



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) 24th May 2020

Dear Parishioners

This weekend the Diocese would have been starting its Pilgrimage to Lourdes and our Youth Group would have been taking part. The Diocese has put together a Virtual Pilgrimage putting together a series of masses and services which mirrors what would have been taking place had the Pilgrimage gone ahead. Some of our parishioners are involved in this Virtual Pilgrimage and you can get details by going on to the Diocesan website, <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>.

For the month of June, we are going to join with other christian churches in an initiative called "Open Heaven". This is a project asking people to say prayer for the street that they live on. We will ask you to take on your street or a section of it and as you go out for a walk, some time in the next month, to say a Rosary for the intentions of all the people on that street, that they will feel a part of God's Kingdom and of course that we pray for an end to the pandemic. You could do this as an individual or with a member of your household. We will be asking other Catholic parishes to do this as well. Between all the churches we hope to cover every street in Coventry. If you want to be involved, you can go on to the "Open Heaven" website, <https://www.openheavencoventry.org/> and register to cover a road, or if like me you are not very technical, you can simply email the admin address to promise to cover a road or leave a phone message and we will register your promise. If you are housebound, you can still offer to pray from your home. Please consider helping with this as it is a spiritual way to support our brothers and sisters. There is also a Pentecost Virtual Retreat called "Come all who thirst" organised with the help of the Sion Community. You can log on to this at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

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

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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 "Love Divine" (verses 1 – 3) and "Love Divine" (verses 4 – 6).

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.

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

With the school, we have decided to postpone the First Communions and Confirmations until at least September and there is a copy of the letters sent out from school at the bottom of the Newsletter this week for your information.

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. 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. Thankfully, Fr Michael has now returned home to his sister's family and is improving day by day and thanks you all for your prayers which he feels has pulled him through this difficult time.

God Bless

Fr Tom

This week we pray for those recently deceased
Dorothy Miller, Una Wynne and Frank Ginty
William Grant, Pat O'Sullivan and Bishop Vincent Malone
May they rest in peace

Online Webcam
Go to the website and follow link.

Christ The King Church		
Saturday	9.30am	Annie Murphy. Month's Mind (Sister Lily and brother Martin Finnerty. Recently deceased.) Mick Brady. Anniv. Mick McCarron. Anniv. James and Elizabeth Rice. 50 th Wedd. Anniv.
Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24th May 2020	9.30am	Eamonn Fallon. Anniv. John-Joe Kilcoyne. Anniv. The McHugh and Doherty Family. Dec'd. Paul Butterly. Birthday Memorial.
Monday	9.30am	Marguerite Luff. Anniv. Michael Brady. Anniv.
Tuesday	9.30am	Jade Harrop's Intentions.
Wednesday	9.30am	Dorothy Miller. RIP.
Thursday	9.30am	Charlie Ward. Dec'd.
Friday	9.30am	Bridie Farrell. Birthday Memorial.
Saturday	9.30am	Peter Gibbons. Anniv. The Devine Family. Dec'd.
Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020	9.30am	Matthew Lynch. Anniv. Peter Wilson. Anniv. Gabrielle Freeman. Anniv. Phyllis Deegan. Anniv. The Fletcher Family. Dec'd. Carmel Keane. Anniv.
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.

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>

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. Consent form for parents: <https://forms.gle/QTmzart2YGuHThu68>. Youth Group Session One - Link to video / video <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-lJHclXy0RYpGx4AkNSxg>.

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. 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=PLggQFjpTLgpIq0r7-nFO9mT6i8Yk2vKBt>.

Groundswell have created short accessible guides in English, Romanian and Polish for those sleeping rough or in temporary accommodation: <https://groundswell.org.uk/coronavirus/>

MARRIAGE CARE ONLINE RELATIONSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES Marriage Cares relationship counselling and marriage preparation services are now operating online. If you are engaged or planning to be married, or if you are experiencing relationship problems we can support you at this time. Our online services are easy to access, marriage preparation is provided at an affordable cost and our counselling service is run on a donation-only basis. For enquires and to book an appointment please phone 0800 389 3801 or email appointments@marriagecare.org.uk. More information about Marriage Care and our services can be found at our website - www.marriagecare.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

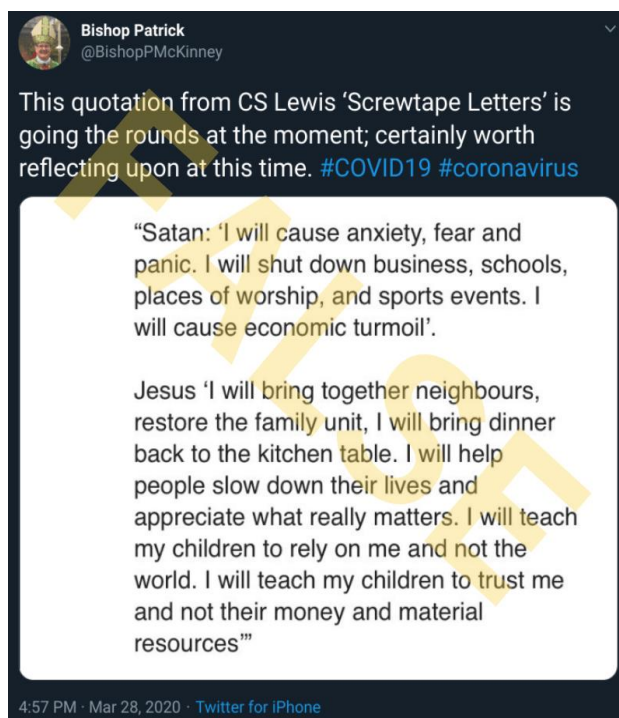


This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara (died 1888), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*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.”

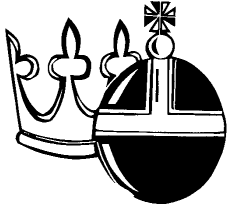
Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a 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.



**CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY OF LOURDES with
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May 2020

Dear Parents

I know that we have all been concerned about the new arrangements for Confirmations.

With the present Government regulations, it will not be possible to meet in church and to celebrate Confirmation.

I know this is a day that is always very special, and families look forward to it throughout the year and make great sacrifices and preparations to make sure it is memorable for the children. We want to ensure that amid the difficulties of this year that it is still a special day for them.

The school and parish intend to celebrate Confirmations as soon as we are allowed after the start of the new school year in September. We realise that the children will have moved on to Year 7 and secondary school, but we want to celebrate as a parish community and will write to you to let you know the date of the Confirmation and to confirm with you that your child still wishes to receive the Sacrament.

The primary school will still be involved in helping with the choir, the servers and the order of service and it will be a lovely reunion for the Year 7 pupils.

We will give you at least one month's notice of the date as soon as we know when the Government and Church authorities agree procedures for the opening of churches for special occasions.

We can't be any more definite about arrangements at the moment, but assure you that we will arrange the Confirmation masses as soon as it is safe and permissible to do so.

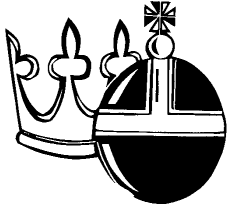
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With prayers and best wishes.

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Thanks to the parents and class teachers for all their hard work and we know, whatever the eventual date the children will be very well prepared.

With prayers and best wishes.

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Rest In Peace

UNA WYNNE

Passed away on Wednesday 13th May.

Funeral on Wednesday 3rd June at Canley Garden Cemetery



DOROTHY MILLER

Passed away on Thursday 7th May 2020

Funeral on Wednesday 27th May 2020

Dorothy was born in London but moved to Coventry with her adopted parents and brother as World War 2 broke out. They settled in Moseley Avenue where she lived for 65 years. She didn't particularly like school and in later life discovered she was dyslexic. She left school at fourteen and discovered her lifelong obsession with children and babies by training as a nursery nurse. She worked at Poole Road Day Nursery and made friends for life.

As her friends started to settle down, she was the natural choice as godmother for their children and as a loving babysitter for her niece and nephew.



But she remained single until a holiday in Spain saw her meet Joseph on the beach aged 37. They fell in love and within 4 years were married with two daughters, Louisa and Emma-Jane. They lived in London for 2 years, but came back to Coventry and lived with Dorothy's mother, Monica.

Dorothy gave up work while the children grew up except for waitressing at local hotels in the evenings. But with the girls leaving Christ the King infant school, she was asked by the head mistress to start a play group in the school. This then led to her getting a job as a teaching assistant with the reception class.

She was always the person who made the Christmas concert outfits, from Christmas puddings to animals, she spent all November sewing each year.

She was well known in the parish for her hair do. Her bun enthralled the children and she loved to tell them she kept marmalade sandwiches in it like Paddington Bear. She made amazing friends with the staff at the infant school who kept in touch with her all during her later illness.

After Joe died in 1994, she stopped working, but instead helped to prepare the flowers in the church each week. When the girls were married and had children she became a devoted nanna to Chris, Zoe, Ben and Drew. She spent hours in imagination play from driving a bus to serving food. The grandchildren adored her.

Unfortunately her memory started to deteriorate and she was diagnosed with Alzheimers. She was cared for at the Knowles Care Home for the last 3 years. But even to the end the thing that calmed her was having a baby doll to care for. She was happy and smiling and always pleased to see people throughout her last years.

Dorothy died on 7 May 2020 with her daughters with her and will be sorely missed

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