

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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Reflections on the Scripture

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely in order to observe the laws given us by a loving and caring God. God revealed His laws through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instructions or *teachings* intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God for His Chosen People, those with whom He had made His covenant. The first reading, from Ecclesiasticus, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will and exonerating God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."* In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which would exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses by providing a new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. Jesus shows us how to go to the root of the commandments about murder, adultery, divorce, taking foolish oaths, retaliation and love of neighbour.

Passion and Reason: The Greek philosopher, Plato, four hundred years before Christ, wrote of two horses in the human heart, Passion and Reason. Passion is the wild untamed horse with boundless strength and energy, but very hard to control and direct. Reason is the tamed horse, accustomed to the reins, disciplined in stride and responding to directions. A chariot hitched to a pair of Passions might go anywhere but would surely crash or overturn before long. However, a charioteer who selects a pair of Reasons will be too cautious and fearful to go anywhere worthwhile. But if Passion and Reason can be paired, then the powerful energy is harnessed, and the journey of life can be enjoyed. – The teaching of Jesus strongly affirms the need of rules, but rules are to be understood as a means to the end, which is a life of spiritual strength and commitment. (Sylvester O'Flynn in The Good News of Mathew's Year).

"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!"

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

6TH SUNDAY OT

SATURDAY	15TH FEB	6 00PM	VIGIL	PHILIP DUFFY RIP A, BRIDGET MCTIGUE RIP KATE FERRY RIP A
SUNDAY	16TH FEB	10 00 AM		BRIDIE RAFFELL RIP A
MONDAY	17TH FEB	9 15 AM		FR BOB WRIGHT'S INTS
TUESDAY	18TH FEB	9 15 AM		ROY WILLIAMS RIP A
WEDNESDAY	19TH FEB	9 15 AM		MAURICE CAMERON RIP
THURSDAY	20TH FEB	9 15 AM		MICHAEL JAMES HUGHES 35TH A RIP
FRIDAY	21ST FEB	9 15 AM		JOHN MCENROE RIP
FRIDAY	21ST FEB	1 15 PM	REQUIEM	MARY JURKIEWICZ RIP

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 5 15 PM – 5 45 PM

SATURDAY	22ND FEB	6 00PM	VIGIL	FRED & DELIA FORBES, RIP. MUIR POLLOCK, RIP
SUNDAY	23RD FEB	10 00 AM		JACK HARRIS RIP A TERESA SKAMARAUSKAS RIP 2ND A

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

YEAR FOUR FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL WILL BE LEADING US IN THE LITURGY THIS SUNDAY AT THE 10 AM MASS

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Website Links: Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
 Deanery: www.coventrycatholicdeanery.org.uk
 School: www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk

Head Teachers: Holy Family: Grainne Griffiths
 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 2.00pm volunteers
 Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



Weekend 22nd/ 23rd Feb Parish Ministers

	6 00pm	10 00 am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Anne Stapleton Tony Stapleton Liz Mayne Joyce Smyth Patsy McHendry	Carmel O'Sullivan Sean Jones Dympna Campbell Grainne Griffiths Sue Symonds
Readers:	Tony Kiely	Mary Iggulden Kien Kirk
Counters:	John & Patsy McHendry Helen Driscoll	
100 Club Collection:	Paul & Ann Yielding	Jill Murphy

Piety Stall.

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

Cleaning Rota Team One Sunday 16th February: **Team Two-** Tamil Community. Saturday 29th February: **Team Four-** Mary Iggledun & Team. **We are looking for new cleaners to help. Either to join an existing team or form a new one. Please let Fr Pat, Lucy, or Mary Iggulden know if you are able to help.**

Weekly Offerings: Gift Aid £132.20 Loose £467.14 Thank You. Thank you for those who contribute via Standing orders

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

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick especially; **Julia Hughes, Mary Shirly, Jessica Graham, Gerry Burke, Louise Turley, Teresa Olivero, John Bratt, Imelda Cunningham, Peter Gordon, Bridie Cave, Theresa, Joanne Gilsean, 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 all who have recently died **Mary Jurkiewicz and Mary Herbert**

MYTON HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED Myton Hospice are currently looking for volunteers on a full, part time or flexible basis. If you would like to make a please contact Geoffrey Etule, Director of HR, on 01926358374 Ext 226 / email Geoffrey.Etule@mytonhospice.org

Children's Liturgy 10 am Sunday's

*Mother Prayers Weekly Monday's **after 9 15 am Mass*** The Parish Live Stream Web Cam: hf-cov.org.uk

Monday Grounds Team Mondays 2.00pm tea provided!

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN THANKSGIVING MASS For Altar Servers: Sat 7th March 12 noon @ St Chad's Cathedral

ROTA'S FOR THE READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND COUNTERS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP HIS WEEKEND (A REVISED READERS LIST, SORRY FOR THOSE I MISSED OFF!)

100 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY 1ST NO.52 MRS HAROLD £400 2ND NO.355 MRS BARRY £200 3RD NO.86 £100 E JONES

"In the silence of the heart **God speaks**. If you face **God** in prayer and silence, **God** will **speak** to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that **God** can fill you with Himself."

Mother Teresa

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Please keep in your prayers Fr Bob Wright, the parish priest of St John Fisher who is seriously ill.

Parish Youth Group The Youth Group meet in the Parish Hall every two weeks on Fridays. The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Friday the 21st February. See Kien for more details.