

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 17 May 2020

“If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father,
and he will send you another Advocate.”

John 14, 15 - 16

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 has conducted a graveside funeral service at Henley Road and the parish extends its heartfelt sympathy to Barbara's son Malcolm.

Father Patrick has also conducted the graveside funeral of Mrs. Angela Zito. 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A – Matthew): In the weeks since Easter the liturgical readings have reflected the various ways in which the early Christians believed that the risen Lord made himself present in their community as well as in the world. The Apostles and their first companions never forgot that Jesus, prior to his departure, gave them a mandate to go to all nations. One of the earliest sources of conflict among the members of the primitive community, between those who had been brought up as Jews and those “God-fearers” who had offered themselves for Baptism was precisely the issue of how open Christians should be to converts from the gentile world. We have seen over the past few weeks that the risen Christ was believed to be present at the liturgical assembly, he was recognised in his Word as it was proclaimed and the great moment of recognition came with the breaking of bread. The disciples had questioned him in the latter days of his public ministry when he hinted that he might soon be leaving them. They felt a deep sense of insecurity and were alarmed at the thought of being abandoned by him. He promised them that he would continue to be present among them through the activity of the Advocate. Soon they were to understand that Jesus was referring to his Spirit. It is important to reflect on his choice of words and on the role of the Spirit. Once the Christians of Samaria had received the Spirit through the laying on of hands it was felt that the work which began with Baptism was now complete. So the Spirit makes secure all the other gifts the Lord has given us and sets the seal on his presence among us. An advocate pleads a person’s cause, he is on his side, he is there to defend and guarantee that his client’s voice is heard. As the Church grew and expanded to other parts of the world, the Apostles and their fellow workers were keenly aware that in order to carry out the mission Jesus had given them they would need an advocate to sustain them and advance the cause of the Kingdom they set out to proclaim. Jesus was to be present in his abiding Spirit, and that is why at the Mass and in every sacrament the Holy Spirit is invoked.

First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 8, 5 – 8. 14 – 17: Here we have a sequence of encounters between a people and the risen Christ. We know that the Samaritans were cold-shouldered by the Jews of Judea and it is possible that some of the early converts too did not care for them. Philip, a Jew of Greek background, and to some extent himself an outsider, decided to go and proclaim the Good News in Samaria. Baptism followed and then, when Peter and John came down from Jerusalem, the Spirit was conferred. We have here the three Sacraments of Initiation: the baptised and confirmed Samaritans were now able to celebrate the Eucharist and themselves encounter the risen Lord in the breaking of bread.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 3, 15 – 18: Peter reminded the early Christians that there was no need to be afraid or apprehensive about explaining to others what it was about Jesus that gave them so much hope. At a time when our hopes for the future are so fragile, it might be good for us to reflect on why it is we are people of hope.

Gospel: John 14, 15 – 21: The message of the gospel is outlined in the introduction.

Masses and Intentions

Sixth Week of Eastertide

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

Saturday 16th May 10.00 Fr David Duggan
Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide (Exposition until 11.00) *pro clero defuncto*

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Year A

Sunday 17th May 10.00 Bishop Leo McCartie
pro clero defuncto

Monday 18th May 09.15 John Farrell
Monday of the 6th week of Eastertide

Tuesday 19th May 09.15 Kitty McBride
Tuesday of the 6th week of Eastertide

Wednesday 20th May 09.15 Veronica Peters
Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide

Thursday 21st May 08.00 Private Intention
The Ascension of the Lord. Solemnity

Friday 22nd May 12.30 Father Antony Kenny
pro clero defuncto
Friday of the 6th week of Eastertide

Saturday 23rd May 10.00 Father Brian Doolan
pro clero defuncto
Saturday of the 6th week of Eastertide (Exposition)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sunday 24th May 10.00 Father Jim McGloin
pro clero defuncto