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The weekly newsletter 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, and for Mass times in Coventry, see the Deanery website for the links (<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>)

When Public Masses resume, Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions on the days when public Mass does not take place.

Today We Celebrate The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Sat 4 th July	Michael Campbell
Sun 5 th July	Paddy Griffin
Mon 6 th July	Evelyn Ward
Tues 7 th July	Special Intention (Sonia & family)
Wed 8 th July	Douglas & Vilma Duffield
Thurs 9 th July	Janey Dooley
Fri 10 th July	Special Intention (Nancy Reilly)
Sat 11 th July	Feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe
	10.00 am John Pethullis
	6.30 pm Bernard McSweeney
Sun 12 th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9.30 am Mick Gavin
	11.30 am Sandra Corrigan

Message from Fr Peter

As lockdown continues to ease, we need to keep remembering the decades-long magnificent work done by the NHS and other key workers. I was moved to read an article about Hussein 'The Boy With Two Hearts' whose family spent two years fleeing from Afghanistan to try and save his life. 19 operations later, Hussein lived for another 17 years. As his biography by his brother Hamed, concludes: "it is a story of hope, shining a light on the wonderful healthcare system that my family will never take for granted." As a nation, may we applaud it in our memories too.

Current Arrangements for individual Prayer 7th and 9th July 9am-10am

Our Church will be open for individual silent prayer on Tuesday and Thursday this week only. Please bring your own face mask or covering. You need to sanitize your hands on entrance and exit. A steward will guide you to your place and light a candle for you if you wish. Please follow the signs. The toilets will not be available and the church doors and windows open. Observe social distancing of 2 meters inside and outside the church.

Mass from Next Weekend - Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July

The following guidelines may seem daunting, but they have been agreed by the government and the bishops. We will begin by celebrating Mass on Saturday at 10am and 6.30pm and on Sunday at 9.30 and 11.30 as usual.

The numbers allowed to come to Mass are very limited indeed and dependent upon social distancing, church layout etc. and for each church this is different - our safe church capacity is 60. It is not possible for any priest to say multiple Masses to make up for the usual congregation numbers. The Bishops point out that there is no obligation to attend Mass over the weekend. As numbers able to go into a church are limited, they suggest that you think of going to Mass on a weekday instead. Do be generous towards others. Think about not always coming to Mass each week as spaces are so limited. Give others the opportunity as well. You can continue to watch Mass via live stream or radio as you have been doing. Unfortunately, because of social distancing and other safety regulations, stewards may advise you that the church capacity is now full. Be understanding of them in their difficult task. It is not possible for Fr Peter to say additional Masses to cover all those who normally come as he also has to provide cover at St Patrick's.

Our Church is compact and because of the factors above and the need to ensure additional space between people in such an enclosed area we will be observing the two meter rule.

Face coverings or masks will need to be worn, provided by you, by everyone - unless they have severe breathing difficulties. This applies also to all children over 5 years old.

You will need to sanitise your hands on entrance and exit, follow any signage and be guided by the stewards at all times. Statues have been removed and please do not touch those which remain or the stations of the cross. You are not able to wander freely round the church and need to ask a steward if you would like a candle lit. They will do this for you.

Mass, in the present circumstances, will be much shorter than usual. There will be no hymns or music and some of the prayers and readings will be changed or omitted. There will be no offertory procession but your collection may be left when you come in or leave, via the baskets.

No one is allowed in the sacristy area and, because of the requirements of social distancing and other safety guidelines, only Fr Peter will read, be on the sanctuary and distribute communion.

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Communion will be given at the end of Mass, by the host only, on to your outstretched hand. You will consume it as you walk out of the church to the exit. It is not possible for you to return to your seat.

As you leave, sanitise your hands. It is not possible for you to gather in the porch and outside you need to maintain the 2 metre distance.

The toilets will not be available in accordance with health and safety guidelines.

An Appeal for Stewards and Cleaners

As you can imagine in order for us to continue to fulfil the complex health and safety guidelines, we will need many more stewards and cleaners. We only have a small group at present. Do consider whether your health and age would allow you to offer to help. Contact the Church through the office website for further details.

Confessions

There are very specific guidelines concerning the Sacrament of Confession and these obviously need a lot of thinking through. At the moment there will continue to be no Confessions, but we hope to offer this in the near future. Further details will be given in the newsletter nearer the time.

Weekday Masses Three Times a Week from 11th July.

Saturday at 10am, Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 9am

Weekend Masses from 11th July

Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30 am

On a personal note, please may I ask you to remember me in your prayers on Monday as it will be the 29th Anniversary of my Ordination.

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

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.

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

**Alan Brooks
Joseph Finnerty**

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

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/>

*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.*

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week: Spec int - Mary

Next week: Fr Bob

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: Spec int - Mary

Next week: John Pethullis

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week:

Next Week:

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: Fr Bob

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USEFUL WEBSITES

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

Archdiocese of Birmingham [www. birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

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

Papal Masses [www. vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)