



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10th MAY 2020 Year A

Saturday	9 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	10 May	10.30am	Catherine and John Hegarty (RIP)
Monday	11 May	10.30am	Bridie Guilfoyle
Tuesday	12 May	10.30am	Elizabeth and Ned McElligot (RIP)
Wednesday	13 May	10.30am	O'Callaghan Family
Thursday	14 May	10.30am	Elizabeth and Paddy Horan (RIP)
Friday	15 May	10.30am	Sisters Josephine and Margaret FMDM
Saturday	16 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	17 May	10.30am	Tom, Christy, Bill and P.J. McElligot
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart: Bridie Guilfoyle		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. We especially remember those who have died from Covid-19. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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. We remember also all those who are suffering with Covid-19.

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.

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.

ROSARY DURING MAY

This article is about Pope Francis' request that the rosary be said during May for an end to the pandemic. It also includes two new prayers he has written which can be added to the recitation of the rosary during this month. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/04/25/pope-francis-writes-new-prayers-asks-catholics-pray-rosary-may-end-coronavirus-covid>

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.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

Our Gospel opens with the great words of hope and encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, Trust in God still and trust in me." We meet Jesus talking to his disciples to support them on their continuing journey to Pentecost and beyond. Their fear keeps them all, except Thomas, in the upper room safe from the difficulties that lie outside. Locked down in the upper room reflects the lockdown of their hope and courage.

Jesus makes it his task to remind them that he has yet to complete that journey to return to the Father and complete his ministry. It's hard for the disciples to wrestle with the knowledge that he must leave them again. Knowing this Jesus says that this separation is not an end, but a new beginning. A light to lead us from the darkness of our fears to the bright promise of resurrection.

This is not easy for them, and Philip is unsure of what it all means and wants reassurance saying: "Lord, let us see the Father and then we will be satisfied." Jesus is not angry or frustrated at this, but patiently calls to hope and trust. Not an idle encouragement but one based on all they have seen and experienced. To help them from fear to faith.

We too hear these same words to foster our living faith. We too draw on the living presence of the Lord's hopeful journey to Pentecost. In our lockdown we make our way to be the living sign of hope for all we are called to help.

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

Several people have enquired about giving food to the poor or homeless. If you would like to donate, please feel free to drop food at the presbytery or the sisters' house (2, Stonewood Road, off Woodway Lane). Ring the door bell and leave the food on the step and we will bring it in when you have gone. Sr Frances will take donations out every Monday.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Several people have phoned to ask how they can give their weekly donation to the parish during this time of not being able to attend Mass. I know that it is a difficult time financially for many and do not want to put any added burden on anybody but the church does still have bills coming in so if you would like to give I suggest you email the parish on stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk and ask for the bank details. You can then give by direct transfer. Alternatively, you can put your collection money aside each week and give it when you return.

EMERGENCY NEIGHBOURHOOD FOOD NETWORK

A network of 10 Emergency Food Hubs has been set up across the city to offer vital support to local residents. Residents who do not have any existing support from neighbours, family or friends can access the service, by contacting Coventry City Council on 08085 834 333 or visiting Emergency Food Network. The Hubs offer food parcel collection or delivery for people who would normally use a foodbank voucher, who are either currently accessing foodbanks or newly referred due to loss of work or other economic hardship. Other activities taking place at the hubs include; Social Supermarkets, Grub Hubs, Good Neighbours Coventry, and others. They provide a variety of neighbourhood services such as supporting people with shopping and pharmacy supplies, providing cooked and frozen meals, and befriending.

Further information can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk. Emergency contact number: 08085 834 833. Video link showing Coventry people ensuring those in need get food <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H27SzOBU8MY&feature=share>

DATABASE

The closure of churches due to the coronavirus has shown us that some parishioners are not on our database and so are not receiving newsletters from the parish. If you live near other parishioners and sometimes see them, please check if they are getting the newsletter. If they are not but would like to, ask them to email **Jessica** on secretary.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk or phone the parish on 02476612193. When we get back to church we will look at updating all our contacts. This closure has shown us how important the database and social networking is.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES (MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE)

Although we cannot join together in Lourdes this year, we can join in a spiritual pilgrimage to the Sanctuary and we ask you to form part of the Marian Procession. As part of a daily liturgy programme, we will have a virtual procession every evening and invite you to add your voice to the prayers. We ask for a Hail Mary, Glory Be and Our Father - in three separate videos.

Find out how to join and keep an eye out for the developing online programme on the [Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page](#). The virtual pilgrimage will start with a Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley from [St Chad's Cathedral](#).

Pope Francis says: "Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship."