



The Catholic Churches of

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 17th May 2020

Dear Parishioners

This weekend we are asked by Pope Francis to pray for the Christians of the Eastern Rite churches and they are being asked to pray for the Western Rite Christians. This is in the hope of reminding us of our joint route and to pray for a strengthening of christian unity and witness. This prayer for unity is particularly important at these difficult times. We pray that all nations will see the priority of working together rather than emphasizing differences. Unity will be one of the great weapons to fight the pandemic and to ensure that we emerge from it as a better world community.

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 "The King of Love my Shepherd is" and "Praise to the Lord the Almighty".

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. The Casements Gaelic Club had a very successful collection for the Foodbank last weekend. Thanks for all your generous support. They were able to fill two large vans full of produce to help those in need.

We have started the work on the lift in the community centre. The first stage is redirecting the main stairs and we are grateful to David Parnell and Dave Crowley for arranging this

Parish Clergy:

Very Rev Canon Tom Farrell, Parish Priest

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work. The lift will be a great asset to the community centre.

This weekend we should have been starting our First Communion and I know this will be a disappointment to many. We are due to have guidelines from the Bishops this week about Holy Communion and Confirmations and I will let you have these as soon as they are available.

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.

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.

The funeral for Bishop Leo McCartie was held last week and the funeral for Fr Andy Kenny, who was from this parish will be conducted privately at Oscott College Cemetery by the Archbishop. Please remember him in your prayers.

Fr Michael continues to improve day by day and we have had regular conversations with him. He thanks you all for his prayers which he credits for his recovery. He is having intensive physiotherapy with a view to him leaving hospital. Keep up the prayers.

God Bless

Fr Tom

This week we pray for those recently deceased

Fr Andy Kenny, Jim Horgan, Dorothy Miller
Margaret Sweeney, Una Wynn and Frank Ginty
May they rest in peace

Online Webcam

Go to the website and follow link.

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	9.30am	Peter and Mary McDaniel. Anniv. Ann Boyle. Birthday Memorial. Michael McDermott. Anniv.
Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17 th May 2020	9.30am	Hugh Fitzmaurice. Anniv. Betty Tierney. Anniv. Thomas Gwynn. Anniv. Mary Farrell. Anniv. Helen and Tony Blanche – 40 th Wedd. Anniv. Primal Silva. Anniv.
Monday	9.30am	Margaret Sweeney. RIP.
Tuesday	9.30am	Jim Horgan. RIP.
Wednesday	9.30am	Paddy Mills. Birthday Memorial. Bill Fahy. Anniv.
Thursday	9.30am	Martin Duffy. Anniv.
Friday	9.30am	Nan Patterson. Anniv. Jim Gallivan. Anniv.
Saturday	9.30am	Annie Murphy. Month's Mind. Mick Brady. Anniv. Mick McCarron. Anniv. James and Elizabeth Rice. 50 th Wedd. Anniv.
Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24 th May 2020	9.30am	Eamonn Fallon. Anniv. John-Joe Kilcoyne. Anniv. The McHugh and Doherty Family. Dec'd. Paul Butterly. Birthday Memorial.
St Augustine's Church – NO SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

LIVE ON-LINE YOGA CLASSES Maureen is now running live yoga classes on-line until we can return to classes at the Parish Centre. Gentle Yoga for Over 60's: Tuesdays at 10am – 11am (£3 per sess). Sunpower Flow Yoga: Mondays 7pm- 8.30pm (£5 per sess.). Friday's 3.30pm- 5pm (£5 per sess). As long as you have a mobile phone, laptop or tablet – access is easy using ZOOM!! Please contact Maureen for more information on 07507 636623 or maureenthomson54@hotmail.com. Everyone welcome.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK honors the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. The theme of the week is "everything is connected." People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For Laudato Si' Week, 16-24 May, Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future. For more information visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

FOODBANK URGENT APPEAL A huge thank you to the Roger Casements GAA Club for arranging the food donation drop off and to all who so kindly donated items. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!!

ONLINE RETREAT "COME ALL YOU WHO THIRST" on 29/30/31st May. Amazing prayer, worship and services lined up for you and some very exciting speakers and musicians booked. You are welcome to contact Justine Gaffney on 07551096269 if you have any questions, need help with using Zoom etc. Eventbrite link for registration <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

ECUMENICAL SERVICE – "CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER" ONLINE If you missed this service or wish to view it again, it is still available on YouTube using this link: [City Praise and Prayer YouTube Channel](#).

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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.

FREE RESOURCES: Please check this out. It is a free service where **anyone** can have a 20 minute chat with a qualified therapist if you have found yourself on your own and are feeling isolated, anxious or fearful. The idea is to support individuals who find themselves with limited contact due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus <https://www.thehelpub.co.uk/>. **ONLINE PARENTING SUPPORT:** including videos are available at www.coventry.gov.uk/parentingadvice/support. Information on how families can access advice from their local Family Hub is available at www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs. Doctors of the World have translated NHS advice into 49 languages, available to read or print: <https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>. 10 languages available in video: <https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-video-advice/>. Leeds City Council has videos in various languages (including English) on spotting the signs, handwashing, self-isolating: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLggQFjpTLgpIqOr7-nFO9mT6i8Yk2vKBt>.

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.



This quotation from CS Lewis 'Screwtape Letters' is going the rounds at the moment; certainly worth reflecting upon at this time. #COVID19 #coronavirus

"Satan: 'I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship, and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil'.

Jesus 'I will bring together neighbours, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources'"

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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

MARGARET SWEENEY

Funeral Mass to take place on Monday 18th May at 9.30am
followed by the burial at Canley Cemetery at 11am.



STELLA GRIFFITHS (formerly Mulchinock)

Died 26th April 2020. Funeral Thursday 14th May.

Donation in memory of Stella to Little Sisters of the Poor-donate
(Birmingham home) <https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/>



KAREN POLLARD

Funeral Mass CTK webcam 9.30am on Wednesday 13th May.
Committal 11am Canley Cannon Hill Chapel.



PATRICK HIGGINS

Friday 15th 9.30am at CTK Mass and 1pm Canley Crematorium



Patrick Joseph – known as PJ to everyone. Passed away suddenly at home.
PJ was born in Ballaghaderreen in County Mayo Ireland in 1948. He was the 2nd son to Thady and Julia and brother to Junior & the late Aiden.
He moved to England in 1966 with his brothers where he began his working life as a chippy where he made many many friends and enjoyed the craic with them.
After meeting his late wife Isobel whilst she was on holiday they married in the Gorbals in Glasgow in 1972 and then settled in Coventry where they then went on to have their three children, Paul, Julia and Theresa.
Children's partners are Paul – Vanessa, Julia – John, Theresa – Ian,
Grandchildren: James, Jack, Josh, Charlie. Living brother junior and wife Margaret and their children Chris, John and the late Joe. PJ Extended family in Glasgow, Coventry and Ireland.

ANNE MURPHY

2nd May 1929 – 23rd April 2020

Funeral Mass Monday 4th May 2020 at 9.30 am at Christ the King Church.



Firstly, to acknowledge all of the people who would have *ordinarily* attended in person, Anne's funeral. Those relatives and friends who are also able to watch her funeral mass in Ireland, USA, Tasmania and Spain will no doubt have her in their prayers & sentiments. Annie Rose Finnerty was born in Moygownagh, County Mayo on the 2nd May 1929. She was the sixth of eight children born to Anthony and Ellen Finnerty. Her beloved siblings were Mae, Teresa, Lily, John, Tony, Patrick and Martin.

Anne was christened in St. Cormack's Church & attended Carn National School in the parish of Moygownagh. She sustained a close, loving and nurturing family life with her parents & siblings in their family home and an everlasting loving bond was forged that remained between them all always.

Anne worked on the home farm until she finally left Ireland to find work in London, England in the 1950's. Anne was already courting her future husband Jim and they married on St. Patrick's Day – 17th March 1958.

Jim and Anne settled in London and had the first three of their children, before returning to Ireland to be closer to family members and to set up business. They had their fourth child in Dublin before deciding to once again move to England for better work prospects.

Finally finding their family home in Coundon Coventry, they once again settled and had their fifth child. Jim and Anne continued to raise their family of five children: Kevin, Bridget, John, Gerard and Maria. They remained happily married before Jim sadly passed away in March 2000.

Their choice to finally settle in Coventry was *well considered* as they would be surrounded by close friends – whom they treasured dearly and were invaluable to them – many sharing backgrounds from Moygownagh, neighbouring areas of Mayo as well as other parts of Ireland.

Anne has bid her farewell to a great deal of friends and loved ones and suffered an individual loss each time – a true testament to the friendships & relationships she enjoyed with each one of them during life.

As well as being a much loved & respected mother in law to Tracy and Steve for over 35 years, Anne was a devoted Nana to seven grandchildren: Stephanie, Maria, Fiona, Sam, Charlotte, Milly and Louie. She was also Great Nana to six great grandchildren: Isabella, Carter, Shay, Alexander, Ellie & Spencer.

Anne was a devoted Catholic and whose faith remained strong throughout her entire life. She was able to say & hear her prayers right to the end and she was privileged to receive all of the sacraments as she was given her last rites in her own home shortly before she died.

Anne's life was all about what she could do for others. Her legacy is one that will have touched so many people over the years and each individual will have their own memories of what that means to them. She demonstrated unconditional love, care and concern for others and was selfless throughout. Last January Anne enjoyed a unique experience devoted just to her, when over 30 nieces and nephews from Ireland reunited with her and the family in Coventry for a celebratory weekend. Their '*Aunt Anne*' was in the best of spirits and she thoroughly enjoyed everyone's company and the *Craic*. A great memory to cherish and a time which we all treasure very dearly.

Anne placed immense importance on being prepared for her death and if possible, to have a peaceful and loving one... Anne got her wishes and for that we are all truly grateful.

May she rest in peace