

**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

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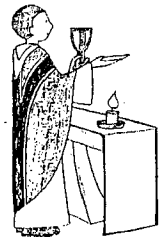
**WEBSITES**

**ARCHDIOCESE -** [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
**COVENTRY DEANERY WEBSITE –** [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)  
**PARISH WEBSITE –** <https://sjfcov.org>  
**LIVE STREAMING – YOU TUBE** St John Fisher Catholic Church Coventry  
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**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR B 12/13 JUNE 2021 AD**  
 "A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

MASS	TIMES	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
SATURDAY 12	6-30PM	Fr Bob RIP / Patrick Hoban RIP / Intentions Sheila Linehan + Family	
SUNDAY 13	09-30AM 11-30AM	Fr Bob RIP / Intentions June O'Donnell [90] / Jose Mathew RIP Fr Bob RIP / Sean McHugh RIP / Anthony Mahon RIP	
MONDAY 14	09-00AM	Rita + Stephen Wilde RIP / Ricky Cassidy RIP	
TUESDAY 15	09-15AM	Monsignor Paul Watson RIP / Intentions Eileen Shaw	
<b>FUNERAL MASS 12-30PM PETER CARNEY RIP</b>			
WEDNESDAY 16	09-00AM	Intentions Conway Family / Intentions Margaret Ward	
THURSDAY 17	09-00AM	Patrick Hoban RIP / Intentions Sister Rosetta	
<b>FUNERAL MASS 10-00AM AMANDA ALCOCK RIP</b>			
FRIDAY 18	09-00AM	Thomas George RIP / Poulou Poulouse RIP / Eileen Collins RIP / Eileen Sheehy RIP	
SATURDAY 19	10-00AM 6-30PM	Austin Cairns RIP / Chris Horton RIP / Intentions Nicky Mahon Lidia Alfonso RIP / Pedro Alfonso RIP / Anthony Joseph RIP	
SUNDAY 20	09-30AM 11-30AM	John + Josephine Devoy RIP / Pat Hastings RIP / PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Linda Fagan RIP / Douglas + Vilma Duffield RIP / Intentions Logier Fammily	



Have an Excellent Week – Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des 12/06/2021 23-45PM  
**THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO / SALAMAT**  
**THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY No. 234216**

**JUNE 2021 CANDLES – YOUR INTENTIONS**

[Donation £3-50 – THANK YOU]	LAMPS LIT AT	NEXT WEEK	
Our Lady's Shrine - THIS WEEK	Fr Bob RIP / Kate Owens Ints	NEXT WEEK	Bridget - Birthday
Sacred Heart Shrine - THIS WEEK	Fr Bob RIP	NEXT WEEK	Catherine/Pat Devenney RIP
St Joseph's Shrine- THIS WEEK	Fr Bob RIP	NEXT WEEK	Frank Mullin RIP
St Anthony's Shrine - THIS WEEK	Fr Bob RIP / Kathleen Sp Int	NEXT WEEK	Terence Devenney RIP

We remember all those who have died recently – especially DR ENDA McDERMOTT, DAN HASTINGS, MARY DEVANE, JOE DEVINE, PETER CARNEY, AMANDA ALCOCK, PAUL MULQUEEN, KP THOMAS, BRED A EVANS, JILL RIGBY, LAURIE MURPHY, and IMELDA CUNNINGHAM, 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

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.

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, Mindi 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, David Tuson, Alice Parker, Nancy Guvi, Edward Matibiri, Philip Gilheaney, and Margaret Goss.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WEBSITE - [littleevangelist.com](http://littleevangelist.com)**

**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.

**HANDS – FACE – SPACE**

**Wash your hands – cover your face – keep your distance.**

**We continue to follow the agreed Archdiocesan and Government Guidelines.**

We are still called to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings according to the Guidelines. Our Stewards are there to help you.

#### **ST JOHN FISHER PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

**ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Year 6 - Class 13      Wednesday 30TH June      6-30PM

Year 6 - Class 14      Wednesday 07TH 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 Confirmation**

**Year 6**

**Tuesday 06TH July**

**6-30PM**

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

**Year 3 and Year 4**

**Saturday 10TH July**

**11-30AM**

**FROM MAY 17 - FUNERALS – CHURCH NUMBERS [70] WEDDINGS – 30 PEOPLE/BAPTISMS – 30 PEOPLE  
FROM JUNE 21 – RESTRICTIONS TO BE LIFTED – ALL BEING WELL – KEEP PRAYING!!!!!!**

SMALL BEGINNINGS. Mk. 4:26-34.

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of God's Kingdom beginning in a small way. He says it is like a mustard seed which a man plants in his garden. Even though it is tiny, given time it will grow into a large shrub in whose branches the birds of the air will find food and shelter. What is Jesus teaching us here?

Jesus is saying, 'God does depend upon us to do our part. The man planted the seed in the first place but it is God who gives the growth and increase.' If we want to change something in our lives or in the world we must make a start somewhere. The start may be very small and appear to be totally insignificant and useless, but it is necessary. Once we take our first step in what we believe to be a just cause, we must trust God will help us to go forward even though we do not know where it will lead us. We must persevere in spite of delays and obstacles.

For God's kingdom to come,--a kingdom of justice, love and peace--each of us has a part to play, but it is God who gives the increase. As individuals we may feel that we haven't much to contribute. Yet to plant even one seed of truth, of justice and of peace is a worthwhile thing. We can leave it to God to bring forth the harvest and perhaps others to reap it. Jesus began His great work by calling a handful of fishermen and look what was achieved.

Mother Teresa said, 'We can do no great things--only small things with great love.' With God's help the small things we do can be transformed into great and wonderful.

Pour in love where there is no love and you'll draw love out. *St John of the Cross*

**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
- AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"  
- Says Jesus.**



**PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
FOR THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12/13 JUNE 2021**

*I will take a shoot and plant it myself...it will sprout branches and bear fruit.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to welcome you back to church, as the pandemic restrictions are easing, if you have recently returned. With all the hardships we have endured over the last year, we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other.

Even though our church buildings haven't been fully open, the communal life of our Church has continued. I have seen wonderful work from so many people across the Archdiocese. People have continued to witness - stepping forward to support foodbanks, or to make PPE, helping to keep our churches open by becoming stewards or simply checking their neighbours' wellbeing. In such difficult times you have risen to the challenge, sacrificing your time and energy to serve others.

We are now making a fresh beginning in a very different setting. Following Pentecost we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we build-up the Body of Christ. The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role our churches play in society. We now have a fresh opportunity to make sure the Gospel is heard and seen through the example of our daily Christian lives.

I invite you today to reflect on what we have learned about our faith during this time. For my part, I have very much missed being able to visit you in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. At the same time, it has been a blessing to spend the whole liturgical year as part of the Cathedral community at St Chad's and to keep in touch through the live-streaming service.

I wonder what you may have learned about yourself and your faith in the past year? What has fanned the flames of your faith? What will you do differently in future?

The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese - being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God. How are we to unfold God's plan for our Church?

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and others.

Over the coming weeks, we want to begin a dialogue with you about how we fulfil this vision, and how each one of us can use the charisms given to us through baptism to play our part.

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

**Evangelisation** - Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ - inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

**Formation** - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support - helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

**Liturgy and Worship** - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

**Social Outreach** - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

We have all had to review our plans because of the pandemic, and now I am inviting you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our diocesan mission. Where is the mustard seed that the Lord is asking us to plant for him? Can it take root and flourish in one of these four areas of growth?

These are the actions that I shall be taking:

I will ensure that priests, deacons, Religious and parishioners are supported to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God.

I will put the structures of the archdiocese at the service of our mission. This will begin with a re-arrangement of our deaneries, enabling us to begin a dialogue about how our parish structures can change so as to create or enhance vibrant parish communities.

I will put young people and families at the centre of our diocesan planning. Working with and through our wonderful Catholic schools, we will listen to them and actively encourage and support them to use their talents in the life of the Church and thus build even stronger relationships between our schools and parishes.

Next week some leaflets will be distributed at Mass and you will be able to find a new dedicated space on our diocesan website about the vision, together with more details of the diocesan plan to deliver it.

In July I will be inviting parishes to participate in a summer event, supported by the Archdiocese's Evangelisation group, to extend a hand of welcome to their local communities.

Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – *like a mustard seed which... is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

I will be praying about all that lies before us as we continue this pilgrimage of faith. I invite you to pray the vision prayer with me and to make a pledge: to pray for our Archdiocese, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to make our faith fruitful in good works.

So let us pray together:

Spirit of God,  
descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me and  
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,  
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.  
Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace  
in all I say and do  
and invite others into relationship with you.  
Amen

Yours devotedly in Christ Bernard Longley  
Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 2 June 2021 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/13 June 2021).