to England in 1966 with his brothers where he began his working life as a chippy where he made many many friends and enjoyed the craic with them.  
After meeting his late wife Isobel whilst she was on holiday they married in the Gorbals in Glasgow in 1972 and then settled in Coventry where they then went on to have their three children, Paul, Julia and Theresa.

Children's partners are Paul – Vanessa, Julia – John, Theresa – Ian,  
Grandchildren: James, Jack, Josh, Charlie. Living brother junior and wife Margaret and their children Chris, John and the late Joe. PJ Extended family in Glasgow, Coventry and Ireland.

## **STELLA GRIFFITHS (formerly Mulchinock)**

**Died 26th April 2020.**

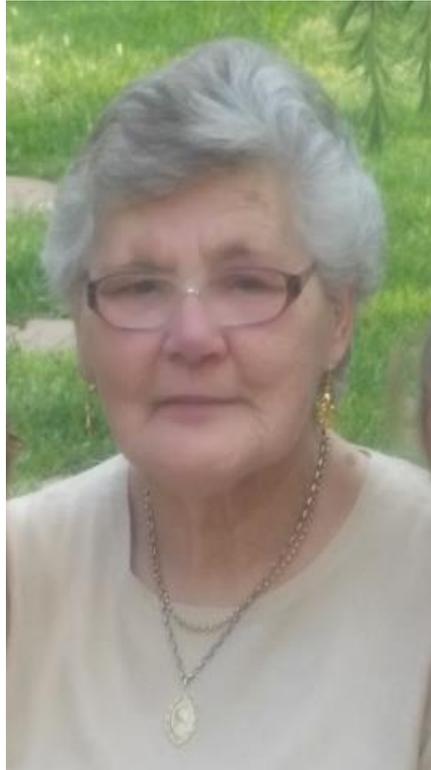
Funeral mass online 9.30 Christ the King. Followed at 3.30 by a private cremation.  
Donation in memory of Stella to Little Sisters of the Poor-donate (Birmingham home).



**ANNE MURPHY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 1929 – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

Funeral Mass Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 9.30 am at Christ the King Church.



Firstly, to acknowledge all of the people who would have *ordinarily* attended in person, Anne's funeral. Those relatives and friends who are also able to watch her funeral mass in Ireland, USA, Tasmania and Spain will no doubt have her in their prayers & sentiments. Annie Rose Finnerty was born in Moygownagh, County Mayo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1929. She was the sixth of eight children born to Anthony and Ellen Finnerty. Her beloved siblings were Mae, Teresa, Lily, John, Tony, Patrick and Martin.

Anne was christened in St. Cormack's Church & attended Carn National School in the parish of Moygownagh. She sustained a close, loving and nurturing family life with her parents & siblings in their family home and an everlasting loving bond was forged that remained between them all always.

Anne worked on the home farm until she finally left Ireland to find work in London, England in the 1950's. Anne was already courting her future husband Jim and they married on St. Patrick's Day – 17<sup>th</sup> March 1958.

Jim and Anne settled in London and had the first three of their children, before returning to Ireland to be closer to family members and to set up business. They had their fourth child in Dublin before deciding to once again move to England for better work prospects.

Finally finding their family home in Coundon Coventry, they once again settled and had their fifth child. Jim and Anne continued to raise their family of five children: Kevin, Bridget, John, Gerard and Maria. They remained happily married before Jim sadly passed away in March 2000.

Their choice to finally settle in Coventry was *well considered* as they would be surrounded by close friends – whom they treasured dearly and were invaluable to them – many sharing backgrounds from Moygownagh, neighbouring areas of Mayo as well as other parts of Ireland.

Anne has bid her farewell to a great deal of friends and loved ones and suffered an individual loss each time – a true testament to the friendships & relationships she enjoyed with each one of them during life.

As well as being a much loved & respected mother in law to Tracy and Steve for over 35 years, Anne was a devoted Nana to seven grandchildren: Stephanie, Maria, Fiona, Sam, Charlotte, Milly and Louie. She was also Great Nana to six great grandchildren: Isabella, Carter, Shay, Alexander, Ellie & Spencer.

Anne was a devoted Catholic and whose faith remained strong throughout her entire life. She was able to say & hear her prayers right to the end and she was privileged to receive all of the sacraments as she was given her last rites in her own home shortly before she died.

Anne's life was all about what she could do for others. Her legacy is one that will have touched so many people over the years and each individual will have their own memories of what that means to them. She demonstrated unconditional love, care and concern for others and was selfless throughout. Last January Anne enjoyed a unique experience devoted just to her, when over 30 nieces and nephews from Ireland reunited with her and the family in Coventry for a celebratory weekend. Their '*Aunt Anne*' was in the best of spirits and she thoroughly enjoyed everyone's company and the *Craic*. A great memory to cherish and a time which we all treasure very dearly.

Anne placed immense importance on being prepared for her death and if possible, to have a peaceful and loving one... Anne got her wishes and for that we are all truly grateful.

*May she rest in peace*