

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY	12TH APR	10 00 AM
MONDAY	13TH APR	9 00 AM
TUESDAY	14TH APR	9 00 AM
WEDNESDAY	15TH APR	9 00 AM
THURSDAY	16TH APR	9 00 AM
FRIDAY	17TH APR	9 00 AM
SATURDAY	18TH APR	5 00PM
SUNDAY	19TH APR	10 00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

DECEASED GILHEANEY FAMILY RIP A
 JOHN BRATT RIP
 WINNIE & JAMES HUGHES RIP
 CATH HAMILL RIP
 JOHN DEVINE (GET WELL)

EDWARD NOBLE RIP A

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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb

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!

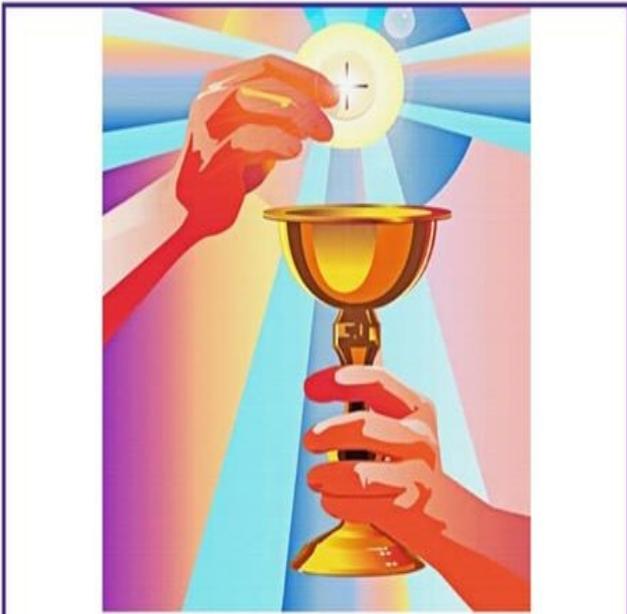
Pray for John Bratt and Cath Hamill who died recently

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. The Easter offerings can be delayed until Pentecost or can be placed though the presbytery door.

If you know of any parishioners who are in need of help during this time please contact us at the presbytery and we will see how best to offer help and support.

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren and Facebook on these sites I post videos on You Tube with messages I hope will be of help. Let us support one another taking this time of isolation and distance as an opportunity to reconnect with each other in prayerful support, in kindness, and concern for each others well being and welfare.



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.

Easter

Smothering linen cloths
stained with dry blood,
cling to perfumed flesh,
lain upon ice cold marble stone,
flesh for the life of the world
slumped across the floor of this tomb,
a lifeless Corpus Christi;
communion for the lost and found,
bereft of breath,
the annihilation of innocence
the lament of grief, floating across a mourning air.

A sudden, hidden burst
of divine light,
fills the decaying
Corpus of crucified flesh,
as linen cloths fall to the earth,
freeing the life for the world,
the Risen Christ breathes once more;
communion for the lost and found,
speaking of peace,
the exaltation of new life
moving across the exhilarated Easter morning air.

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Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

