

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

**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

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ARCHDIOCESE - www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk  
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**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER TIME MAY 08TH / MAY 09TH 2021 YEAR B**

"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASSES	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEAST
SATURDAY 08	6-30PM	Intentions Parker Family / John + Lizzie Vance RIP	
SUNDAY 09	9-30AM	FR BOB RIP / Teresa McSharry RIP	
	11-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Jim Angwin RIP / VICTIMS OF COVID RIP	
MONDAY 10	9-00AM	Paddy Ring RIP / Eddie Geach RIP / Intentions Joe Maxwell	
TUESDAY 11	9-00AM	Nina Micallef RIP / AK Sebastian RIP / Geoff Strong RIP	
WEDNESDAY 12	9-00AM	Illuminada Rodriguez RIP/ Intentions Catherine Dunne	ST PANCRAS
ASCENSION 13	9-00AM	Mary Snowden RIP / Rosemarie Nanalo-Almirines RIP / Eddie Geach RIP	
THURSDAY	7-00PM	Dennis Cremmins RIP / Carlito Rosanes Chan RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
FRIDAY 14	9-00AM	Dionisio Caumban RIP / Intentions Amelita Manalo	ST MATTHEW
SATURDAY 15	10-00AM	Nancy Diver RIP / Phyllis Quinlan RIP	
	6-30PM	Dennis Cremmins RIP / Intentions Steve + Janet Higgins	
SUNDAY 16	9-30AM	Jim Shannon RIP / Tom McGee RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
	11-30AM	Sean Newsome RIP / Chris Callaghan RIP / Mary Pethulls RIP	



Let us pray

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.  
Before you came to birth, I consecrated you.  
Jeremiah 1:1

Have an Excellent Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace

Do Take Great Care Fr Des 08/05/2021 23-45PM. THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO / SALAMAT  
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216

**MAY 2021 CANDLES - YOUR INTENTIONS**  
[Donation £3-50 - THANK YOU] LAMPS LIT AT

Our Lady's Shrine -  
THIS WEEK Intentions Mary Conroy/Dennis Cremmins RIP  
NEXT WEEK Geraldine-Thanksgiving  
Sacred Heart Shrine -  
THIS WEEK Intentions Vicky Mahon/Special Intention Rosa  
NEXT WEEK  
St Joseph's Shrine -  
THIS WEEK Intentions Vicky Mahon/Geraldine-Thanksgiving  
NEXT WEEK  
St Anthony's Shrine -  
THIS WEEK PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
NEXT WEEK

We pray for the welfare and the well-being of all our people -  
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

'Come now, Lord, and I will be comforted.  
Show me your face, and I shall be saved.  
Enter my room, and I shall be satisfied.  
Reveal your beauty,  
and my joy shall be complete.'

We remember all those who have died recently - especially PHYLLIS ELWICK, AK SEBASTIAN, CHRIS CALLAGHAN, SEAMUS McNULTY, MARY SNOWDEN, and LEELAMMA MICHAEL, RIP - and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy - the Corona Virus worldwide - 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 Care.

**Prayers have been requested for People who are Sick and Unwell at this Moment -**

Anne Gillies, Hugh McAteer, Margaret Buckley, Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Eileen McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Eric Holt, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Eileen Barnes, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Minda Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik, Maureen Quigley, Peggy James, Christine Ambrose, David Johnson, Jackie Smith, Bridie Barry, Jesse Abraham, Greville Turner, Sony Sunny, John Cunningham, and David Tuson.

“Genius is the ability to put into effect what is in your mind.”

**HANDS – FACE – SPACE**

Wash your hands – cover your face – keep your distance.  
We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.

**ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL** We are still taking applications for our Nursery cohort in September 2021. If you wish to apply for a place, please contact r.ramon@romeromac.com.

Dear Parishioners and Friends - I DO REPEAT THIS THIS WEEK!!!!  
It is lovely and inspiring to see so many at our Masses now.  
I would like to encourage many more of our younger families especially as we prepare for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.  
We are still called to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings according to the Guidelines. Our Stewards are there to help you.  
As you are aware things will start to ease on 17TH May and 21ST June.  
When we resume it will be so important that we recommit ourselves to the various aspects of parish life that we have all missed so much.  
People - THAT MEANS, ALL OF US - will be invited to take on the many and various roles in the Parish as we resume our ST JOHN FISHER PARISH activities.  
Pope Francis has asked us to pray the Rosary during May for the end of the Pandemic.

**ST JOHN FISHER PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic and a series of lockdowns over the last year it has meant that we have had to postpone our Sacramental Preparations and Celebrations in both our Catholic Primary Schools.

We have followed the guide-lines carefully and thanking you all – staff, families and children - for your patience.

**ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL**

The Sacrament of Confirmation –

Year 6 - Class 13                      Wednesday 30TH June                      6-30PM  
Year 6 - Class 14                      Wednesday 7TH July                      6-30PM

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Year 4 - Class 9                      Saturday 03RD July                      10-00AM  
Year 4- Class 10                      Saturday 03RD July                      12-30PM

**PRESENT YEAR 3**

Our children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Summer Term with parents present.

Year 3 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, early in September 2021.

**ST GREGORY SCHOOL**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / First Confession                      Year 3  
Tuesday 25TH May                      6-30PM

The Sacrament of Confirmation –                      Year 6  
Tuesday 06TH July                      6-30PM

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion                      Year 3 and 4  
Saturday 10TH July                      11-30AM

**FROM MAY 17 -**

**FUNERALS – 30 PEOPLE WEDDINGS – 30 PEOPLE**

**BAPTISMS – 30 PEOPLE**

**FROM JUNE 21 – RESTRICTIONS TO BE LIFTED**

**WHAT IS TRUE FRIENDSHIP?                      JOHN 15:9-17.**

Jesus said to His followers, 'I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends.' The word 'friend' is one of the most beautiful words in the human language. No-one is so strong and self-sufficient that he or she can live life at its best without the strength of friendship. We depend upon friends just as surely as we depend upon food, air and water.

So Jesus tells us that we are His friends. What are the basic elements of friendship?

The first is **ACCEPTANCE**. A friendship is composed of two people who accept each other. I may not understand everything I know about you; I may not even like some of the things about you; but if I am prepared to accept you as a person just the way you are, and if you are prepared to accept me just the way I am, then we have the basis of a friendship. This is what Jesus is saying to His followers. By no stretch of the imagination can we believe that Jesus approved of everything He saw in Peter, James and John and the other apostles.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Group [CLG] –**

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to make the readings and the Gospel more meaningful for the younger children in our St John Fisher Parish.

When Jesus called them friends He knew that Judas would betray Him. Peter would deny Him. All the others, apart from John, would forsake Him in the hour of His greatest loneliness. They were far from perfect. Yet Jesus said, 'I call you friends. I accept you just the way you are.' He offers us that same friendship, regardless of who or what we are. We don't have to be saints to be Jesus' friends. All that matters is that we are willing to accept Jesus.

How often are our friendships based on conditions? The condition could be financial... 'I'll be your friend providing your financial status is to my liking.' The condition could be moral... 'I'll be your friend providing you lead a decent life.' The condition could be racial... 'I'll be your friend providing we are the same colour.' The condition could be political... 'I'll be your friend providing we support the same party. People may not say these actual words, but that is how they think.

Sadly, there are some who cannot accept God as a friend. They tend to think of Him as a stern judge who points an accusing finger and demands moral perfection. That picture did not come from the Gospels. The God who is revealed there is not a stern policeman, but a loving Father and an understanding Friend. In the Gospels we discover that the people who are most uncomfortable in the presence of Jesus were not sinners but the strict moralists, those who took pride in their own goodness and looked with scorn on the evil of others.

A second element in friendship is **RESPECT**. It should be easy for us to respect Jesus, for He is faultless. But the astonishing thing is the respect Jesus has for us. He always looked for the good in people. He never invaded a person's privacy or destroyed the dignity of their free will. The last book of the Bible pictures Jesus standing at the door, knocking, waiting for someone to let Him in. That is the picture of the high regard He has for you and me. He will never kick down the door of our lives. He simply offers His friendship and waits for us to respond.

A third element of friendship is **HONESTY AND TRUST**. Jesus said, 'I have told you everything the Father told me.' Jesus believed in and practised openness with His friends. To study His life is to be impressed with His uncompromising commitment to truth. He would not deal in deception, not even to spare His own life.

Honesty is essential to friendship. No meaningful relationship can exist on a foundation of deceit. For you and me to be friends, we don't have to know everything there is to know about each other. We are not obliged to reveal all the secrets of our past lives. But we do need to feel that we can trust each other, share our joys and sorrows, discuss our problems, confide in each other, rely on each other's loyalty. We can't build anything on lies. This is how we should feel towards Jesus. He does know everything about us, all our secret thoughts and actions, so it would be futile to try to hide anything from Him. He is the one friend with whom we can, and must, be totally honest, knowing that He will never betray our trust.

Jesus' offer of friendship is open and honest, no strings attached, no axes to grind. He offers Himself. 'Greater love has no man than this, than that he lay down his life for his friends.' Calvary is the clearest offer of friendship the world has ever seen. If we are willing to give to Jesus the same acceptance, respect and honesty that He has given to us, it will be the beginning of a beautiful and lasting friendship.

**GRATITUDE** – like humour – boosts your immune system, makes you more resilient to stress, counters depression and anxiety, and helps to lower your production of cortisol, the hormone that is bad news all round.

Lord, I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning -  
Lord, I thank you for the sleep that has refreshed me -  
Lord, I thank you for the chance to begin life all over again.