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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 Solemnity of Pentecost - Cycle A

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Ints of Conmy Family
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Shaun Billane: Teresa Mulligan
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</b> Patricia O'Donnell
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Marina Hayden-Philips
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</b> Seamus Finnerty
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b> Sheila Sedgley
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</b> Mary McSharry
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Brian Jordan
	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Helen Hewkin

### Message from Fr Peter

Following the Archdiocesan 'virtual pilgrimage' to Lourdes has brought back happy memories of me celebrating mass with priests and people from around the world, on Pentecost Sunday. During this time of pandemic, we have come to recognise how important the ability to communicate is. Not least the gift of speech, or the ability to sign and lip read. In an era of Zoom, Twitter, Snap-chat, WhatsApp and Facebook, we can easily forget the preciousness of words - in the noise of constant time-passing chatter. The gift of the Spirit was given to the apostles so that they could speak in ways which went beyond any culture-bound languages. Access to this ability was given to us through our baptism and confirmation. This deeper level of relating to God and others allows us to learn the importance of listening to what isn't said - as carefully as to what is. We can move beyond the temptation to babble on endlessly. As St Francis tells us "preach the Gospel always and if you must, even use words". Those parishioners working in the NHS and Care Services strive to be examples of the Spirit of Pentecost- and so must we.

As well as supporting the heads of our parish schools and those of St Patrick's, helping parishioners in both parishes in various ways, other aspects of my ministry last week included continuing to work for the RE Department of the Archdiocese and finally, as promised, completing my new article for the website called: St John Fisher and God's Mercy. I have really enjoyed the research for it - as I did discovering St Gregory. One of the keys to understanding St John Fisher is his devotion to St John of Beverly, his home-town's patron.  
I intend to read more about him in the coming days.

### Fr Peter's Second Video Thoughts 'Keeping in Touch'

This is available for you to listen to on the website. People appreciated my first one which is great.

### It's Good To Talk

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.

### Parish Finances

Thank you all for funding the parish by saving up your collection, or paying by standing order, or a cheque posted to the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in these challenging times when everyone's money is tight.

### 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.

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](http://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**  
**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**

**NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY: EIGHTH 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. 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.*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:

*Blessed St Anthony, I greet you in the name of the holy widows, all saintly husbands and wives. I thank God for all your virtues, so many and of such different kinds. You, like these holy people, served God well on earth; may their prayers and yours now obtain for me what I ask.*

*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.cbew.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.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.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**