



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady of Lourdes



14, Westhill Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV6 2AA

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your support of all our Easter services and thanks for all the kind comments which have been much appreciated. I know it has given many of you a daily routine to follow and it has been helpful for us Priests as well. We will be continuing with our regular pattern of 9.30am Mass and 7.00pm Rosary. We will try to honour the requested Mass intentions, but as usual we will give priority to funeral masses if they occur on a particular day. We all know it is a difficult time for family mourners only to be allowed five people at the graveside or the crematorium, so having this Mass in the morning allows the wider family to pay their respects. When we return to normal, we will have the option to have memorial masses for the deceased.

Our thanks to all who are supporting the various charitable works within the parish. Lots of people are volunteering to help with the delivery of food, medicine and helping with shopping. The meal service from the parish centre is also very helpful to many and people are generously supporting the Foodbank and food for the homeless through the parish WhatsApp Group.

As you know, we are saying the prayer of Spiritual Communion during this time when we cannot physically attend Mass and on Saturday mornings at Mass we will say the prayer for a Spiritual Confession as an alternative to coming to Confession on Saturdays. Clearly when churches are open again, we will have the Sacraments available as usual and will be able to honour all the Baptisms and Weddings that have had to be postponed. Likewise, we will make arrangements for First Communions and Confirmations to ensure that the children receive their Sacraments, although the dates may have to be changed. We will make a decision about this next week when the schools have a clearer idea of when the schools may reopen.

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Parish Website and there is also a closed Facebook Page that young people can ask to join. For information please email [ctkyouthonline@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). Please see below.

We will have one more day to complete our entries for the Easter Garden, Easter Bonnet and painted egg competition. We will have prizes for under 7s, 7 – 11 and 11+. Fr John will judge the competition and you can send your entries over the next few weeks to [frjohnwaters@outlook.com](mailto:frjohnwaters@outlook.com). Entries in by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April please. We will award Easter prizes to the winners in all of the categories. You can see the full list of prize winners at the end of the Newsletter. If you are a prize winner, give us a ring if you or your parents are walking past the church and we can leave your prize on the garden wall by our Lady's statue. Please don't make a special trip for this. Only collect if you are passing.

Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers, please try to ring the people that they normally visit on a regular basis. If you need the persons number, please email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk).

A number of people have asked about the Offertory collections. If you wish to make a payment to the parish to help us through this time, you could email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk) for our bank details. Or you could just keep your weekly offerings to one side and hand them in when the churches can be opened again. Or you could post us a cheque made payable to "Christ the King Parish". Please don't worry about Gift Aid envelopes as we can make up the weeks when we are open again. Thanks for your generous support.

Please remember to look out for vulnerable neighbours and see if you can help them. Try to keep to a good routine and try to include some time for prayer and exercise. You can use the admin email to keep in contact, but you can phone us at the Presbytery if anyone needs us in an emergency. If you wish to volunteer to help the housebound and those in isolation, there are a number of ways you can do this. Please see at the bottom of the page.

Please Continue to pray for those working for the National Health, helping with the supply chain of goods needed by us all and those staff looking after children of essential workers in our schools.

Thanks to everyone for the interest and support of our masses and services, it gives us all, including the Priests a good routine.

Please continue your prayers for Fr Michael and all those affected by the Coronavirus

God Bless

Fr Tom

### This week we pray for those recently deceased

Susan Edgar, Edward McCooey, Jim Feeney,  
Karen Pollard, Betty O'Callaghan,  
Sheila Treacey, Peter Ronan,  
May they rest in peace

Christ The King Church		
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Ann Charlesworth. Anniv. Chris Murray. Anniv. Nellie Hynes and Family. Anniv. Jim Curtis' Intentions.
<b>Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	9.30am	Eileen Caldwell. Birthday Memorial. Colman O'Donoghue. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Timmy Ryan. Anniv. Ann Cotterill. Anniv. Mick Wynne. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Susan Edgar. RIP.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Jim McCooey. Dec'd. Patsy Kieran. Dec'd. Charlie Ward. Dec'd.
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Johal Family's Intentions. Chris Neville. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
<b>Thursday Solemnity of St George</b>	9.30am	May Friel. Anniv. Frank Cummings. Anniv. Ray Kelly. Anniv.
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Betty O'Callaghan. RIP.
<b>Saturday Feast of St Mark</b>	9.30am	Martin and May Duffy. Anniv. Veronica Woodward. Anniv. James Brady. Anniv.
<b>Third Sunday of Easter 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	9.30am	Bridie and Chris Spicer. 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. Jim Feeney. Dec'd. Terry Butterly. Anniv. Pat Phillips. Anniv.
<b>St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>		



### Online Webcam

Go to the website and follow [link](#).

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP** The leaders from the Youth Group are trying to keep in touch with the young people of the Parish by running a Virtual Youth Group. You will find all of the details on the Parish Website and there is also a closed Facebook Page that young people can ask to join. We will upload a different session each week with games, challenges, fun and most importantly our usual weekly youth prayer and reflection. For more information email [ctkyouthonline@gmail.com](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). Link to consent form for parents: <https://forms.gle/QTmzart2YGuHThu68>.

Youth Group Session One - Link to video / video <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-IJHclXy0RYpGx4AkNSxg>.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** Divine Mercy prayers will be conducted from St. Mary's parish on Sunday starting at 3:00pm in the afternoon, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and to conclude the Novena. All prayers will be broadcast live through parish webcam at <http://www.ssmaryandbenedict.org> or at: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

**FOOD POTS** We are now selling take away tubs of food Tuesdays - Sweet & Sour Chicken with rice Wednesdays - Baked Lasagne Thursdays - Hearty Beef and Vegetable Stew Fridays - Chicken tikka Balti with rice All meals are £4.00 each or 3 for £10.00 collection from Christ the King Club between 3pm and 4pm must be ordered before 4pm the day before Local delivery available within 2 miles at £2 per delivery

To order call/txt or WhatsApp Andy on 07815775229 or email [andy@hudspithcateringservices.co.uk](mailto:andy@hudspithcateringservices.co.uk). All food is cooked fresh and will have 3 days shelf life and is also suitable for freezing.

**FOOD BANK** Food is still urgently needed. Items for the Foodbank may be donated at Tesco at the Ricoh and Sainsburys, Canley. It is hoped that Morrisons Holyhead Road will eventually take part. Items may also be taken to the central Food Bank Distribution Centre at Progress Way, CV3 2NT. Donations of money made be made through Coventry Food Bank website which has a Donate button in the top right corner of its opening page.

**VOLUNTEERING** During this difficult period when people are more vulnerable and isolated, there are various projects going on in Coventry. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours per week and can help shopping for food, delivering food, helping at Foodbanks please email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk),

**PALM SUNDAY COMPETITION WINNERS** Leah Class 8, Teddy Class 7, Natalie Class 9, Aoife and Caoimhe, Elsie and Alana, Julia and Dominic, Leo and Kayleigh, Vicky and Lucia, Sam, William and George, McGorisk children, Walsh children and O'Brien children, Natalie and Ela Zydorek.

### *Saint Corona, Pray for us!*

It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona!

There's a lot online if you look her up.

It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 15 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd).

Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14<sup>th</sup> May

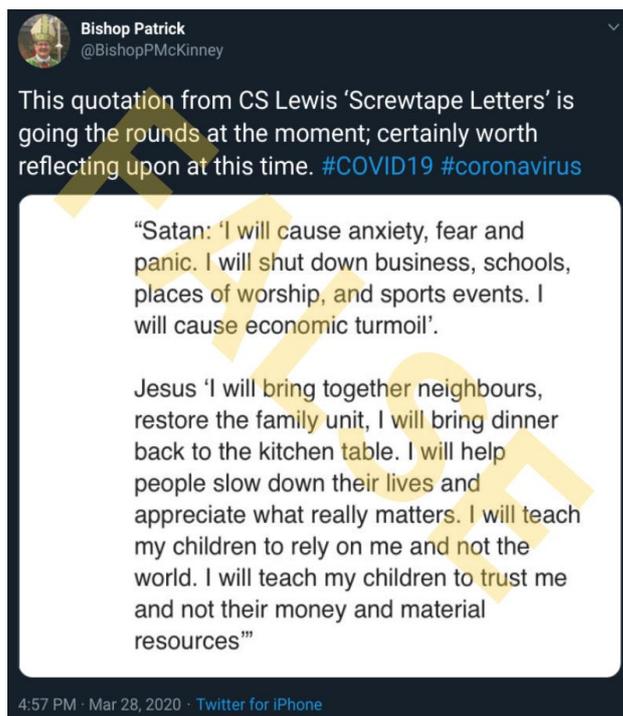


This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara (died 1888), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*And people stayed home, and read books and listened,  
And rested and exercised, and made art, and played,  
And learned new ways of being,  
and were still, and listened more deeply.  
Someone meditated, someone prayed, someone danced,  
someone met their own shadow,  
And people started thinking differently...  
And people healed...  
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,  
dangerous, mindless, and heartless,  
The EARTH began to heal...  
And when the danger ended, and people found themselves,  
They grieved for the dead, and they made new choices,  
And dreamed of new visions, and created new ways to live  
and heal the Earth fully.... Just as they had been healed.*

The famous Author C S Lewis 1898 – 1963 famous for the chronicles of “Narnia” and the “Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe”, also wrote the screwtape letters which speaks of Satan teaching an apprentice the skills of evil and temptation.

There has been an updated quote written this year in the style of the dialogue between Satan and Jesus.



The original book is well worth a read!

## **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion**

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer:

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### **Dispensation from Easter Duties**

In their letter of Dispensation 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said “in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.”

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916). Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition

***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. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.***