



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 24th MAY 2020 Year A

Saturday	23 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	24 May	10.30am	Jim Durkan; Thanksgiving
Monday	25 May	10.30am	Sr Ethna (RIP)
Tuesday	26 May	10.30am	Jackie Sugrue
Wednesday	27 May	10.30am	All the Heggarty Family
Thursday	28 May	10.30am	All the Heggarty Family
Friday	29 May	10.30am	Family of Betty O'Sullivan
Saturday	30 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday (Pentecost Sunday)	31 May	10.30am	All our parishioners

Devotional Candles:	
Sacred Heart:	Our Lady: Jessica Holles
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.

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.

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 1:12-14

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

For John "the hour" mentioned by Jesus at the beginning of today's Gospel, marks the time of the completion of Jesus' work and ministry. It's the time he returns to the father and entrusts the work he has begun to his disciples.

The disciples are found still in their locked room praying continuously for the courage to take up that task. Fearful of many things that stand in their way of leaving their isolation and continuing along the path Jesus has set before them. There's a gap between Jesus' words of hope and the disciples' fear.

They know they are weak, scared of what faces them on the other side of that door. Trying to understand all they have been given to bolster their courage. It's a familiar concern that faces us in these times too.

For the disciples, to go outside is beginning a new way of living, to adopt and to preach the crucified and risen Christ to the world - a daunting prospect. So, they continue to pray, to wait, and steel themselves. The time is coming, but there is one more gift that will change it all.

In our waiting we sit and pray as the disciples did. In our weakness we may feel as unfit for the job as the disciples. We need not worry. As we listen to Jesus as he talks to his Father about this "hour" we too embrace the hour in each of our lives finding that completion in all we do.

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.

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

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 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to an online Lourdes pilgrimage, starting **Sunday 24 May** with Archbishop Bernard's opening Mass at **3pm** live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.

The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'.

Find the full program on:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage

Pope Francis says: "God is peace: let us ask Jim to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world."