

Fr Anthony and Fr John will be saying private Mass daily in Holy Cross and Ss Peter & Paul. Although we cannot attend we are spiritually united. Fr Anthony and Fr John will be saying Mass for the following intentions this week:

### Holy Cross

### Ss Peter & Paul

Anne Hawley  
People of the Parish

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Helen Reeves, Jonathan Dick, Sally Fell, Marguerite Mulcahy, Paul Howells, Tamara Murtagh, Piper Brown, Ellen Russell, David Clough, Vinny Pallett, Patrick Glendon, David Greatrex, Tom Ellis, Brian Haynes, Molly Haynes, Marjorie Kimber, Anna Nicholls, Terry Hazell, Mary Price, Carlos Wright, Matthew McCleod, Pat Curran, Barbara Cleaver, Sulamith Corbett, Tony Corbett, Jayne Wright, Kathy Coy, Fr Michael Stack, David Finnemore Wain, Rosemary Thompson, Colette Thorne, Anne Hawley and those known only to you.

Hear us, O Lord, from heaven thy dwelling place;  
Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

**For all government advice about Coronavirus, please visit:  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)  
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For Newsletter notices & Mass Intentions, please contact Teresa Walters:  
email: [holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk)

HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL

**Priests: Fr Anthony Dykes & Fr John Hancock**

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**14th Sunday of the Year 5th July 2020**



### A message from Fr Anthony

As we start reopening we are going to need the Cardinal Virtues. They appear in the little Catechism – the very old one that goes back even before Dr Kirk arrived in Lichfield. Justice, Prudence, Fortitude and Temperance. It will be a delight to see each other's faces again, though it will have difficulties. They can be overcome by the exercise of the virtues. 'Temperance' may not instantly seem a virtue I practise with vigour; in England its meaning has been colonised by nineteenth century movements against the demon drink. But its meaning is much broader – and can be a litany of how we can faithfully meet each other again. It means to observe proper measure, be moderate, restrain oneself, forbear. All these things apply if we can't find a mass at exactly the time and place that suits us. Or if we arrive for mass and cannot be admitted. That will be painful. At first I had the idea that we could say another mass straight after the first one (in other words, if we had a mass at 8.30 – then say another one at 9 for the people who won't fit in the building).. We have been told we cannot do this as the church has to be cleaned after every mass. Frustrating. Many of our common-sense solutions seem to be forbidden. We have to live with it. A lot of physical and emotional energy has been expended in getting things ready. Personally I think the regulations we have been given are over-restrictive and sometimes seem suffocating. They go further than what the law of the land requires. However, what I think doesn't matter. We have to go along with it. A lot of people have worked hard to make the church safe, prayerful and welcoming. But we cannot know how things will unfold until we actually start. Come to mass to pray – but have the litany of forbearance, restraint and moderation coursing through your veins. If you come to pray we cannot fail. Prayer is the one thing we cannot fail at.

## Prayers & Resources for Easter

In saying the **Rosary** we can focus on the Glorious mysteries:

Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb  
Ascension of Jesus into Heaven  
Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost  
Assumption of Mary into Heaven  
Mary, Queen of Heaven

We can also pray **the penitential psalms** - seven of them  
[www.catholicity.com/prayer/seven-penitential-psalms.html](http://www.catholicity.com/prayer/seven-penitential-psalms.html)

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com) has the **mass readings for the day**. You can also find there the Divine Office.

## Confession

Confessions will be available on the lawn at Holy Cross from 11am - 12noon on Saturdays (If it's actually raining we will have to improvise, adapt, overcome). Other times by arrangement via the office, or by phoning 263234 : please phone at 9am or 9pm.

## Message from the Bishops Conference

“Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.”

## New Measures

Attached to your email and available to read on the parish website is a letter explaining the measures that have been put in place to make sure Ss Peter & Pauls church adheres to the guidelines set out by the government and the Archdiocese. The Opening Coordinating Team have been working hard to make sure our church is a safe and prayerful place for you to be. A new video guide will be made available on our website soon. Please take some time to watch this to prepare for your visit.

## Important information for all parishioners attending Mass

Please stay at home if

- You have a pre-existing condition or are immuno-compromised
- You are feeling ill
- You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19
- You have a sick family member at home

The use of face coverings is compulsory for Mass for all persons over 5yrs. We have a limited supply of disposable masks but do ask that parishioners provide their own face coverings.

Further information is available to read on the Letter to Parishioners. Thank you.

## Volunteering at church

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have been working hard to keep Ss Peter & Pauls a safe place to be. We need more volunteer stewards in order to be able to open Ss Peter & Pauls for Mass. If you would like to volunteer to be a steward, please get in touch with Andrew at: [aobodger@hotmail.com](mailto:aobodger@hotmail.com)

Every volunteer will have training and will be given the information and necessary PPE in order to adhere to the guidance set out by the government and Archdiocese.

### On-line Mass

During this time we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. A full list of parishes live-streaming Mass can be found here:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams)

### This weeks Mass Times at Ss Peter & Pauls

Tuesday 7th July: 10m

Thursday 9th July: 7pm

Saturday 11th July: 10am

Sunday 12th July: 11am

### Candles and Mass intentions

Fr Anthony can light a candle in church on your behalf.

If you have a particular intention, you can send it to [holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk) or put a note through the Presbytery letter box.