

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Seventh Sunday of Easter 24 May 2020

“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.” John 14, 18

## **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.

**Father Patrick** would like to thank all those parishioners who were so generous to him on the occasion of Easter and to those who remembered him on the occasion of his birthday. He is also very grateful to those members of the parish community who responded to his request for suggestions regarding how we, as a parish family, might manage the relaxation of the lockdown restrictions [bearing in mind that the Archdiocese will be giving us a lead on this sensitive matter]. He will be in touch with them all again soon. On Pentecost Sunday Mass will be offered for the People of the Parish: in thanksgiving for the journey we have undertaken so far and as an expression of faith and hope in our future.

## **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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**Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A – Matthew):** In ascending to God, Jesus entered into glory. The glory he enjoys, seated at the right hand of the Father, is a reality we too will enjoy one day. St. Paul invited us to *cast your minds to the things that are above* and, particularly when it comes to praying for the faithful departed at All Saints and All Souls the Church's liturgy anticipates, albeit in terms that the limited human mind can grasp, the beatific vision and the glory of heaven. One of the wishes we express in our hymns of praise on Sunday is that those in heaven, God included, enjoy its glory: *Gloria in excelsis Deo/Glory to God in the highest*. There is no real dichotomy between our life here on earth and the glory that awaits us. From the moment we were baptised, we already enjoy through grace the life that we will enjoy in all its fulness in the next world and that life into which Jesus, risen and glorified, enjoys and shares with all who are already in heaven. And yet there is no invitation to luxuriate in the contemplation of future glory. Jesus left his disciples with work to be done, the kingdom of God needs to be proclaimed and the family of his disciples (the Church) needs to grow until the close of the age. And what makes the Ascension such a special and liberating feast is the fact that Jesus empowered us to proclaim the kingdom and we have come of age, the completion of Jesus' mission is up to us. Is it any wonder that the first reading presents us with the Apostles, the Virgin Mary and disciples, gathered in prayer – in circumstances not dissimilar from those in which most individuals and families in our parish community are experiencing in the current lockdown – for the grace and the gifts necessary to carry out this mission.

**First Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 1, 12 – 14:** The Apostles are listed by name and their authority thus over the nascent Church is highlighted by Luke in this the opening chapter of his account of the growth of Christianity in the first generation. It is also important to note (1) the key role of prayer in the life of the community and (2) its conviction that what was being asked of it was God's work and thus that without it being animated by God's Spirit it was to no avail.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 4, 13 – 16:** There is every reason to believe that by the time Peter wrote this letter to an early Christian community those who believed in Christ and had pledged their lives to him were the object of persecution. Peter distinguished between the punishment those who committed crime might legitimately expect and the sufferings that witnessing to Christ brought upon them. Of such persecution and suffering they should be proud.

**Gospel: John 17, 1 – 11:** This is an extract from the great priestly prayer of Jesus placed by the evangelist John at the Last Supper. It is amazing that this intimate prayer of Jesus to his Father should be recited so publicly as if it was his intention that his disciples should thus acquire an insight into the intimate life which bound Son to Father. Jesus affirms that his mission has been accomplished, the work he was given by the Father has been done. Aware that it would only be completed once the disciples carried on where he left off, he prays for them.

# Masses and Intentions Seventh Week of Eastertide

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

|  |       |                           |
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| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | 10.00 | Father Brian Doolan       |
| <i>Saturday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i> (Exposition until 11.00) |       | <i>pro clero defuncto</i> |

## Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

## Year A

|   |       |  |
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| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | 10.00 | Mike and Bev Ryan<br><i>Wedding Anniversary</i>  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | 09.15 | Father Peter Gooden<br><i>pro clero defuncto</i> |
| <i>St Bede the Venerable. Priest and Doctor</i>                       |       |  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May  | 09.15 | Riccardo Ferrara                                 |
| <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i>   |       |  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May  | 09.15 | Ernst Hawelka                                    |
| <i>St Augustin of Canterbury, Bishop - Feast</i>                      |       |  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | 08.00 | Karl Baur  |
| <i>Thursday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>              |       |  |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May   | 12.30 | People of the parish                             |
| <i>Solemnity of the Dedication</i>                                    |       |  |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May   | 10.00 | Holy Souls                                       |
| <i>Saturday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i> (Exposition) |       |  |

## Pentecost Sunday

## Year A

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| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May | 10.00 | People of the Parish |
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