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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 Coventry 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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time : Pp 553 or 765 (new), 444 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O lord, my God.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see.
Alleluia!

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

Sat 29th Aug	6.30 pm	Mary Trill	
Sun 30th Aug	9.30 am	Marcus Devine	
	11.30 am	McSweeney family	
Mon 31 st Aug		Bridie Daly	
Tues 1st Sept	9.00 am	Nellie Daly	
Wed 2 nd Sept		McEvoy & Dixon Families	
Thurs 3 rd Sept		Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope	Davey McCleod
Fri 4th Sept	9.00 am	Tommy Kerius: Josephine Walsh: Davy McCleod	
Sat 5th Sept	10.00 am	Fr Peter's Intentions: Jim Byrne	
	6.30 pm	Don Ewart: Jim Gallagher	
Sun 6th Sept		Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30 am	James Scanlon: McSharry Family	
	11.30 am	Mick Kinsella	

Weekday Masses Three Times A Week

(church will not be open on other days)

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

(* No Public Mass on Thursday this week – Mass will be on Friday)

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

The Pope's annual 'Season of Creation' begins on 1st September and ends on 4th October - the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of Ecology. His joy at relating to the human and natural worlds as one common home - with Jesus joining them - is echoed by the English mystic Dame Julian of Norwich. She interprets Christ's life, death and resurrection, as enwrapping all that exists in a vision she received:

"God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut in the palm of my hand, and it was as round as a ball. I looked at it with the eye of my understanding and thought what can this be? And it was generally answered thus: it is all that is made. I marvelled how it could continue, because it seemed to me it could certainly have sunk into nothingness because of its littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: it continueth and always shall, because God loveth it; and in this way everything hath its being by the love of God".

This is the embrace which binds us and nature together "yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13,8)

St Joseph's, Canley and Warwick University

As I mentioned last week, I have been appointed as the Assistant Priest to Fr Stephen Day, at St Joseph the Worker, and to Deacon David Palmer, the new Chaplain at Warwick University. My final weekend with you will be 5th / 6th September. I will also be the Chaplain at Cardinal Wiseman School and support for Fr George at St Patrick's. I know you will continue remembering me in your prayers.

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>.

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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

There are special guidelines for each setting we go into. These are based upon agreed Archdiocesan and Government guidance applied to our circumstances. These guidelines will be reviewed again by Fr Des when he comes as parish priest.

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 Fr Des will review this when he comes 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 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."***

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

The National Board of Catholic Women have published a valuable resource pack. Catholic Bishops' Conference website for details.

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 and all our students, as they return to school, and may St Gregory bless us all on his feast day on 3rd September.

Fr Peter

Collection baskets are available at the entrance and at the exit to church.
Track & Trace: Please leave your contact details at every Mass. Thank you

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

John "Jackie" Clerkin

Jim Byrne

Keith Bewick

Claire Hayes

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

R I P Jim Byrne

Jim, a much loved and faithful Altar Server and Eucharistic Minister, was called to the Lord last week. He will be happily reunited with Fr Bob. I told his family how fond I had become of him during my time at St John Fisher. I will always remember his gentleness, good humour and encouragement of my ministry. May he Rest In Peace. Fr Peter

Jim's funeral cortege will be stopping outside the church on Thursday 3rd September, at 9.05 am, if you would like to come to pay your respects.

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)

Mission Boxes

Thank you for your donations to Missio – we will begin our collections again, so please could you bring your Red Boxes to church as soon as possible. Contact Anne on 07738003857 if there is any difficulty in returning your box. Thank you.

Candles available in September. £3.50 each

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week: 1. Matt & Emma 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Next week: Phyllis Scanlon

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: 1. Natalie, George & Molly 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Next week: 1. Fr Bob 2. Bridget Cawley

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: Frank O'Brien

Next Week: James Scanlon

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: Fr Bob

Next Week: Goretti & Joseph