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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

Dear Parishioners,

From the desk in my office, I'm lucky to be able to look out into the presbytery garden and I'm amazed at how quickly the view has changed over the past few weeks of the lockdown. The trees are covered with fresh green leaves. The Blue Bells are flowering, and the roses are beginning to grow. Even the grass is now growing quickly! All around us, there are signs of new life appearing. One of my favourite sounds in the past few weeks – perhaps a sound we miss when things are hectic – has been the birds singing.

And, all of these signs of new life, can, hopefully, offer us encouragement. The government and its scientific advisors tell us that we're past the peak of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and we eagerly await what will happen next. By the time you are reading this, things might have already altered! Please God.

Whilst the past few weeks have been difficult for so many of us, and those difficult times might be with us for some time more, this season of Easter can offer us strength and reassurance. Even when we are feeling lonely and isolated, God is with us. Even in our most difficult moments, God is with us. Even if we're feeling fed up, God is with us. He never abandons us.

In this month of May, I encourage all of us to try and pray the Holy Rosary each day. If we struggle with a whole Rosary, just praying one decade will bear much fruit! A priest friend recently said to me that praying the Rosary is the best vaccine for the world at this time.

A continued big "thank you" to all of you who are helping to care for our elderly parishioners who are isolated or vulnerable. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by those you are helping!

Please, let's keep praying for each other and stay safe!

God bless, *Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us.*
Fr Craig. *St Christopher...pray for us.*
St Thomas of Canterbury...pray for us.

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our communities. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease, and assist those whose skill can put an end to this affliction. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift, and sustain them daily in your service. May their hands bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

KEY CONTACTS

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please contact Fr Craig for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be live streamed at various times during the week

Please visit our Parish Website.



THE MONTH OF MAY

May is traditionally a month when we honour Our Lady as the "Queen of the May". Perhaps we could all make a special effort to pray the Holy

Rosary each day. The Holy Rosary will be streamed at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday evenings during May. We were hoping to have a Marian Procession this year, but alas, we will need to look forward to this next year!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 or Jo Stewart 01902 842027 for shopping. The SVP are continuing to be of great help within our parishes as they offer support to our housebound and isolated parishioners. We thank them for this important task!

The SVP are currently providing food parcels for individuals and families in financial difficulties. If anyone is able to donate dried or tinned food, there is a box outside the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

We may be in lockdown, but works are still happening at St Thomas's! This week the new entrance doors to the church and the Newman Centre were installed. In the coming weeks, the roof replacement will begin. Then the electrics and new lighting are in the pipeline. Unfortunately, at the end of last week we had a flood through the roof into the church which has caused some damage to the ceiling and flooring, but these things will be repaired once the roof replacement has been completed. But, things are happening!

PARISH WEBSITE

Please do continue to visit our Parish Website as it is regularly being updated with lots of new information. New resources for prayer along with links are also being added regularly to help with the current lockdown. The Archdiocesan Website is regularly updated with resources.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESOURCES

The CAFOD website has some great resources to help children during these difficult days. They even have a Virtual Children's Liturgy on a Sunday. Do visit their website for the more information! cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy

PARISH GIVING

Thank you to parishioners who have signed up to Standing Order (Direct Debit), posted their envelopes through the presbytery door, and to those who have sent in cheques. Below are some suggestions given the circumstances:

1. You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "Codsall" or "Wolverhampton: Tettenhall" on the dropdown menu. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work
2. Use your Offertory Envelopes each week (maybe as you watch the live stream Mass for the full Sunday experience!) and save them until we can come back to Holy Mass.
3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to Fr Craig Szmids, The Presbytery, 115 Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, WV8 1PF.
3. Post a cheque - please make sure you include a name and address on the back of the cheque and if you are able to Gift Aid by writing GA. Cheques can be posted to the Presbytery.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR APRIL 2020/2021

These will be available in the porch of both churches when we are able to be together again in Church!

THE PARISH OFFICES – CODSALL & TETTENHALL

Both of our parish offices are currently closed.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

EASTER DUTIES 2020 – from the Bishops' Conference

"Many of you will be aware of performing your "Easter Duties"; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. 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.

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.

During the Easter Season we don't recite The Angelus, but instead we sing the Easter Marian Anthem, the Regina Caeli. Hopefully, you're beginning to pick it up!

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Ant. 6.

R E-gi-na cæli * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui a-
 quem me-ru-ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surréx-it,
 si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,
 alle-lú-ia.

All Parish groups have stopped meeting until further notice due to government guidelines.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

10TH MAY 2020

Saturday	09		Quinn & Bayley Families RIP
Sunday	10		Frank & Carolina Lewis RIP
			Pro Populo
Monday	11		Leonard Worrall RIP
Tuesday	12		Andrew (Ints)
Wednesday	13		Ann Picken and Vicky Brown RIP (Benefactors)
Thursday	14		Emily O'Byrne RIP
Friday	15		Fr David Duggan RIP
Saturday	16		Thomas Hyde

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

17TH MAY 2020

Saturday	16		Pro Populo
Sunday	17		Ratcliff Family
			John & Freda Beswick

N.B. All Mass Intentions will continue to be celebrated on the date requested.

Whilst Fr Craig is now celebrate Holy Mass privately, you will be able to join him in prayer via our parish live stream. The times for all Live Streams can be found on our parish website.

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday	Easter Feria
Tuesday	Easter Feria
Wednesday	Memorial – Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday	Feast – St Matthias, Apostle
Friday	Easter Feria
Saturday	Easter Feria

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES... Zofia Stanislawska, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Margaret Waleczek, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Fr David Duggan, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies.

To add a name to the sick list, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

FR DAVID DUGGAN, EMILY O'BYRNE
NANCY SWANN

funeral service at Bushbury Crematorium

BISHOP LEO McCARTIE – former Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and tenth Bishop of Northampton.

FR BERNARD O'CONNOR OSA, FR ANDREW KELLY, FR FRANCIS CONLON, FR TIMOTHY BURKE.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR APRIL 2020

November	Loose	Gift Aid	Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher	£10.00	£244.00	£2323.00	£2577.00
St Thomas	--	£60.00	£1053.00	£1113.00

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

DIARY DATES... *Something for us all to look forward to...!*

Sat 17 October	Holy Mass to celebrate the Opening (20 years) and Consecration of St Christopher's (10 years)	St C	5.30 pm
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