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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.

Today We Celebrate The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Cycle A

Sat 23 rd May	Nick Forster	
Sun 24 th May	Father Bob	
Mon 25 th May	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest	William Evans
Tues 26 th May	Memorial of St Philip Neri Priest	Bernard Furlong
Wed 27 th May	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Josephine Goddard
Thurs 28 th May	Kitty Fallon	
Fri 29 th May	Dec'd members of Filipino families	
Sat 30 th May	Ints of Conmy Family	
	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	
Sun 31 st May	Shaun Billane: Teresa Mulligan	

Message from Fr Peter

Putting on my PPE, while visiting a care home to anoint one of its residents, I reflected on the heroic vocation that the key workers there have. I was struck by how friendly they were - greeting me with their smiles - amidst such challenging circumstances. A few days later, the memory of this experience made me think about the opportunities we often pass by to pause and reflect. For those of us able to go out and, as the young people say, 'retail', let's recall the process of queuing, two metres apart, when shopping. Do we ever use this time to pray for our nurses, doctors and carers? Often, we are preoccupied in wishing the waiting would end. The silence of 'two trolley' distancing offers us the space to, consciously, unite ourselves with the worries, hopes and dreams of others - for a few precious moments, not least, in the process, being mindful of those in front and behind us, their families and the supermarket staff we are about to meet.

As well as continuing to support parishioners in various ways, part of my pastoral work this week has been to complete an article on Saint John Fisher for the website. It is designed to complement the one I wrote about Saint Gregory. I'm continuing to discover connections between these two patrons of our parish schools. For instance, I've noticed that Saint John Fisher modelled his ministry on Saint Gregory's guidance to Bishops - referring to his teaching in his sermons and books.

I've also been asked to write a guide for teachers based on the recently published Bishops' Conference of England and Wales document Formation in the Virtues. This text is based on quotations from Saint John Henry Newman.

Keeping in Touch

We all benefit from phone calls from family, friends and parishioners during these difficult times. You can contact me on the Presbytery number Tel: 02476 443 459 as well as the parish mobile Tel: 0790 8817 344. Please remember especially those parishioners without access to the internet or newsletters.

Mass on the Phone

You are able to listen to a mass broadcast live from St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough - for those without internet access Via WiFi or mobile phone. It is a service run by the Knights of St Columba. To access Mass Tel 01642 130120 (St Mary's Cathedral). Calls are at a local rate and free if in your included minutes.

Fr Peter's First Video Thoughts

I'm continuing my IT learning curve and have put a short message on the parish website. I hope it becomes a regular feature. You'll also notice my hair is longer- that's vanity for you!

With my blessings to you and your families.

May St John Fisher and St Gregory Pray for us.

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

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, Eric Holt, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik,

And pray for the priests of the Archdiocese, especially

Fr Michael Stack, Mgr Tony Wilcox and Fr Andrew McCann

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

**William Coyle
David Duggan
Dennis Cremins**

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

Candles will continue to be lit in church for your intentions, if requested. Candles are available in May - £3.50.

Please put envelope containing intentions and donation through presbytery door – thank you.

Sacred Heart: This week – **Shaun Billane**
Next week - **Shaun Billane**

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY: SEVENTH 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 13th June. 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.

7th Tuesday:

Blessed St Anthony, I greet you in the name of all the virgins and Holy Innocents. Like them, you led a life of purity and overcame all temptations. I ask you to speak for me to God so that my prayer may be heard.

Our Father..... Hail Mary.....Glory Be To The Father.....

May Devotions

The website now has a complete set of rosary devotions which I have written. I have added the Luminous Mysteries. Traditionally, the Joyful Mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday. The Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday. The Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday. If you go to the homepage of the website and click on Help to Pray you find the meditations I refer to as The Cup of Tea Rosary.

Come All You Who Thirst

This is an online ecumenical retreat run by the Sion youth community based in Coventry via zoom. It is taking place between 29th and 31st May. It is free and further details about how to book are on the Archdiocesan website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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

St Chad's Cathedral is now live streaming services from Sunday www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Papal Masses 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

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