

# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Friends,

At the end of this newsletter is a letter from the Archbishops about the next steps towards celebrating Mass in churches. Please do take the time to read this. We will not be ready to start Masses on 4<sup>th</sup> July and next weekend I will announce our start date.

As we prepare to re-open for public Masses it will be essential to have enough volunteers to help. The church must be cleaned after each Mass or we will not be allowed to re-open for Mass.

I am sure we are all deeply grateful to those who have already volunteered for our times of private prayer, but we need as many volunteers as we can get.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER IN ORDER TO SHARE OUT THE LOAD. PLEASE EMAIL ME TODAY! – WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY. (Address at the top)**

Churches will be re-marked for a social distancing of 1 metre+,

**but when we do start Masses everyone in the congregation MUST wear a face covering. This is compulsory.**

These may be masks or not. They can be homemade face coverings. It will be the responsibility of the person attending Mass to provide a face covering for themselves, parishes do not provide these.

May God bless you and your families,

*Fr. Tony.*

<b>28<sup>th</sup> June, 2020</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (A)</b> All Masses are Livestreamed to the Parish Facebook page: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Coventry. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/">https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/</a> Parish Website: <a href="http://www.sacredheart-coventry.org">www.sacredheart-coventry.org</a> We will continue to livestream the Rosary at 8.30am each morning.	
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish.
<b>Monday</b> 9.00am	Thomas Hale, R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am	Kevin Gibney, R.I.P. (Eileen Gibney)
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am	Jojo McTigue, R.I.P. (Kirkwood Family)
<b>Thursday</b> 9.00am	Special Intention (M)
<b>Friday</b> 9.00am	<b>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle.</b> Mick Lowe, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
<b>Saturday</b> 9.00am	Muriel Morgan, R.I.P.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July, 2020</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Scaria P.V. (Joylin Joseph)



If you hear the fire alarm leave by the nearest exit following the instructions of the fire marshals. The Assembly Point is in the car park

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Sacred Heart is open for private prayer on the following days/times:

Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The church will be closed at 7.30pm.

Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm. The church will be closed at 12.00pm

Fridays from 3.00pm to 4.30pm The church will be closed at 4.30pm

Sundays from 10.30am to 12.00pm. The church will be closed at 12.00pm

### **Job Opportunities – 2 Lunchtime Supervisors**

- **Grade:** Grade 1 (points 1-2, £17,364 - £17,711) paid pro rata
- **Hours:** 7.5 hours a week, Monday - Friday 11:45am – 1:15pm, 38 weeks per year
- **Contract Type:** Permanent
- **Start Date:** September 2020
- **The closing date for receipt of applications is via email to [hr@romero.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:hr@romero.coventry.sch.uk) by 8th July 2020.**
- **Please see:** <https://romeromac.com/vacancies/> for further information and the application pack.

***The Archdiocese*** is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs) and on the parish website.

### **7-Day Candles: 28<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sacred Heart:** Alisha Family Protection; Special Intentions A.B.

**Our Lady:** Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Tincy – Special Intention.

**By the small Crucifix:** Celine McCrea's Intentions.

**Please remember in your** prayers Etta Montague and all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of Margaret Mary Ferraro and all who have

died.

### **An act of Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You*

Some more online resources:

### **Young Catholic adults WhatsApp Group:**

<https://birminghamdiocesantrust.eu.rit.org.uk/news/whatsapp-group-for-young-catholic-adults>

### **Evangelisation Chat:**

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/evangelisation-chat-launched-on-youtube>

### **Bishop Robert Barron "Word on Fire"**

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

My heartfelt thanks, especially in these very difficult times, for the astonishing kindness of those who have offered to make donations direct to the Parish and to those who have left offertory donations in the letter box in the house or in the car park gates. If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please email me. Or, if you wish to make an online donation just go to the Parish Website where you will find the "Donate" button.

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### **LiveSimply Prayer**

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## A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4<sup>th</sup> July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "*do this in memory of me.*" We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

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It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4<sup>th</sup> July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

*"As I have loved you,"* said the Lord Jesus, *"so you must love each other."* (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

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Yours devotedly in Christ

- ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

*This letter is addressed to the Catholic Community in England; the opening of the Catholic Churches in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly who are still evaluating their position on opening Places of Worship.*

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