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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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Pp 544 or 755 (new), 434 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

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

Sat 8th Aug	6.30 pm	Paddy Ring Senior & Junior
Sun 9th Aug	9.30 am	Bridget Coyle
	11.30 am	Peter Donaghy
Mon 10 th Aug		Feast of St Lawrence, Martyr Phyllis Gardner
Tues 11th Aug	9.00 am	Memorial of St Clare Fr Bob
Wed 12 th Aug		Patrick, Jean & Frank Sullivan
Thurs 13th Aug	9.00 am	Giovanni, Guiseppina, Francesco, Maria, Vincenzo, Mina & Carmelo
Fri 14 th Aug		Memorial of St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, Martyr Fergus Canning
Sat 15th Aug	10.00 am	James Fullerton: Shaun Bush
	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption Fr Bob
Sun 16th Aug		Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9.30 am	Maureen Hughes
	11.30 am	Finola Brooks

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

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

Message from Fr Peter

I was immediately transported back to a memorable summer holiday with my mom and dad, when we toured HMS Victory in Portsmouth. I had just read an article about Michael Byard, an enterprising 80 year old, who has just finished building a model of Nelson's famous flagship. It had taken him almost half a century to complete. That's tremendous flare, dedication and long-term vision in action for you! As we continue to rebuild, in such challenging times, we need to focus on developing key skills like these. But, what lies at the foundation of any plan we may construct and attempt to realise, is the overlooked virtue which St Frances de Sales draws our attention to - lest we rush ahead too soon:

"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. I mean, do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage. I am glad you make a fresh beginning daily; there is no better means of attaining to the spiritual life than by beginning again, and never thinking that we have done enough. How are we to be patient in bearing with our neighbour's faults, if we are impatient in bearing with our own? He or she who is fretted by their own failings will not correct them; all profitable correction comes from a calm, peaceful mind."

Our New Parish Priest

There is a live stream link to Fr Des's current parish at www.olas.org.uk
His first weekend with us will be the 12th-13th September.

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.

Your contact details will be required for every Mass you attend. If a family attend, one contact number is sufficient. Please put your details on a piece of paper (or print off a form from the Parish website) and place in the basket provided at the start of each Mass.

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

- Must wear a mask. The government has now made it **mandatory**, in places of worship, for people to wear a mask or face covering (except those with medical conditions, disabilities and other impairments which prevent them from doing so). Children under 11 are 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

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 and at the exit to church. Thank you. **Track & Trace:** Please leave your contact details.

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

Michael McEnery

John "Jackie" Clerkin

*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: Larry & Peter

Next week: Jean Melia

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: Fr Bob

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Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: John & Reg

Next Week: James Fullerton

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: GG & Maggie

Next Week: Shaun Bush