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During these difficult and uncertain times, the weekly newsletter will continue to be published. It can be found on the new parish website <https://sjfcov.org> and the Coventry Deanery website.

For live streaming of daily Mass in other local parishes who have the facility: eg Christ the King, St Thomas More, see the Deanery website for the links (<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>)

Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions.

Today We Celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Cycle A

Sat 6 th June	Fr Tarbuck (Anniv): Brian Jordan
Sun 7 th June	Helen Hewkin
Mon 8 th June	Albert & Coco (Wedding Anniv)
Tues 9 th June	Stephen Sedgley
Wed 10 th June	Tony & Teresa
Thurs 11 th June	Memorial of St Barnabus, Apostle Stella Cronin
Fri 12 th June	Fr Bob (Birthday) (Also – see Notices)
Sat 13 th June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua Mary Caney (Spec Int)
Sun 14 th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
	Tess Doherty

Message from Fr Peter

The artwork, painted on the metal shutter of a shop front, caught my eye. Its message said: "After the Storm, comes the Rainbow". This gift of nature is a major sign in the Bible of God's care. The painting then thanked all of the NHS, and other key workers, for their outstanding service to our communities. Many of you will have shown your appreciation, in similar ways, on your windows and doors. On this Trinity Sunday, we reflect on how God the Father, Son and Spirit, inspires us by our baptismal gifts of Faith, Hope and Love. By responding to these graces, we join with our fellow parishioners as Ambassadors for God wherever we go. Nurturing the 'culture of encouragement' is so vital right now. Let's commit ourselves to being a 'Trinity' - Lights of Faith, Hope and Love, - shining for all to see and draw strength from.

The Re-opening of Churches

As you know, the government have not set a date for churches in England and Wales to be open again. When they do, it will be a carefully staged response, initially, for individual prayer only. The Bishops' Conference have agreed with the government's detailed national guidelines as they await a final decision. We, along with every Church in the country, are working on implementing the necessary health and safety requirements for when a decision is finally made. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

Fr Peter's THIRD Video Thoughts 'Keeping in Touch'

This is available for you to listen to on the website. People have appreciated my previous ones, which is great.

It's Good To Talk

We all benefit from phone calls from family, friends and parishioners during these difficult times. You can contact me on the Presbytery number Tel: 02476 443 459 as well as the parish mobile Tel: 0790 8817 344. Please remember especially those parishioners without access to the internet or newsletters.

Parish Finances

Thank you all for funding the parish by saving up your collection, or paying by standing order, or a cheque posted to the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in these challenging times when everyone's money is tight.

Pope Francis's Prayer for These Troubled Times

Many people suffer due to the great difficulties they endure. We can help them by accompanying them along an itinerary full of compassion which transforms people's lives. It brings them closer to the Heart of Christ which welcomes all of us into the revolution of tenderness. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

My blessings for you and your families. We think this weekend especially of our first communion children and look forward to celebrating with them in the future. We also pray especially for our schools as they gradually begin again. With my blessings to you and your families.

May St John Fisher and St Gregory Pray for us.

Fr Peter

YEAR OF THE WORD: The God Who Speaks

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to focus on the Gospel of Matthew. For help to do this, www.cbew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/celebrating/how-to-do-lectio-divina-holy-reading

Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:

Please contact the church to add a name to the Sick List

Anne Gillies; Hugh McAteer; Margaret Buckley; Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Eric Holt, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik,

And pray for the priests of the Archdiocese, especially

Fr Michael Stack, Mgr Tony Wilcox and Fr Andrew McCann

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

Dennis Cremins:

Funeral Wed 10th June. Cortege will stop outside of SJF at 11.05 am

Susan McNally

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

No candle intentions this week, but candles will continue to be lit in church for your intentions, if requested. Please put envelope containing intentions and donation (£3.50) through presbytery door – thank you.

A live-streamed Mass will be said for Fr Bob on his birthday, on Friday 12th June @ 9.30am, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Bulkington.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-the-sacred-heart-bulkington>

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY: NINTH TUESDAY:

O glorious St Anthony, safe refuge of all the afflicted and distressed, who miraculously revealed that all who piously invoke you on nine consecutive Tuesdays, will experience your powerful help, I, a poor sinner, encouraged by this promise, come to you, and with a firm hope implore your aid, your counsel and your blessing. Obtain help for me dear Saint, in my present necessity (mention it), but if it be opposed to the will of God and the welfare of myself, obtain for me such other graces as shall be helpful to my salvation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

O gentle and loving St Anthony, in whose arms the infant Jesus ever loved to linger, grant your powerful aid, and at your word my prayer will be granted.

9th Tuesday: *Blessed St Anthony, I greet you in the name of the St Joseph, the most chaste husband of Mary. I greet you in the name of all holy persons still living, and I thank the Most High God who gave you so much of His infinite love and blessed you with His grace. I ask you now to speak for me before God so that my prayer may be granted, if it is for His greater honour and glory and the comfort of my soul in its sorrow. Our Father..... Hail Mary.....Glory Be To The Father.....*

*Holy Mary, conceived without sin.....Pray for us
St Anthony, who held the infant Jesus in your arms.....Pray for us
St Anthony, comforter of the afflicted.....Pray for us
St Anthony, worker of miracles.....Pray for us
Pray for us, St Anthony, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena

All are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute. There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday 11 June to Friday 19 June 2020 (Feast of the Sacred Heart).

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21 June at 11am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.

Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena> and Maryvale Institute website: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/novena-2020.html>

Celebration of the other Sacraments during this time

The Bishop's Conference Guidelines (for more details see <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>) have stated:

- **Baptisms** can only take place when there is serious necessity (danger of death).
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** Given Government guidelines, it is not possible to offer Confessions at this time. The Bishops remind the faithful that they are only obliged to receive Communion once a year. They recommend that the following Act of Contrition be regularly said:
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God have mercy.
- **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** These celebrations are postponed.
- **Weddings** should be deferred.
- **Funerals** The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.
- **Anointing of the Sick** will continue under special guidelines.

No Pastoral Visits can be made to people who are self-isolating but phone support can be offered. Visits to Care Homes and Hospitals will follow advice from the staff

USEFUL WEBSITES

Catholic Bishops' Conference <https://www.cbew.org.uk/>

Archdiocese of Birmingham www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

St Chad's Cathedral is now live streaming services from Sunday www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Papal Masses www.vatican.va

MAGNIFICAT ONLINE

As there are no public Masses for an indefinite period Magnificat online is allowing free access to enable you to follow the Mass, daily prayers, readings etc at home. Log in at www.magnificat.com/free

Contact Margaret (02074483607) or Paul (02074483618) for more information or to order hard copies

For a helpful leaflet of prayers and bible readings 'Inspiration in Times of Isolation' and a reflection series 'Encouragement from St John Henry Newman' (written by Fr Peter) see Alive Publishing