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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR A SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, Vincent Cardinal Nichols in his homily for Pentecost Sunday said that it is now time for a phased reopening of our church buildings. He asks why churches have been excluded from the discussion, particularly as many shops and other businesses have begun to reopen.

In the coming days our parish primary school will begin to reopen, with a limited number of pupils attending. We continue to keep the school community in our prayers as this reopening begins, and we thank the staff and governors for their continued hard work and support.

I thought this week, it might be good to begin explaining some of the changes that will have to be in place before our churches are able to reopen. In addition to daily cleaning, things will also look – and feel – very different for some time.

There will need to be a strict one-way system in place – i.e. entry will be through one door and exit through another. Signage will be in place to show these routes. The Pews in church will be clearly marked to ensure social distancing – some pews will have to remain empty to ensure a two-metre distance between people. Hand sanitiser will need to be used on entering and exiting the church. Access to the Sacristies and kitchen will be restricted. Large areas of the church may be inaccessible when the church is open for private prayer, and the church may only be open for a few hours a couple of times a week to begin with.

We will need help with stewarding – a team of people who are fit and healthy (and not in the government's vulnerable category) – to direct people, ensure that we do not allow more people into the church than our new capacity allows and...most importantly, to welcome people!

As more information becomes available, I will keep updating you. This is going to be a long process, and one which will feel very odd to begin with!

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep the children in year three, and in the parish group, who have been preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time. At Holy Mass this weekend the children would have received Jesus for the first time. Unfortunately, this has had to be postponed until we are able to celebrate together.

FR DAVID DUGGAN RIP

On Friday, Fr David was buried at Danescourt Cemetery. The Archbishop presided over a short service at which a limited number of people were able to attend. We look forward to being able to gather as a parish for a Memorial Mass at St Christopher's. Details of this will be announced when we are able to. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this time.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to the SVP who continue to do tremendous work within our parishes as they offer support to our housebound and isolated parishioners. If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP, then please do get in touch! An important task they are undertaking it to offer support to parishioners including shopping for those who are self-isolating or struggling to buy food due to current circumstances arising from the Coronavirus.

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 blue box outside of the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support!

Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The SVP are also helping to distribute printed copies of our weekly parish newsletter to those who are unable to access it via the internet. If there is anyone you think who might benefit from a printed copy, please do contact Fr Craig and he will be happy arrange this. We also have a mailing list to receive the newsletter by e-mail each week – you can sign up for this on the newsletter page of our parish website.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

The works continue at St Thomas's! The replacement of the church roof continues and will hopefully be completed by the end of June. We are currently arranging works to fix the ceiling following the recent flood. Do continue to pray as these works progress. If you want to see what's been happening, Fr Craig is keeping a diary on our parish website.

PERMANENT CAMERA AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch about the possibility of installing a permanent camera at St Christopher's. This would enable us to stream Holy Mass on a Sunday even when the lockdown is ended. This has been something that Fr Craig has been thinking about for a while, and he is currently looking at various possibilities. Please do let him know your thoughts about this. There would, of course, be an ongoing financial aspect of this to the parish.

THE PARISH OFFICES – CODSALL & TETTENHALL

Both of our parish offices are currently closed. Both parish telephone numbers currently ring St Christopher's – so don't be confused. Please be aware that Fr Craig is busy between the two sites at the moment due to the building works at St Thomas's. If you ring, and he doesn't answer, please leave a message and your contact details, and he will get back to you as soon as he can.

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!

PARISH GIVING

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit), posted their envelopes through the Presbytery door, and to those who have sent in cheques. Please be aware, that following diocesan guidelines, cheques will be banked in batches to prevent unnecessary trips to the bank. So, please don't worry if your cheque has not yet been banked!

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 Szmidt, 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.

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

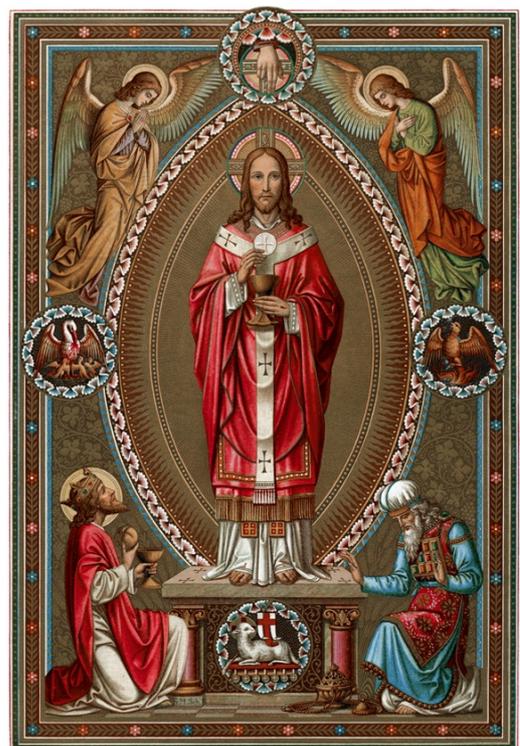
to receive You into my soul.

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



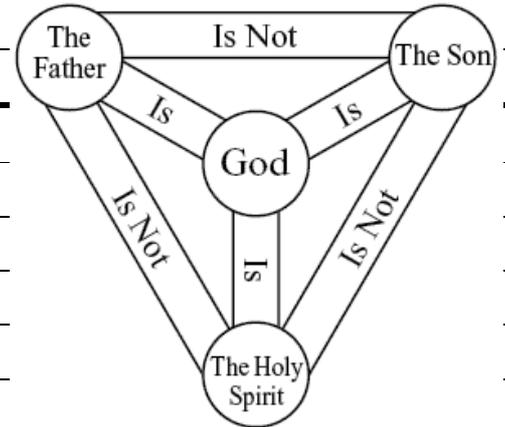
Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest

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

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7TH JUNE 2020

Saturday	06	Michael & Peggy O'Shea RIP
Sunday	07	Ted Pinnington RIP
Monday	08	Rose & Lawrence Sweeney
Tuesday	09	Betty Cotter RIP
Wednesday	10	Pro Populo (<i>not streamed</i>)
Thursday	11	Gerald Mulligan RIP
Friday	12	Bernadette Davy
Saturday	13	Brito Fernandes



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) – YEAR A

14TH JUNE 2020

Saturday	13	Fr Paul Whieldon (Ints)
Sunday	14	Tony Jones RIP

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

Whilst Fr Craig is now celebrating 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	Feria
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Feria
Thursday	Memorial – St Barnabus, Apostle
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Memorial – St Anthony of Padua

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, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies, Brian Barnwell.

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR MAY 2020

November	Non-Gift Aid	Gift Aid	Total
St Christopher	£396.00	£2370.00	£2766.00
St Thomas	£20.00	£1118.00	£1138.00

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

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

Sat 17 Oct	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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