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The weekly newsletter can be found on the 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>)

Today We Celebrate The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Pp 537 or 748 (new), 427 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, how I love your law!
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

The celebrations of Mass and Mass intentions for the coming week:

Sat 25th July	6.30 pm	Marcus Devine	
Sun 26th July	9.30 am	Nesty del Rosario (Thanksgiving)	
	11.30 am	Marie O'Neill	
Mon 27 th July		Dec'd Parishioners of St John Fisher	
Tues 28th July	9.00 am	Michael Brady	
Wed 29 th July		Memorial of St Martha	Neily McHugh
Thurs 30th July	9.00 am	Pat Hastings	
Fri 31 st July		Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola	Paddy Ring
Sat 1st Aug		Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri	
	10.00 am	Dennis Robinson	
	6.30 pm	Marjery June Barber	
Sun 2nd Aug		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30 am	Patricia O'Donnell	
	11.30 am	John Lucas	

Weekday Masses Three Times a Week
(church will not be open on other days)
Saturday at 10am, Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 9am

Weekend Masses
Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30 am
As Public Masses resume, Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions
on the days when public Mass does not take place.

Message from Fr Peter

During my morning coffee break, I read about an idea for urban living in Milan which will pilot a '15 minute city'. The idea is that either by foot or bike, home, education, healthcare, and entertainment will all be accessed - within a quarter of an hour. Multi-purpose buildings, mini parks, pop-up galleries and markets added to provide variety. The hope is that the quality of people's lives will improve, materially and ecologically. What about spiritually? Isn't the real agent for changing patterns of daily life for the better acknowledging the precious gift of God-given time itself- so that personal prayer and reflection inspire us as the agents of social change. The article mentioned that the proposed experimental city is the same one Saint Charles Borromeo led to recovery after a plague in the 1570s. He said then that the key was that Christ himself stepped in - using us as his willing eyes and mind, hands and feet.

Our New Parish Priest

I am very pleased to announce that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Des Devenney as our new parish priest. He and Fr Bob were friends since their Oscott days and deanery colleagues when Fr Des was at Holy Family.
He will begin on 1st September and I know you will warmly welcome him as you have me.

PARISH OF ST JOHN FISHER

COLLECTING CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE WHO COME TO CHURCH FOR NHS TRACK AND TRACE

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the government has advised that a contact phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law.

If you come to Mass in a group or as a family only one contact number will be needed.

The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still be able to attend Mass.

The parish is committed to ensuring that information we hold about you is properly and securely held in accordance with the law. You can find out more from our Privacy Notice, which is at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>. This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.

To facilitate this, we will provide contact slips as you leave the church from today, in order to begin the process next week.

**Your contact details will be required for every Mass you attend. If a family attend, one contact form is sufficient.
(You may, of course, bring your own piece of paper and details from home!)**

A basket will be provided for the completed slips for each Mass and these will be kept securely for 21 days in case NHS Track and Trace require details. After 21 days the slips will be destroyed.

Health and Safety Guidance in a time of Covid 19

We know there are special guidelines for each setting we go into. These are based upon agreed Archdiocesan and Government guidance applied to our circumstances:

Those Attending Mass or a Service

- Should wear a mask or face covering (except those with medical conditions, disabilities and other impairments which prevent them doing so). Children under 11 are also exempt.
- Sanitise hands at entry and exit
- Maintain a social distance of 2m
- Follow a Steward's instructions and any signs
- Recognise that only the priest is allowed in the sacristy or sanctuary area.
- Realise that the priest is unable to greet you as he usually does.
- **Church space is limited to 60.** Give others the chance to come to mass too.
- Remember that the toilets are not available to be used. Changes During Mass

At present, we won't be having any:

- Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir nor individual Singing (or raised voices)
- **Collections during Mass - because we can't pass baskets around to receive weekly offerings, these are at entry/exit points**
- You will be invited to sit or kneel at various times in the Mass – please do whichever feels most comfortable for you.

Holy Communion

- **Please stay seated until a steward directs you towards the altar via the central aisle.**
- **Keep your mask/face covering on**
- **Receive the host, silently, with outstretched hands**
- **Consume the host as you return to your seat via the outer aisles.**
- **Don't be embarrassed if you don't feel able to receive at this time -for whatever reason – please come for a Blessing or bow to the tabernacle as you leave.**

General Advice

Please stay at home if you:

- have been told to Shield
- have been exposed to Covid 19
- have a family member who is sick
- feel unwell yourself

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. In circumstances like lockdown, or when a person can't attend church, or a priest is not able to hear the large number of confessions that may be required, the Catechism and Pope Francis, recommend a Prayer of Perfect Contrition to obtain the forgiveness of our venial sins. This also includes our mortal ones- if we aim to go to confession when we can. The Bishops, in line with this teaching, ask us to say : ***“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 should 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.”***

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

Fr Peter

Collection baskets are available at the entrance to church and also at the exit. Thank you.

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

Margaret Jones

Michael McEnery

*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/>

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)

Candles available in August. £3.50 each

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week:

Next week:

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: Fr Bob

Next week:

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: Geraldine (Thanksgiving)

Next Week:

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week:

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