



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17th MAY 2020 Year A

Saturday	16 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	17 May	10.30am	Tom, Christy, Bill and P.J. McElligot (RIP)
Monday	18 May	10.30am	Eileen and Bill Kelly (RIP)
Tuesday	19 May	10.30am	Mary and Noreen McElligot (RIP)
Wednesday	20 May	10.30am	Betty O'Sullivan (RIP)
Thursday	21 May	10.30am	Nora McElligot
Friday	22 May	10.30am	Ronnie Park (RIP)
Saturday	23 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	24 May	10.30am	Jim Durkan, Thanksgiving

Devotional Candles:	
Sacred Heart:	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.

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.

PRAYER 2020

Next Wednesday is **20th** of the month. Let's pray at **20:20** for **20 minutes** for the needs of our work.

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.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate, the spirit of truth that will support us all as we journey in his footsteps to clear knowledge and understanding. It sounds so simple and easy. All we need do is sit back and wait for the wisdom to come.

Our time sees us with advantages unsurpassed in the history of humanity to understand and know many things to guide us and yet we still find difficulty. A mere two centuries ago it was possible for one person to know all that was possible to know, and to understand what was known. I know this because I looked it up on the internet. The search for knowledge has been made easier than ever before, and yet I am no wiser.

It is not knowledge, but our relationship with each other that gives us help to see the wisdom that Jesus promises. Even then we have hardship finding our way, since our relationships are themselves imperfect. It is not us or what we know that makes the difference, but the living spirit within us that makes what we do and know have true meaning.

On the verge of the Ascension the message of hope Jesus offers to all encourages each step we take on our path to wisdom. So we unite as one people in love. To love others and allow God to love us and then embrace the truth of God's wisdom and living presence.

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, Stoneywood 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.

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.

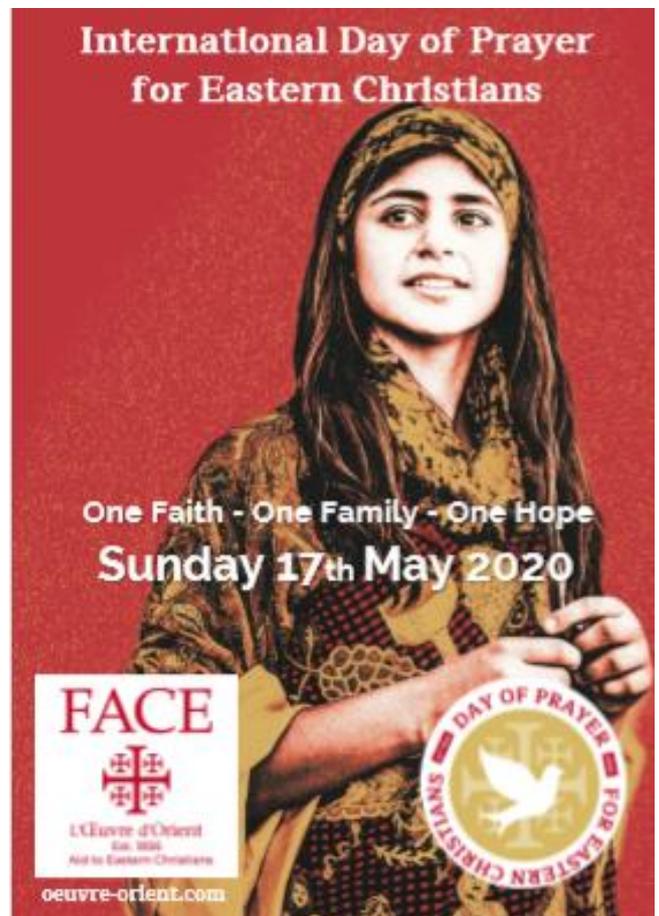
Find out how to join and keep an eye out for the developing online programme on the [Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page](#). The virtual pilgrimage will start with a Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley from [St Chad's Cathedral](#).

CARRIERS OF HOPE DONATION APPEAL

We are still supporting many families during this lockdown. Our furniture supply has now dried up as we are unable to make collections due to social distancing rules and quarantine periods, however we can still accept some furniture. We have a specific need for the following items only. We need items in excellent condition to ensure our families are as comfortable as possible: **Small two seater sofas, Double bed frames or divans, Single bed frames or divans, Small single one door wardrobes or clothes rails, Tables and chairs – small or with removable legs for easier storage and transportation – Gatelegs are perfect, Small coffee tables, Electrical home essential items such as fridges, freezers, toasters, microwaves, hoovers, kettles, and irons.** If you can help with any of these items and can DELIVER to us in Coventry, please text or call **07712661314** and we can tell you where to bring it and when. We only need the items above, and please only come to your appointment time to enable our staff and volunteers to stay safe. The warehouse is still closed to general donations while we focus on making and distributing food hampers

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

This Sunday is a day when we in the west are asked to pray for our Christian sisters and brothers in the East while they will be asked to pray for us. Please see the attached letter for more details.



Pope Francis says: "Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good."