

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 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time : Pp 556 or 769 (new), 447 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

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

Sat 5th Sept	6.30 pm	Don Ewart: Jim Gallagher
Sun 6th Sept	9.30 am	James Scanlon: McSharry Family
	11.30 am	Mick Kinsella
Mon 7 th Sept		Evelyn Ward
Tues 8th Sept	9.00 am	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec'd Conley & Harkin Families
Wed 9 th Sept		Philomena Gardiner
Thurs 10th Sept	9.00 am	Bridget Mary Scott: Scott & Henson Families: James Fullerton
Fri 11 th Sept		Patricia O'Donnell
Sat 12th Sept	10.00 am	Fr Bob
	6.30 pm	Mary Hughes: Richard Taylor
Sun 13th Sept		Twenty- fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9.30 am	Bill & Bridie Cantillon
	11.30 am	William & Kathleen Greene

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

Message from Fr Peter

As the second week of Pope Francis's Season of Creation' begins, our School Patrons remind us that the Scriptures and the Book of Nature tell the story of God's everlasting love - in ways that are always refreshingly new. As St Gregory observes: "The Bible is a stream of running water, where alike the elephant may swim and the Lamb walk without losing its feet." While St John Fisher invites us to "Behold the rose, the lily, the violet; behold all the other creatures of this world - all these were of His making, all the beauty and godliness of Him they received it." May we join them in their songs of praise.

Au revoir and Welcome!

Those of us of a certain age remember the wrestling on TV. So, like a tag-team, Fr Des and I will swop over on Monday! As a parish, we have journeyed together these grace-filled months, as we loved Fr Bob into eternal life and carried on his great legacy through lockdown and beyond. I have been privileged to be at St John Fisher and you will always have a special place in my heart. I thank you for the kindness, encouragement and support of me. I am especially grateful to Tina for all she has done for Fr Bob, myself and the parishioners generally. My thanks also to Ina for her secretarial skills and to everyone who works behind the scenes to keep the Church going. This includes, during these extraordinary times, the ministry of patient waiting that Sue and the Choir, the Music Group, the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are currently engaged in. We all look forward to sharing in your gifts in due course. I express my admiration too, for our many parishioners who work in the NHS, care professions and as other Key Workers, for your contribution to the city and wider community. Together with our stewards and cleaners - we could not manage without your generosity. I assure you of my prayers and ask you to remember me as I begin at St Joseph's Canley and the Chaplaincy at Warwick University.

Our New Parish Priest

Fr Des arrives this week. We are setting up a live stream feed on Youtube so you can join us remotely. Hopefully, it will be live on Wednesday 9th September.

The following link should work: <https://youtu.be/AMlx6Haoj7Y> but it may be last minute changes for unforeseen reason.

To find the link go to our parish website <https://sjfcov.org/> or the Coventry Catholic Deanery <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/>.

The stream should also be accessible by searching on Youtube for St John Fisher Coventry.



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 - that information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace or 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 is 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 blessings to you and Fr Des. Au revoir - until we see each other again, somewhere in the deanery!

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.

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

Jim Byrne
Keith Bewick
Claire Hayes
Christopher Swords

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

A Tribute to Jim Byrne

Jim's family wish to thank you for coming to pay your respects, in such great numbers, as his funeral cortège passed the Church on Thursday, and for your donations in his memory. May he, as such a faithful servant to Fr Bob and this parish, Rest In Peace as they are reunited once more.

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 Swarnowski, 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: Phyllis Scanlon

Next week: Marie & John

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: 1. Fr Bob 2. Bridget Cawley

Next week: Larry & Peter

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: James Scanlon

Next Week: Richard Taylor

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: Goretti & Joseph

Next Week: