



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady of Lourdes



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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parishioners

This weekend is Vocations Sunday and we are asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and that all of us in our own ways can discover the importance of serving God and our neighbour. There have been wonderful examples of this over these past weeks. We have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop and will make this available to you as part of the newsletter.

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. There is also the 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. These details will also be attached to the weekly newsletter along with perhaps a few words about the deceased.

We continue to get great numbers watching the services we are providing over the webcam. We will continue to use the Spiritual Communion every day and the Spiritual Confession on Saturday mornings. Each week we will now tell you what two hymns we will sing at the Sunday morning mass. This week we will be singing "Be thou My Vision" and "Praise to the Holiest". You may have an old hymn book with these in or you may wish to download from the internet. You can then join in the singing and judge if your singing is better than ours.

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

### Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest

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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](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). Please see below.

We have an Ecumenical Service to be broadcast this Sunday evening at 6pm. A number of Church Leaders including myself and Bishop Christopher Coxworth, the Anglican Bishop of Coventry will be taking part. The Service will be broadcast from 5.45pm onwards via YouTube using this link: [City Praise and Prayer YouTube Channel](#).

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.

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.

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.

You may have heard me announce that Fr Michael is much improved. He had a quick conversation with me and his sister and thanks everyone for their prayers. Please continue for him and all those affected by the Coronavirus.

God Bless

Fr Tom

### This week we pray for those recently deceased

Edward McCooley, Karen Pollard, Mary Neenan,  
Annie Murphy, Stella Griffiths, Patrick Higgins  
Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr Andy Kenny,  
May they rest in peace

Christ The King Church		
Saturday - Memorial of St Athanasius	9.30am	Kathleen Kavanagh. Dec'd. Mary Leary. Anniv.
Fourth Sunday of Easter – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020	9.30am	Chrissie Stephenson. Anniv. Pat McDermott. Anniv. Peter and Patrick Murphy. Anniv
Monday	9.30am 10.30am	Annie Murphy. RIP. Mary Neenan. RIP.
Tuesday	9.30am	Peter Keane. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Bishop Vincent Malone's Intentions.
Wednesday	9.30am	Ellen, Sean and Liam McSharry. Dec'd.
Thursday	9.30am	Edward McCooley. RIP.
Friday	9.30am	Elizabeth McNulty. Anniv. Paul Ryan. Anniv.
Saturday	9.30am	Anthony Tierney. Anniv. Jamesustin's Intentions.
Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	9.30am	Maureen Orton. Birthday Memorial. Bridie Moroney. Anniv.
St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE – “CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER ONLINE** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00pm. The service will last about one hour and will comprise of short prayer sections and worship – the former led by different leaders, including Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, and the latter led by a band of musicians and singers from a number of different churches. The service will be broadcast from 5.45pm onwards via YouTube using this link: [City Praise and Prayer YouTube Channel](#).

**EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS** Top 3 bonnet winners: Louis McGovern, The Wainwright family, The Doherty family. Commended are: Zuzula family, Conway family, Searly 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 Tunnicliffe, 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](mailto:ctkyouthonline@gmail.com). 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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).

### *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

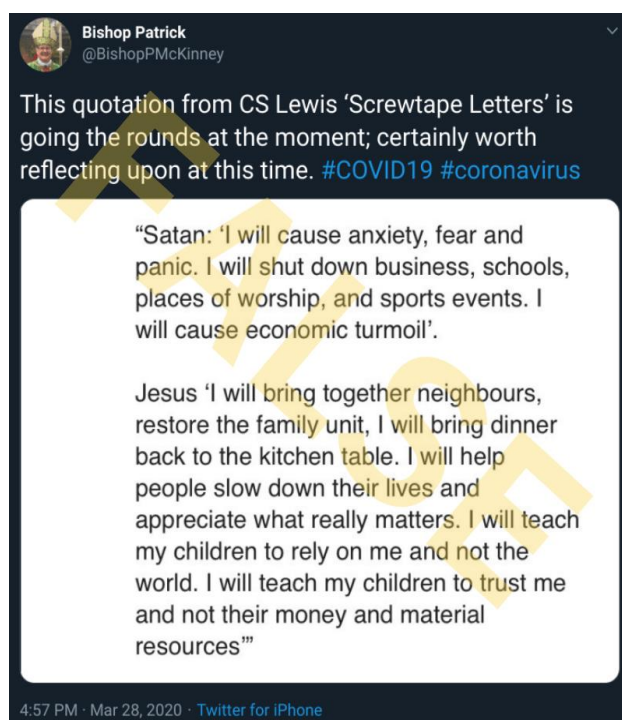


This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O’Meara (died 1888), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*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.***

# PASTORAL LETTER



**PASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE  
MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY  
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2/3 MAY 2020**

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, dear friends,

We are living through the strangest and most unsettling of times together. None of us has ever experienced a Holy Week and Easter quite like this year's as the coronavirus took hold across our communities. I know that many of you have been anxious about your family members and friends who have been ill and our prayers are with those who have suffered bereavements in recent days. We pray that all those who have died will see the light on the face of the risen Christ.

Over recent weeks we have had to modify our way of life and our way of faith for the wellbeing and safety of one another and this has inevitably changed the way that we practise our faith day by day. I realise what a burden it is not to be able to visit your parish church or to receive the sacraments, but this sacrifice is contributing to the good of others.

As we continue our journey through the Easter season today's Gospel offers us consolation and encouragement just when it is most needed. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – the moment in Eastertide when we hear the risen Christ calling us as our shepherd: *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* This year more than ever we need to hear the voice of the shepherd calling us forward – to be carried on his shoulders so that as his flock we may gain fresh strength and purpose.

Our Lord calls us to be watchful and attentive as the sheep of his flock, to recognise and love the sound of his voice. When the Lord calls us it is more than a beckoning – it is a vocation, a calling to be his disciples and to do his bidding. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for an increase of vocations within the Church – vocations to married life, to Religious and consecrated life, to the ordained ministries.

I would ask you to pray especially today for those in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and for the Priesthood. It will be a great blessing this year to ordain three of those who are currently in formation as Permanent Deacons and I know how much they will bring to the parish and chaplaincy communities they are looking forward to serving.

This summer we shall welcome our three newly-ordained priests at the conclusion of their studies and formation in Rome. I am also looking forward to ordaining four of our eleven current seminarians as priests. During the coronavirus pandemic all our seminarians have been stationed in parishes across the Archdiocese. I thank the clergy and the parishioners who have kindly made them so welcome during this unexpected pastoral placement. I also thank all the seminary staff who have continued to support them in their formation.

Priests and deacons witness and work in close collaboration with all the lay faithful, recognising and grateful for the wide range of charisms they have received from the Holy Spirit. The Church's life is enriched by the different vocations that come from the Good Shepherd. We have all been touched over recent weeks by the

dedicated work of doctors, nurses and care-workers and I am grateful for the healthcare chaplains and volunteers who support them.

I am also grateful to those whose vocation finds its fulfilment in education. Thanks to our teachers and governing bodies, very many of our Catholic Schools have remained open, providing a vital local service for children and their families through their outreach work and care. Children and staff have been making food parcels and seeing them delivered to families and foodbanks. Some schools have been making PPE equipment for local hospitals and NHS workers or delivering hand-painted cards to lonely parishioners.

There are others whose vocation from the Good Shepherd lies in social outreach, making the Church's social teaching alive and active in our local communities. Father Hudson's Care supports the work of several agencies across the Archdiocese, making a real difference to those in need during the current pandemic.

In Birmingham Tabor House usually provides emergency night-shelter for those who have been sleeping rough on the streets of the city. It is currently helping the City Council to staff a crisis centre in a central hotel providing accommodation for over fifty people. In Smethwick the Brushstrokes centre has remained open, thanks to staff and volunteers. Last week it provided food for over two hundred destitute people, either delivered to their homes or safely collected from the centre. You will know of other good examples in your own neighbourhood.

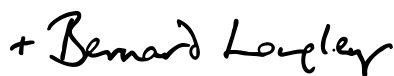
In these difficult days I recognise the wonderful and courageous witness of those who work in our Care Homes and I ask your prayers for the six Catholic Care Homes in the Archdiocese. They have come face to face with the coronavirus and they have offered the consoling touch of the Good Shepherd to those who are sick and recovering, as well as those on their final journey to the Lord.

Many of us would have been preparing during the month of May for our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The experience of Lourdes has sparked or fostered many a vocation. This year I shall celebrate a special Lourdes Mass to be live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 24 May, the Seventh Sunday of Easter when our pilgrimage was due to begin.

In all of these different settings the ministry of deacons and priests is greatly valued as they represent the Good Shepherd himself. On this special day of prayer for vocations, please pray for those in formation for ordained ministries at our seminaries and currently in our parishes. Pray also for those hearing or reading this who are aware of the calling of the Good Shepherd, that they may have courage and find in Christ the confidence they need to offer their whole lives to him.

Dear friends, we also pray for one another as we continue the journey in company with the risen Christ and always encouraged by his promise to us: *I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

Yours devotedly in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Bernard Longley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 1 May 2020 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on 2/3 May 2020



# Rest In Peace

Funeral Wednesday 29th April. Mass on Webcam 9.30am.



Peter Ronan was one of four siblings, born in 2nd September 1960. He was the second child of Micheal and Winifred Ronan (who was mainly known as Una.) He was a little brother to Bernie and big brother to Christopher and Pauline. Peter was brought up in a loving and caring family. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially their annual trip to the co-op camp site in Rhyl. Pete was very athletic in his younger days, he enjoyed swimming, long distance running and was a member of the standard triumph boxing club where he trained alongside Micheal Christie brother of Errol where he got to the Warwickshire final of the ABA. Pete attended Cardinal Wiseman boys school up until 1976. After finishing school he worked as a capstone operator, then doing a few various job roles before starting at Jaguar Land Rover in 1984 where he worked up until 2018 when he was medically retired. Pete was firstly introduced to Linda in 1974 by his sister Bernie however it wasn't until 1987 when they began dating. Peter was a gentleman and had old fashioned values, this was shown when he asked Linda's mothers permission for her hand in marriage. Peter and Linda got engaged in 1988 and married in 1989. His first child Siobhan was born in 1991 and his second child Karl was born in 1992. He was a doting father to both his children and a kind and loving husband to Linda. Pete was always very proud of his two children and was left broken hearted in 2018 when Karl passed away unexpectedly. He found some comfort in taking over the responsibility of looking after Karl's dog Skyla who he doted on. Pete's untimely death has brought great sadness to his wife Linda, daughter Siobhan. Sisters Bernie and Pauline and brother Christopher. Plus all of his in-laws: Julie, Paddy, Tracy, Sandra, Vince, Gary, Caroline, Sue and Ellen. And also by his extended family and friends which there are to many to name. Rest in peace until we are all reunited.