

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
OF ST JOHN FISHER - COVENTRY
PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME - A COMMUNITY OF LOVE,
PRAYER AND SERVICE**

OUR CHURCH WAS BUILT [1972]
50TH ANNIVERSARY 2022
FOUNDATION OF OUR PARISH [1964]
60TH ANNIVERSARY 2024
CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH [1985]
40TH ANNIVERSARY 2025

Our Parish invites each person to be active and participating member in every aspect of Parish Life. We care for each other and we want to worship and serve our Lord and one another. Do please consider volunteering by participating wherever you feel you can help and serve.

GO IN PEACE
telling the Good News
sharing in the Breaking of the Bread
enriching the Community
through our talents, treasure and time:
transforming the Community by prayer and by action

ADVENT

STAY AWAKE

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH
TIVERTON ROAD WYKEN COVENTRY
WEST MIDLANDS CV2 3DL

Served by and Contact Details:
OUR PRIEST - Fr Desmond Devenney
02476 443459 [24 HOURS]
E-mail des56@hotmail.com OR
fr.des.devenney@rcaob.org.uk

CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND
LANGUAGE COLLEGE 02476 617231
PRINCIPAL Mr Tom Leverage
ST JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL 02476 443333
PRINCIPAL Mrs Dee Williams
ST GREGORY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL 02476 445900
PRINCIPAL Mrs Geraldine Marshall

**OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING
REPRESENTATIVES**
Cath McAnenny 02476 275850
Tina Hastings 07946 481610
OUR PARISH GIFT AID ORGANISER
Adrian McCann 02476 443459

WEBSITES
ARCHDIOCESE - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE -
www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk
PARISH WEBSITE - https://sjfcov.org
LIVE STREAMING - St John Fisher - YOU TUBE
E-MAIL - [stjohnfishercov@yahoo.co.uk]
NEW stjohnfishercovty@rcaob.org.uk

*O Lord, I love the house where you dwell,
the place where your glory abides.*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT DECEMBER 05TH/06TH 2020 YEAR B
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES	DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY	05	6-30PM	Tom Hastings RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
SUNDAY	06	9-30AM 11-30AM	John + Josephine Devoy RIP / Tom McGee RIP Sean Newsome RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
MONDAY	07	9-00AM	Intentions of Mary Hanratty / Mrs Feeney RIP	ST AMBROSE
TUESDAY	08 [5]F [5]G	9-15AM 10-30AM	Fr Bob RIP / Mick O' Donovan RIP Geoff Thomas RIP / Lavinia Phimister RIP	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY
WEDNESDAY	09	9-00AM	Jim Byrne RIP / Deceased Members Filipino Community	
THURSDAY	10	9-00AM 11-00AM	Jo Guyer RIP / Gerry Bree RIP BRIAN McSWEENEY RIP	FUNERAL MASS
FRIDAY	11	9-00AM 11-45AM	Intentions Mary Scott / Intentions Scott Family MICHAEL [MICK] QUINN RIP	FUNERAL MASS
SATURDAY	12	10-00AM 6-30PM	James + Phyllis Scanlon RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH William Green RIP / Brendan McKirdy RIP Patrick Doherty and Doherty Family RIP	
SUNDAY	13	9-30AM 11-30AM	Linda Allen RIP / Denis Cremins RIP / Intentions Michelle Mella Tony Gill RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	

Have a Good Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des
05/12/2020 23-45PM. THANKYOU/VIELN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

DECEMBER CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS
[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU]
LAMP LIT AT Sacred Heart Shrine
THIS WEEK Patrick Devenney RIP
NEXT WEEK --
Our Lady's Shrine

THIS WEEK Phyllis Scanlon RIP
NEXT WEEK Chris Horton RIP
St Joseph's Shrine
THIS WEEK -- NEXT WEEK --
St Anthony's Shrine
THIS WEEK James Scanlon RIP
NEXT WEEK --

Prayers have been requested for the Sick of our Parish -
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, Eileen Barnes,
Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter
Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler,
Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik, Maureen Quigley, Patricia
Hancocks

We remember all those who have died recently – especially **ERMINE SIMMS, PATRICK BURKE, CHRIS HORTON, BRIAN McSWEENEY, CHRISTINA BOYLE, MATHEW KULANGARATHOTTIYIL, and MICHAEL [MICK] QUINN, RIP** - and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy – the corona virus – and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **ETERNAL PEACE AND HAPPINESS, GRANT TO THEM, O LORD.**

We remember in prayer Families and Friends who miss the presence of someone they love.
May they be reassured always of the Lord's Love and Care.

We pray for the welfare and the well-being of all our people -
ALWAYS in our thoughts and prayers.

Please remember in your prayers to the Lord this week the elderly, the ill, the house-bound, the sick of our Parish – all those in our hospitals – all in our nursing and residential homes - those dying in our hospices - and all those who have asked us to pray for them.
May all know the Lord's Comfort and Peace – May the Lord bless all those who care for them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WEBSITE -
littleevangelist.com

WORDS SPOKEN BY JESUS IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

"Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

Personal prayer is the meeting place between the Eternal One and me - the Blessed Sacrament is the visible sign of my Covenant with Him. This is why I believe in personal prayer - and why every day I wait to meet him in the Eucharist. To pray means to wait for the God who comes.
'Carlo Carretto' - The God who Comes

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As Catholics we share in a tremendous heritage – we have a terrific history. May our contribution each day to the way of the Gospel build up the life of faith in our world.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change – the courage to change the things I can – And the wisdom to know the difference.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

In condemning us, you are condemning all our ancestors.
ST EDMUND CAMPION – martyred 1st December 1591

*We look for you every day and we see you, Lord,
wherever joy is spread,
wherever lies are rejected,
wherever injustice is stopped.
In order to find you, Lord, we must keep watch.*

*May we recall with joy our Saviour's first coming.
May we experience his present coming in word and in sacrament.
May we ready to greet him when he comes again.*

*The only wise way to go through life is to learn from the past without becoming its prisoner.
Being in touch with the past and open to the future is the secret of true wisdom.*

Why do we shy away from this thought of being saved, when we seek salvation so readily in other areas of life? We go to the doctor to be saved from sickness. We go to school in order to be saved from ignorance. We go to work in order to be saved from poverty. We go to friends and family to be saved from loneliness. Why then do we not go to Christ in order to be saved from our sins? We all need to face up

to our sins and commit them to the forgiving grace of God. Only Christ can help us do this.

FAMILY CALENDAR FOR ADVENT

Sunday Do something about a difficult situation in my life.
Monday Hug all the family today and tell someone you love them.
Tuesday Think how we can make this Christmas Peace-Filled.
Wednesday Pray for those who do not know that Jesus loves them.
Thursday Be accepting of each other today. Don't criticise or judge.
Friday Be patient with someone you find irritating - **S M I L E**.
Saturday Spend the day with the family. Help in the Home.

*The Advent wind soon comes round
On some momentous journey bound -
Journey to what? To whom? To where?
As Advent bells call out 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth.'
And how in fact do we prepare
For the great day that waits us there -
The twenty-fifth day of December,
The birth of Christ? For some it means
An interesting collection of holly scenes
On coloured cards. And I remember
Last year I sent out twenty yards,
Laid end to end, of Christmas cards
To people that I scarcely know -
They'd sent a card to me, and so
I had to send one back. Oh dear!
Is this a form of Christmas cheer?
Or is it, which is less surprising,
My pride gone in for advertising?
The only cards that really count
Are that extremely small amount
From real friends who keep in touch
And are not rich but love us much.
Some ways indeed are very odd
By which we hail the birth of God.
We raise the price of things in shops,
We give plain boxes fancy tops
And lines which traders cannot sell
Thus parcelled go extremely well.
We dole out bribes we call a present
To those to whom we must be pleasant
For business reasons. Our defence is
These bribes are charged against expenses
And bring relief in Income Tax.
But enough of these unworthy cracks!!!
The time draws near the Birth of Christ
A present that cannot be priced
Given two thousand years ago.
Yet if God had not given so
He still would be a distant stranger
And not the baby in the manger....*

We continue our Advent Journey and planning our Christmas-Time Masses. We have "Walk With Me" prayer books and calendars at the back of Church. With the change of guidelines, we now offer public Mass each day.

This week we begin the SIGNING IN arrangements for our Christmas Masses.

The Crib will be set up but sadly people cannot crowd around the Crib after Masses.

We will need help to cope with our Christmas Masses and ask people to volunteer as stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. We need 4 Stewards per Christmas Mass to help seat people safely. We won't need collectors as your offerings can be placed in the basket at the front - stewarding will be vital. Please let us know what Mass you would be willing to help. Please remember that all over the Christmas period Masses will be broadcast and so if you feel safer at home, please continue to watch the live streaming in our Church. The Bishops have continued to still dispense the obligation to attend Mass.

Sadly but very clearly things will be very different this year. It is important that people co-operate with the arrangements and make others aware. Each parish will advertise their times and arrangements. Please make people aware of this as – sadly again - people cannot turn up unexpectedly.

Thanks to all those who have supported with donations that are always gladly and gratefully received.

**"BE ON YOUR GUARD STAY AWAKE
KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME"**

YOU NEVER