

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY	4TH APR	5 00PM	VIGIL	STEPHEN GREGG RIP
SUNDAY	5TH APR	10 00 AM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
HOLY WEEK				
MONDAY	6TH APR	9 00 AM		BRIDIE & CHARLIE GILHEANEY RIP A
TUESDAY	7TH APR	9 00 AM		VERONICA DIXON RIP
WEDNESDAY	8TH APR	9 00 AM		ROSE McMANUS RIP (17TH A)
TRIDUUM				
THURSDAY	9TH APR	5 00PM		LORD'S SUPPER
FRIDAY	10TH APR	12 NOON	GOOD FRIDAY	LITURGY OF THE PASSION
SUNDAY	12TH APR	10 00 AM	EASTER SUNDAY	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FR PAT AND FR BERNARD WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE KINDNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN US AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME FOR US ALL. ALL THE MESSAGES AND OFFERS OF SUPPORT HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY MOVING. WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU. AS NO PALMS THIS WEEKEND WHY NOT MAKE ONE OR USE SOME GREENERY FROM THE GARDEN AND PLACE IN THE WINDOW?

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evil-doers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. (shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

This is our new look newsletter which will be posted each week on the parish website and deanery website too.

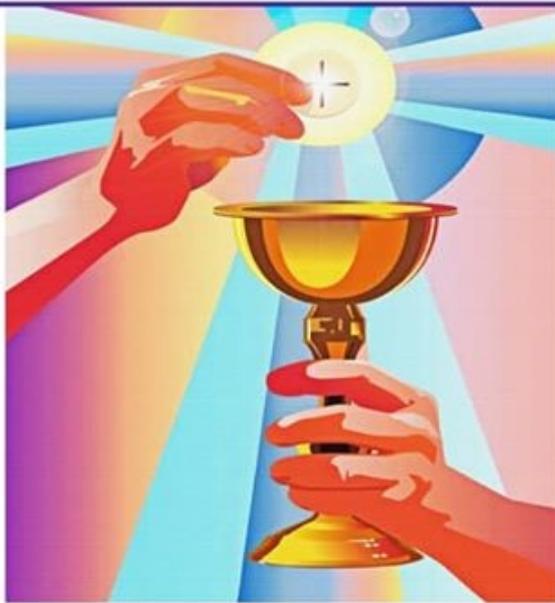
<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>

Thank you for the messages, the texts, emails, phone calls. We are in this for the long haul. Once the virus has passed though and we come out the other side, we will be able to worship together again at the altar! In the meantime thank you for the sacrifice you are making, and keep taking part at the parish webcam Mass: 9 00am weekdays Monday though to Wednesday of this week as it is Holy Week. Keep praying for an end to the Coronavirus, pray for health professionals, patients, families, and communities.

Pray for John Bratt whose funeral will take place later in this week. Pray for Cath Hamill who died this week.

Collections:

Please continue to support the parish with your weekly offerings this is a vital aspect of parish life. Please put offering envelopes through the door of the presbytery, or save them up until we the future day when we will be able to gather together again once more.



Spiritual Communion Prayer

**My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.**

Divine Hands

Divine hands,
 chiselled,
 strong,
 reaching out,
 nurturing,
 healing.

Moulding clay
 with expertise
 beyond all
 of mankind's
 Imagining.

Embracing,
 holding,
 enduring
 through centuries,
 creating always.

Safe,
 secure in the folds
 of worn palms,
 sheltered
 for all our days.

Majestic touch,
 invigorating,
 transforming,
 caressing
 life's journey.

Mercifully
 cleansing
 the bruises
 of those souls
 longing
 for eternity.

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Holy Week

It breaks my heart writing this, and I know your hearts will echo mine. The strangest Holy Week of our lives is coming up. We begin with Palm Sunday and usually we receive palms, this year they will be virtual ones. The three voiced reading of the passion will not take place, I know that you will be following the passion of Jesus at home, and when we celebrate Mass with the webcam, we your priest feel the sense of your presence, keep letting us know that you are there. There will be no Chrism Mass at St Chad's cathedral this week, a private renewal of promises are made by the priests. Maundy Thursday would see us wash the feet, as a symbol of service, we would explore the institution of the Eucharist, and re commission ministers and then reserve the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose and watch with the Lord, experiencing the agony in the garden. This year we will feel so acutely the pain of not being able to worship publicly together, the agony in the garden will be a stark reality for each of us. There will be a Mass on Thursday at 5 00pm. Good Friday follows and we will venerate Jesus on the Cross from a distance, I would encourage you to venerate the crucifix in your houses as I will, in the church this day. I will be having the Liturgy of the Passion at 12 noon on Good Friday. There is no vigil on Saturday, no service of light, where the symbolism is vivid, light banishing darkness. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated via the webcam at 10 00 am. But we will be a week closer to the day when we will be able to celebrate together once more.

On a brighter note It is Fr Bernard's birthday on Good Friday! I am treating him to a slap up meal of egg and chips!