



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 26th April 2020

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your continued support of our daily Mass and Rosary. We will continue as usual with 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 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. This week we have also included a new section on the website and newsletter entitled "Rest in Peace". This will allow you to look at a photo of the deceased whose funerals will be celebrated over the next week or so. It will be an alternative to the photographs on the funeral board at the back of the Church.

You may have heard us announce that the Sunday Mass is being watched by over 5000 people and the weekday mass by over 2,500. I know it's a help to many people and a good routine for us Priests. We will continue to use the Spiritual Communion every day and the Spiritual Confession on Saturday mornings.

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.

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.

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. For information please email ctkyouthonline@gmail.com. Please see below.

Our thanks to all those who entered the Easter Competitions and we have a 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.

Christ The King Church

Saturday	9.30am	Martin and May Duffy. Anniv. James Brady. Anniv. Veronica Woodward. Anniv.
Third Sunday of Easter 26th April 2020	9.30am	Bridie and Chris Spicer. 45 th Wedding Anniv. Jim Feeney. Dec'd. Terry Butterly. Anniv. Pat Phillips. Anniv.
Monday	9.30am	May Rooney. Dec'd. Pat and Mary McGuire. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.30am	Sheila Treacey. RIP.
Wednesday Feast of St Catherine of Siena	9.30am	Peter Ronan. RIP.
Thursday	9.30am	Al Marconi. RIP. Peter Keane. 80 th Birthday Memorial.
Friday	9.30am	Paul and Elaine Luff's Intentions. Sheila Scampton. Anniv.
Saturday - Memorial of St Athanasius	9.30am	Kathleen Kavanagh. Dec'd. Mary Leary. Anniv.
Fourth Sunday of Easter – 3rd May 2020	9.30am	Chrissie Stephenson. Anniv. Pat McDermott. Anniv. Peter and Patrick Murphy. Anniv
St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

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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.

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 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.

Our thanks to some very generous anonymous donors who have given substantial amounts to help the parish activities. 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.

If you have time for extra viewing, you may wish to watch "Priest's School" about the Scots College in Rome on BBC IPlayer. Fr John knows some of the students in the film. Also, there is a new film about St Patrick on Netflix entitled "I am Patrick".

Sad to announce the deaths of Bishop Leo McCarty and Father Andy Kenny. Bishop Leo was an Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham before going on to be Bishop of Northampton. He was 94 years of age and had celebrated 79 years as a Priest a couple of months ago. Sadly, he died of the Coronavirus. I am his Executor and will be arranging a simple graveside funeral for him at Northampton. Fr Andy Kenny was a native of this parish and was ordained a Priest here in 1957. He was a great footballer for Christ the King and a potential professional before he joined the Priesthood. He was an Army Chaplain and worked for many years in various parishes. May they both rest in peace.

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
Edward McCooney, Karen Pollard, Betty O'Callaghan,
Sheila Treacey, Peter Ronan, Mary Neenan,
Annie Murphy, Bishop Leo McCarty, Fr Andy Kenny
May they rest in peace



Online Webcam
Go to the website and follow link.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS Top 3 bonnet winners: Louis McGovern, The Wainwright family, The Doherty family. Commended are: Zuzula family, Conway family, Seary family. Top 3 Easter Gardens: Cotter family, Catherine McGovern, Hannie O'Meara-Duffy. Commended are: Abigail Baker, McGorisk family, Aiden Newsome, Sharma family, Scott family, Albert Healy, Alexander Costello, Alexander Williams, O'Brien family, Amelia Dida, Farrell family, Riddell family, Clara Hehir, Jones family, Genevieve Tunncliffe, Grace Delaney, Grace Warner, Harry and Arlow Sloyan, Isobelle Pitti, Jacob Rothwell, Kymani and Sienna Cruz, Bizon family, Lena Michalak, Lucia Arandae, Warner family, Muireann Houston, Bosworth family, Noah Spicer, Olivia Morris, Oliver O'Brien, Sam Skilling, Sophia Williams, Teddy McDonald, Thomas McGovern. Top 3 Eggs: Emilia Gardem, Batson family, Armstrong family. Commended are: Viki Andrade, Ula McDonagh, Sophia Williams, Niamh Hehir, Elisa Quarmyne, Betty Cronin,

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. Link to consent form for parents: <https://forms.gle/QTmzart2YGuHThu68>.

Youth Group Session One - Link to video / video <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-lJHclXy0RYpGx4AkNSxg>.

FOOD POTS We are now selling take away tubs of food Tuesdays - Sweet & Sour Chicken with rice Wednesdays - Baked Lasagne (with salad or Coleslaw at £2 per tub). Thursdays - Hearty Beef and Vegetable Stew. Fridays - Chicken tikka Balti, Vegetable Curry with rice (Vegetable samosa at 2 for £1). Due to suppliers increasing products, prices will increase from Monday 27th April. All meals are now £5.00 each or 3 for £13.00. 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 cal/txt or WhatsApp Andy on 07815775229 or email 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,

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 14th May

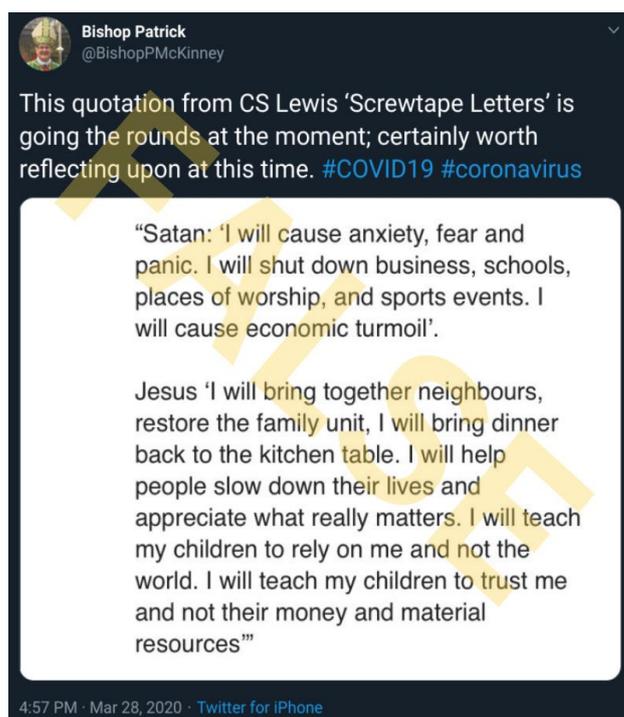


This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara (died 1888), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*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.

Rest In Peace

BETTY O'CALLAGHAN

Funeral Friday 24 April. Mass on Webcam 9.30am CTK. Committal at Canley 1.30 pm



SHEILA TREACEY (Nee Herbert) 07/02/1935-14/04/2020 —Aged 85 yrs
Funeral Tuesday 28 April. Mass on Webcam 9.30am CTK. Committal tba.
Donations if desired, to Epilepsy or Cancer Charity of your choosing.

