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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 Body and Blood of Christ - Cycle A

Sat 13th June	Mary Caney (Spec Int): Denis Cremins (Month's Mind)
Sun 14 th June	Tess Doherty
Mon 15 th June	Tom McSharry
Tues 16 th June	Helen O Kelly
Wed 17 th June	Intentions of Maureen
Thurs 18 th June	Dedication of the Cathedral Neville Daly
Fri 19 th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Dave Connor
Sat 20 th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Gerry & Peter Keane
Sun 21 st June	Pat Hastings: Douglas & Vilma Duffield

Message from Fr Peter

The Feast of Corpus Christi makes us think about our first communion as youngsters or adults. I can still name all of my classmates on the official photograph taken at our party in the school hall fifty-two years ago! As we each reflect on memories of our own, we long to be able to celebrate mass together and receive the Lord once more. We also remember the children from St John Fisher and St Gregory's who are looking forward to meeting Jesus in the Eucharist in the future.

As the Church nationwide begins tentatively to open again, I recalled on Friday, Fr Bob's birthday, how blessed we were to celebrate his moving, faith-filled, Requiem mass just before lockdown. Reading through the Order of Service, I was drawn to a reference about Fr Bob's devotion to the West Indian Chaplaincy in Birmingham and his enjoyment of 'the liberating beat of the community's steel drum band'. The very first time I ever met him was at Canon Gerry Breen's ordination at Sacred Heart Church in Aston. How special it was to be accompanied by the up-lifting Caribbean Music and dancing. In the sacristy, here at Saint John Fisher, there is a votive candle presented to Fr Bob and dedicated to Our Lady, with the West Indian Chaplaincy logo on it. How much we need her to shine, so that the God-given dignity of each person becomes permanently enshrined within the public consciousness of every society across the world. Fr Bob's mission amongst the Caribbean community, was never forgotten by the people he served and they sent a generous donation to support his charities. May we, each day, sing in our minds and hearts the words of the offertory hymn at Fr Bob's funeral. Let us invite Mary, the Mother of Compassion, to be with us always:

"Gentle Woman, quiet light, Morning Star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, Peaceful Dove,
Teach us Wisdom, teach us Love".

Eternal rest grant unto Fr Bob O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen.

The Re-opening of our Church for Private Prayer Tuesday, 23 JUNE at 9am

Just as shopping has been transformed for us, so will be the experience of visiting churches as they begin to reopen. This will include: sanitising one's hands as you come in and when you leave; following clear direction markers within the church; observing social distancing rules and queuing as requested by the Stewards. Every church in the deanery has different days for opening - you can find details of these on the Coventry Deanery website. Ours will be from 23 JUNE: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 9 AM and 10 AM. To comply with government and Bishops' Conference agreed health and safety guidelines, we will need people to act as Stewards and Cleaners. After the Church is closed, it is necessary for it to be cleaned on that day. If you are not one of those whose health makes you vulnerable and you would like to volunteer as a Steward or Cleaner, please email the parish for further details or meet Tina this Monday at 9 AM. Practical arrangements need to be made and the Church thoroughly cleaned in preparation for opening. I am very grateful to Tina for co-ordinating the volunteers and I thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Parish Finances

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

With my blessings to you and your families, the schools' staff and pupils and all of our key workers.
May St John Fisher and St Gregory Pray for us.

Fr Peter

Pope Francis's Prayer

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.

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

Denis Cremins
Susan McNally

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

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.

Sacred Heart: This week: Rita & Stephen Wilde
Next week: Intentions of Peter

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