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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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Sat 20 th June	Gerry & Peter Keane	
Sun 21 st June	Pat Hastings: Douglas & Vilma Duffield	
Mon 22 nd June	Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Dec'd families of Filipino Community
Tues 23 rd June	Dec'd Friend of Brid	
Wed 24 th June	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	Spec Int – Mary Brown
Thurs 25 th June	Maurice Gormley	
Fri 26 th June	John Meehan	
Sat 27 th June	Holy Souls	
Sun 28 th June	SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL	Charlie McAnespie

Message from Fr Peter

I've always found Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" incredibly moving. I think it's because she was born just a few years before my parents were. Growing up, they often told me of Vera's impact in this country and across the world. My dad remembered her entertaining the forces when he was in the Far East. You will recall, the queen evoking the lyrics of her famous song in the Royal lockdown broadcast back in March. As we begin to visit our much missed loved ones more freely and emerge slowly from other restrictions we have lived under, how we need the virtues of prudence, fortitude, patience, generosity and resilience that characterised all that was best about the War-time generation.

Our Church Opens on 23 June

As churches begin to re-open for limited periods of private, silent prayer, at this stage visiting them will, just like our shopping trips, be transformed. This is in light of health and safety guidelines agreed between the government and the bishops. These are important - but can seem a bit daunting. We need to be understanding of their nature and purpose and sensitive to those trying to put them in place in each church locally.

Our Church will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday this week between 9am and 10am. These arrangements may change in the future - dependent upon volunteer stewards and cleaners being available.

Other factors will also govern whether we can open or not in the coming weeks.

I am very grateful to Tina for coordinating the parishioners who have come forward to help. If you would like to volunteer yourself - please email the parish office to find out further details.

I am also very appreciative of those who have agreed to take on the important stewarding and cleaning roles already.

On visiting the church:

- you will be greeted by stewards who, because of the necessary regulations, will be wearing PPE.
- stewards will ask you to sanitize your hands on entry and exit and direct you to your seat.
- due to social distancing, seating is limited and you may have to queue.
- the steward will ask you if you want a candle lit and light it on your behalf.
- as you leave your seat it will be cleaned
- follow all of the direction signs carefully
- all of the moveable statues have been stored away and you should not touch any which remain, or the stations of the cross.
- you will need to bear in mind that the Church will be colder than usual as doors and windows have to remain open for ventilation.
- it is not possible for you to have use of the toilets at present
- please bring your own face covering or mask
- please maintain safe social distancing in the car park and grounds

All of this is a lot to take in but the stewards are there to guide you. Our careful following of the government guidelines will be the basis upon which further progress, in respect of our worship, can be made.

With my blessings to you and your families, the schools' staff and pupils and all of our key workers.

May St John Fisher as his feast day approaches, and St Joseph in honour of Father's Day - Pray for us.

Fr Peter

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.

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, Fr Andrew McCann and Fr Bernard (Holy Family)

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: Intentions of Peter
Our Lady: This week: Fr Bob

MASSES FOR CARE WORKERS & THE SICK

Every Thursday at 7pm Mass from a Catholic Cathedral offered by a bishop. All livestreamed. See <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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** These are currently taking place at a crematorium or graveside. This situation is under review.
- **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.cbcew.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