

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>2ND MAY</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3RD MAY</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	<b>PRIVATE REQUIEM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	<b>PRIVATE REQUIEM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9TH MAY</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10TH MAY</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (VOCATIONS)

**FRANK MULLIGAN RIP A**  
**MARY & JAMES CONROY RIP**  
**JOHN GEIRAN RIP**  
**GRACE O'HARA RIP**  
**TONY SODEN RIP**  
**MARGARET FOLAN RIP**  
**TONY CAREY RIP**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
**FR SAVRES (GET WELL)**

**FR PAT AND FR BERNARD WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE KINDNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN US AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41*  
 Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 23:1-6*  
 The Lord is my shepherd.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 2:20b-25*  
 We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*John 10:1-10*  
 Jesus is the gate for his sheep.



Our 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! **PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IS AT 5. 00PM EACH WEEK. ALSO REQUIEM MASSES ARE PRIVATE AS ARE ALL MASSES AT THIS TIME. A FUNERAL SERVICE TAKES PLACE LATER IN THE DAY FOR FAMILY.**

Pray for Michael Clerkin, John Geiran, Grace O'Hara, Joseph Smyth, Tom Piggot, Andresa Mendes, Sylvia Phyllis Green, Bill Skingle, Fr Andy Kenny & Bishop Leo McCartie who have died recently

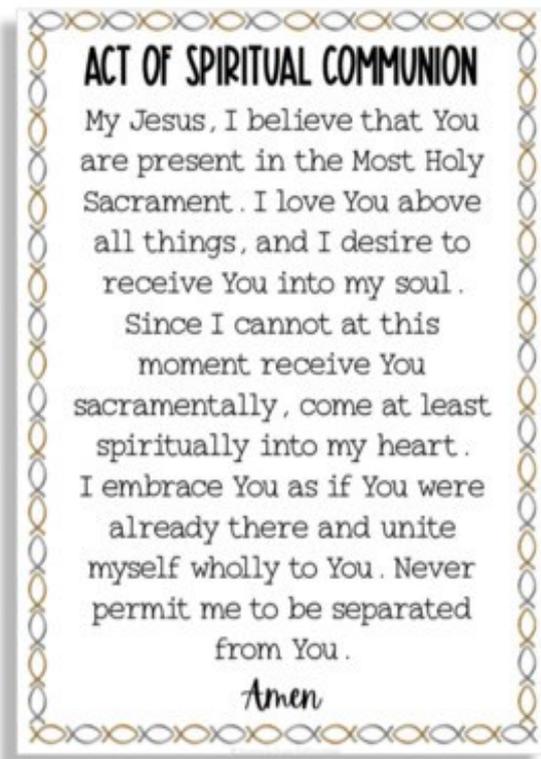
**Collections:** Please continue to support the parish with your weekly offerings this is a vital aspect of parish life. Please put offering envelopes through the door of the presbytery, or save them up until we the future day when we will be able to gather together again once more.

**RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW**

<https://www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk/our-journey-in-faith>

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr\_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Let us support one another taking this time of distance as an opportunity to reconnect with each other in prayerful support, in kindness, and concern for each others well being and welfare.

**This week we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop**



**His Spoken Voice**

His spoken voice pierced the fabric of time  
 Bringing a mediation of majesty so sublime  
 Mankind trembled, in stillness he genuflected  
 In awe and worship, at a human life perfected

These precious words of life unfold  
 Bringing warmth where there is cold  
 Roots of deepening faith find a hold  
 By the treasured gospel stories told  
 Cheering the hearts of young and old  
 Proclaiming the fullness of life so bold  
 A wonderfully joyous voice to behold  
 When the parables of Christ are re-told  
 A Good Shepherd caring for his sheepfold  
 Healing the hurting, his people consoled  
 The Saviour Messiah, from all ages foretold  
 Has become our refuge, our sure stronghold!

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“Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is attentive to each one of us; He seeks us and loves us, giving us His word, knowing our hearts in depth, our desires, and our hopes, as well as our failures and our disappointments. He receives and loves us as we are, with our good points and our bad points.” **Pope Francis**

**FROM THE DEANERY WEBSITE:**

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

The links for children’s liturgy and online faith resources can be clicked on at the deanery website. There are good ideas for faith and helping us to keep in touch with faith as we are at home.

**Coventry Irish Society**

Are there any elderly in the community looking for support. The Irish Society of Coventry are looking to help. If you know anyone who may benefit from their help contact [moynihanbecca@gmail.com](mailto:moynihanbecca@gmail.com)

Shepherding is one of the prominent jobs of the scriptures, an essential profession in the land. There were many shepherds who tended to the many sheep and defended them and cared for the flock under their charge. It was a noble and honest profession. Not every shepherd cared so much for their sheep. Some were corrupt, some were lazy, some were bad shepherds. Jesus uses the image of shepherd to teach his disciples about what it meant to be his follower. Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd, and in the gospel today he describes himself in terms of the sheep gate into which the sheep enter, the one to follow, to emulate and be like, the one to listen to and follow.

The word pastor means shepherd. The Holy Father is the pastor of the people of God sharing in the work of Christ. Bishops and priests and deacons are described as pastors too, again sharing in the work of Christ. To be a pastor involves becoming familiar with the duties involved. Pope Francis used the phrase “the pastors should smell like their sheep” now I have not rushed out and bought a scent that reflects the people, I suspect he was meaning something more deeper than that! The sheep were looked after by the reassurance of the shepherd’s voice. This voice led them through danger and brought them home. The voice of Jesus is very much the shepherd, the gateway, the pastor. Bishops and priests and clergy share in that work of Jesus. The voice of the shepherd is steeped in the smell of his sheep, it cannot be helped, it is a consequence of working close together. Sharing the lives of others, a priest does his best to lead and guide, by being led and guided by Christ the good shepherd.

The vocation to the priesthood is one of hearing the voice of Jesus and responding to that call. It is a way of serving God, one that brings with it joy and more joy. The reality of the priesthood is that expectations are not always realistic. The priest is no super Christian who has beaten all his failings and ironed out all his flaws and stands above the people directing traffic. The priest is a man who is called to trust in the power of Christ working with him, to help sow the seeds of the Kingdom of God who manages to bring about the gospel in spite of his weaknesses, by trusting in Christ and deepening daily in prayer and thorough the Mass a relationship with Christ. It is that relationship with Christ that motivates the priest in his work as a pastor.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.