

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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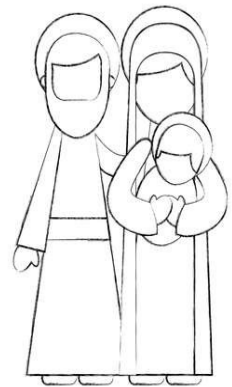
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## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24th December  
Children's Vigil Mass 4 00pm  
Carols and Readings for Christmas 11.30 pm  
followed by the Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day 25th Dec Mass 10.00am

There will be a Penance Service at Christ the King at 7 00pm on Monday 16th Dec with many priests present, and there will be extra times for confessions at Holy Family during the week leading up to Christmas Day.

## Children's Liturgy 10 am Sunday's

Mother Prayers Weekly Monday's after 9 15 am  
Mass All Welcome

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursday of this week from 7 45 am

Next weekend a retiring collection for church Flowers for Christmas



Today's readings invite us to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. Today is called *Gaudete* Sunday because today's Mass begins with the

opening antiphon: "*Gaudete in Domino semper,*" i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments.

**Scripture lessons summarized:** The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. In the second reading, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Finally, in the first part of today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of today's Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John's prophetic convictions, asking his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald.

Parking! Please do not park outside the church, unless you have difficulty walking. Especially at the Sunday 10 am Mass

## THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	14TH DEC	6 00PM	VIGIL
SUNDAY	15TH DEC	10 00 AM	
MONDAY	16TH DEC	9 15 AM	
TUESDAY	17TH DEC	9 15 AM	
TUESDAY	17TH DEC	6.30PM	CAROL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY	18TH DEC	9 15 AM	
THURSDAY	19TH DEC	9 15 AM	
FRIDAY	20TH DEC	9 15 AM	END OF TERM

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 5 15 PM – 5 45 PM

SATURDAY	21ST DEC	6 00PM	VIGIL
SUNDAY	22ND DEC	10 00 AM	

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PETE RUSHTON RIP  
ARTHUR & TERESA HAWTHORNE RIP

JOHN FERRY RIP A  
JOHN ROCK RIP  
KEY STAGE 2  
MICHAEL BRADY RIP  
SP INT

CHRISTOPHER QUINN RIP 26TH A

MARY FOSTER BIRTHDAY JOHN SAVAGE RIP A  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS THURSDAY 7 45 AM UNTIL JUST BEFORE MASS

Website Links: Diocese: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
 Deanery: [www.coventrycatholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventrycatholicdeanery.org.uk)  
 School: [www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk)

Head Teachers: Holy Family: Grainne Griffiths  
 Head Cardinal Newman: Emma O'Connor  
 Holy Cross Academy Marina Kelly

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Grainne Griffiths Sarah Collins  
 Gift Aid: Paul & Ann Yielding  
 HForce Youth Group: Every Second Thursday  
 Young at Heart: Coffee, tea; chat, friendship, in the Hall  
 Thursdays at 10.00am.  
 Toddlers Group: Tuesday mornings 9.15 am-11.15 am  
 Parish Centre Information and bookings 02476 336345  
 Parish Grounds Tidy Up Team. Monday's 2pm volunteers  
 Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



**Weekend 21st / 22nd Dec Parish Ministers**

	<b>6 00pm</b>	<b>10 00 am</b>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Anne Stapleton Tony Stapleton Liz Mayne Joyce Smyth Patsy McHendry	Carmel O'Sullivan Sean Jones Dympna Campbell Grainne Griffiths Sue Symonds
<b>Readers:</b>	Patsy & Catriona McHendry	Nirojan, Kian Kirk
<b>Counters:</b>	Derrick & Angela Gough	
<b>100 Club Collection:</b>	<b>Brian Lynagh</b>	<b>Carmel O'Sullivan</b>

**Piety Stall.**

Open before/ after Masses Saturdays and Sundays  
 Religious objects and cards on sale weekly.  
 Mass Cards and gifts, too.

**£2 Envelopes**

Thank you for your support £357 was raised for parish funds!

**100 Club Winners:**

1st £500 Barney No 32  
 2nd £250 B Flanagan No 322  
 3rd £125 Sue Kieran No 515

The Parish Live Stream Web Cam:  
[hf-cov.org.uk](http://hf-cov.org.uk)

**Cleaning Rota**

**Team Two: Tamil Community on Sunday 15th December.**  
**Monday 23rd December- Directly following 9.15am Morning Mass: No Designated Team.**  
**Just Willing Volunteers from each Cleaning Team, plus members of the Congregation to tidy the church for Christmas 🎄 Day.**

All help will be greatly appreciated, as many hands make light work!

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group meet in the Parish Hall every two weeks on Fridays. The last meeting was very successful and I am grateful to those who are leading the group meetings! The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Friday the 10th January. See Kian for more details.



**Monday Grounds Team** Mondays 2.00pm tea provided!

**Weekly Offerings:** Gift Aid £ Loose £ Thank You.  
 Thank you also for those who contribute via Standing orders 2nd Collection Totals next week

**Knitting** Monthly on the first Monday's 10 am until 11 00am

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick especially; **Vera Coyle, Julia Hughes, Mick McHugh**

**Mary Shirly, Jessica Graham, Gerry Burke, Louise Turley, Teresa Olivero, John Bratt, Imelda Cunningham, Peter Gordon, Bridie Cave, Theresa, Joanne Gilsenan, Peggy Crean, Michael Moten, Lelia Kieran, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Sarah Higgins, and Julia O'Keefe** and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For the recently dead

**2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini** – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks.. **After the Thursday Mass in the church during advent there will be a chance to examine prayerfully the gospel for the coming weekend Masses. From after Mass until 10 30am, a cup of tea and a look at the gospel. Come along all are welcome.**

**"May the symbols of the nativity scene and the Christmas tree allow a reflection of God's light and tenderness to enter into family life." Pope Francis**



**"My house shall be called a house of prayer"**  
 Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.

Before Mass Talk to God  
 During Mass Listen to God  
 After Mass Talk to each other  
**"Reverence speaks louder than words!"**