

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 May 2020**

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father  
except through me.”

John 14, 6

## **EASTERTIDE**

St Chad's Cathedral is now  
livestreaming Masses:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Masses during Eastertide will continue to be live streamed. All are welcome to participate through the live stream facility.

Times of Masses are:

Sunday at 11.00

Monday to Friday at 12.15

Saturday at 10.00

## **A WORD ABOUT FINANCES**

Some people have expressed some concern about how they are to continue to support the parish. This is a difficult time for many people financially and we would not want this to be a cause of stress for anyone.

For those who have a standing order with the parish, we hope that you will be able to keep it going but fully understand if you feel the need to adjust it.

If you normally put your money into the collection bag then perhaps you could consider putting your weekly amount aside at home until we come out of this lockdown. You could then put the whole amount into the parish in one go. Or keep a tally of how much it would be and write a cheque at the end. We are unable to process cheques just at the moment.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Our Parish Secretary, Lis Leddy, together with many parish secretaries has now been furloughed. We look forward to welcoming Lis back in the fullness of time.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Barbara Dalton, formerly of South View Avenue, died aged 88 years on 30 April. Father Patrick will be conducting a graveside funeral service at Henley Road on Friday 15 May. The parish extends its heartfelt sympathy to Barbara's son Malcolm.

The graveside funeral of Mrs. Angela Zito will be celebrated at Henley Road Cemetery on Tuesday 12 May 2020. Father Patrick will conduct this funeral with a limited number of Mrs. Zito's family present. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who mourn Mrs. Zito.

## **IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19**

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

## **FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY**

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>  
or by request from the parish office.

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A – Matthew):** Throughout the forty/fifty days of Eastertide the Church reflects on the various ways in which the risen Lord is present to us. Today, in response to questions and requests from his disciples, the earthly Jesus highlights some of the key elements to his own identity. Although John has left us with lengthy sermons, addresses and prayers of the earthly Jesus, they could well have come from the lips of the risen Jesus. The focus today is on the Church, mystical body of Christ. Central to the Church's mission is the proclamation and preaching of God's word and today we see how acutely conscious of this mission the early Apostles were: they did not want to be distracted from it nor deflected from its obligations. Their duty was to pray and preach (two central duties of priests to this day). But it became apparent within the first generation, as it is to us today as our church communities struggle with the multiple demands made by the crisis engendered by the coronavirus crisis, that the material needs of the people too had to be catered for, particularly the weak, the disadvantaged and those on the margins. We are used to thinking of the Church as a building especially as our own church building – from which Covid – 19 has temporarily exiled us – is where we feel that sense of belonging to the Church most strongly. The very earliest Christians, who had no purpose-built edifices of their own, were also conscious of the Church as a building. The apostle Peter reminded them, however, that they were the living stones of that edifice. And the corner stone was none other than Christ himself, albeit rejected by the chosen people to whom he brought salvation. The identity of that Christ as *Way, Truth and Life* is highlighted by the evangelist John and comes as a reminder to us that the church community to which we belong may be “ours” but the Church, given that it is his mystical body, is Christ's.

**First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 6, 1 – 7:** The access of converts from paganism created for the young Christian community in Jerusalem an unforeseen problem, to which the apostles found an unforeseen solution: a new ministry is begun. In every age the Holy Spirit inspires the Church towards the adaptations that are needed.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 2, 4 – 9:** Prayer and action are only agreeable to God through Jesus Christ, he is our holy high priest. The whole people of God is likewise a priesthood, called to consecrate its existence to the Lord and to announce the Gospel to the world.

**Gospel: John 14, 1 – 12:** Christ is the Way – the only way to go to the Father, because as the Truth, he is the full revelation of the Father, and hence the source of living power that enables us to do the Father's will. When we are tempted to echo Philip and say: ‘Let us see the Father’, we must call to mind Jesus' reply: ‘To have seen me is to see the Father.’ The promise with which this extract from John's Gospel begins that in his Father's house there are many mansions, i.e. that we need not have any fear, there is a place there reserved for all Jesus' disciples, i.e. us too.

# Masses and Intentions Fifth Week of Eastertide

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,  
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	10.00 (Exposition until 11.00)	Michael Jiggins
<b>Fifth Sunday of Eastertide</b>		<b>Year A</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Kate and Michael Cummins
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	09.15	Zygmunt Powiecki
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	09.15	Lucy Shaw
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	09.15	Deceased Cummins family
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May <i>St Matthias, Apostle. Feast</i>	08.00	Agnes Vaclke
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	12.30	The Daly/O'Sullivan families
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>	10.00 (Exposition)	Fr David Duggan
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		<b>Year A</b>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Bishop Leo McCartie (Saturday/Sunday <i>pro clero defuncto</i> )