



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – 31st MAY 2020 Year A

Saturday	30 May	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday (Pentecost Sunday)	31 May	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	01 Jun	10.30am	Fr Joseph Garcia
Tuesday	02 Jun	10.30am	Noreen Hegarty, family and friends
Wednesday	03 Jun	10.30am	Jessica Holles
Thursday	04 Jun	10.30am	People of the Parish
Friday	05 Jun	10.30am	
Saturday	06 Jun	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP); Jim Feeney (RIP)
Sunday	07 Jun	10.30am	Jim and Eugene Vance (RIP)
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:

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| 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.

"I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh" Joel 2:28



The Feast of Pentecost

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

The disciples are locked, yet again, in the room out of fear. It looks like nothing has changed and the start of this new era is not sounding promising. When Jesus arrives he is unconcerned. He simply stands inside and welcomes them saying, 'Peace be with you.'

He comes to encourage with a message that is both simple and life changing. He comes to give forgiveness, entrusting the disciples with the task that will bring freedom for the world. The chance to begin again in renewal, to move forward joyfully without the fear that chains them to the room. For the disciples it gives them the key to open that locked door, and step out into the world and rejoice in that message of forgiveness.

When Jesus commissions his disciples it is simple, 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

He breathed on them.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.'

The work of the spirit had begun, their fear gone, they began from Jerusalem and spread through the world.

As our lockdown has begun to ease, and we may feel a little nervous to make steps beyond our limited boundaries. Let us walk trustfully with the disciples into the open, not daunted by the task, but trusting in the spirit to lead us.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

We do not know yet when churches are likely to open for Mass or other public services, but our Bishops are at present in discussion with the government about opening for private prayer. We are hoping that we may be able to open for you to come in and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament or to light a candle quite soon. We will keep you up-dated when we have any further news - but let's keep hoping.

PRAYER WALK

We are invited to take part in an Ecumenical Prayer Walk called "Open Heaven". Christians across Coventry are asked to pray just for the street they live on, praying for the intentions of their neighbours. You can register to do this through the "Open Heaven" website:

<https://www.openheavencoventry.org/>, or if you are not confident with the technology, please let Jessica or Sr Frances know by email or phone and tell us the street you want to pray for. We will inform the organisers and register for you. You can simply say a decade of the Rosary as you walk along the road or if you are housebound just offer prayers for your neighbours. The organisers hope that every street in Coventry will be prayed for.

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.

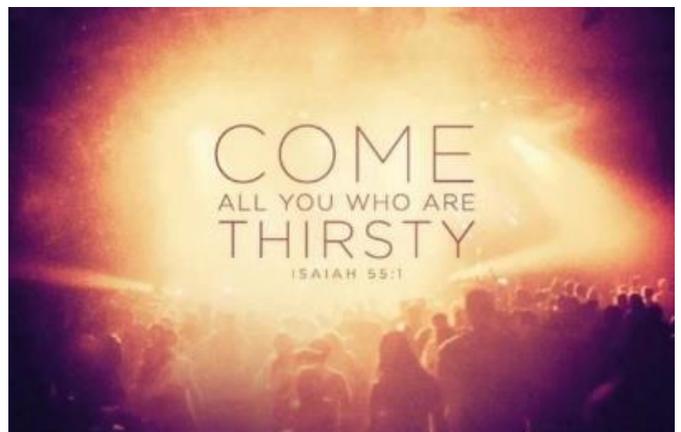
VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR PENTECOST: COME ALL WHO THIRST!

Join a 3-day online retreat for the people of Coventry **29-31 May!** Worship in the Catholic tradition will be streamed every morning from the Ark of the Covenant. Worship and speakers from other Christian traditions will also lead us on Friday & Saturday afternoon. Main evening speakers:

Friday - Fr Gareth (Sion Community)

Saturday - Sr Regina (Birmingham)

Book your free ticket at:
<https://tinyurl.com/CAWT2020>.



Pope Francis says: "I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together."