

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday	31st Oct	10 00 am		People of the Parish
Saturday	31st Oct	5 00pm		Sean O'Donoghue RIP A
Sunday	1st Nov	10 00 am		Ken Wilson RIP
Monday	2nd Nov	9 15 am	All Souls	All Souls
Tuesday	3rd Nov	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Fr Sarves RIP
Wednesday	4th Nov	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Fr Aengus Donlon RIP A
Thursday	5th Nov	9 15 am		John Meehan RIP A
Friday	6th Nov	9 15 am		Frank Mulligan RIP A
Saturday	7th Nov	10 00am		William (Willie) Joseph Green RIP
Saturday	7th Nov	5 00pm		Edward McNiff RIP A
Sunday	8th Nov	10 00 am		John Murray RIP 2nd A

## Public Masses

Attendees must  
 + Wear a mask /Face covering  
 + Remain 1 metre + apart  
 + Sanitise hands  
 + Follow the signs  
 + Listen to the stewards  
 Please Note:  
 Please stay at home if...  
 + You may have a pre-existing condition  
 + You are feeling ill  
 + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19  
 + You have a sick family member at home

## Holy Communion:

Row by row starting from front.  
 Stewards will direct. + Receive in silence by hand only + Masks to be worn to receive the host, then consume, & leave church (Final blessing given before Communion)

## Extraordinary Ministers rota /October/November

Saturday	31st	5 00 pm	M Haggarty
Sunday	1st	10 00 am	K Kirk
Saturday	7th	5.00 pm	M Byrne
Sunday	8th	10 00 am	M Burton
Saturday	14th	5 00 pm	T Stapleton
Sunday	15th	10 00 am	C Gilheaney
Saturday	21st	5 00 pm	A Stapleton
Sunday	22nd	10 00 am	S Symonds

## COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan is arranged for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Christ the King at 7.00pm. This will be his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. If you wish to attend, please contact Deacon Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881. You can join us on the webcam.

The 100 Club is under review at present and a solution will be reached soon regarding the future and those who have paid for numbers so far this year.

There will be a Christmas Draw with tickets available soon. Obviously there has been little chance for fund raising this year, no Gala or Winter Bazaar, so the draw will be the main fund raiser for this winter, outside of the weekly collections. Please support the draw.

## Track and Trace.

**Please bring with you your name and phone number and put it in the box in the entrance. You are asked to do this every time you come to church. After 21 days they will be destroyed. In this way we will always have a current record should NHS Track and Trace teams need to contact you. .**

**The toilet will not be in use during Masses at the moment.**

**Coventry is now in Tier Two restrictions.**

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Andre Rigtters for 1st November!

Remember the Sunday Obligation has not been restored so Every Day is Like a Sunday! You can go other days in the week if it suits.

**Confessions** Please ask a steward if you want to go to confession before Mass.

**Baptisms** 6 people are allowed and funerals a maximum of 30 people are able to be present.

#### Offertory Collections

Please place in boxes by entrance and exits Stewards will remind you that you can put your offertory collection in as you enter or leave Mass. There is no offertory collection during Masses.

#### Collections Thank You

Gift Aid £118 Loose £396.23

The levies we pay to the diocese from the parish are going up 16% from £17,223.77 to £19,927.70 This is worked out on collections and donations for the year.

The collections are not at the same level as before the lockdown, as the amount of people coming to Mass has been reduced too, but I am grateful for the kind and generous way you continue to support the parish. Many thanks for the donations that have helped too. Good news about the gas and electric bills as they were estimated, after an actual reading they owe us £2000 in over payment!

#### November List

Please put the names of your loved ones and a donation (optional) into the box marked Holy Souls and I will celebrate 4 Masses during November for all the intentions placed inside the box and for the deceased clergy of the parish. The 10th November: Deceased Clergy Mass

#### First Reading

*Revelation 7:2-4,9-14*

John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

#### Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-3*

We are God's children now.

#### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IS AT 5.00PM EACH WEEK.

Please Pray for all who have died recently, Kathleen Murtagh, Isabelle Bushell, Thomas McDermott

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr\_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Fr Bernard has his own email address and that is: [anwylb2@btinternet.com](mailto:anwylb2@btinternet.com) The parish webcam <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>



We need to accept the challenge to become saints. Jesus exhorts us: "Be made perfect as your Heavenly Father is Perfect" (Mt 5:48). St. Augustine asked: "If he and she can become saints, why can't I?" (*Si iste et ista, cur non ego?*). We all can become saints by choosing well by doing good and avoiding evil, by choosing to follow Christ, all the way to heaven.

We need to take the shortcuts practiced by three St. Teresa's: i) **St. Teresa of Avila**: Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, namely, listening to God and talking to Him ii) **St. Therese of Lisieux**: Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the salvation of souls and by doing God's will to the best of your ability. iii) **St. Teresa of Calcutta** (Mother Teresa): Do ordinary things with great love. Do something beautiful for God.

**Diversity of Saints** One thing that strikes you first about the Saints is their diversity. It would be very difficult to find one pattern of holiness, one way of following Christ. There is Thomas Aquinas, the towering intellectual, and John Vianney (the Curé d'Arns), who barely made it through the seminary. There is Vincent de Paul, a saint in the city, and there is Antony who found sanctity in the harshness and loneliness of the desert. There is Bernard kneeling on the hard stones of Clairvaux in penance for his sins, and there is Hildegard of Bingen singing and throwing flowers, madly in love with God. There is Albertus Magnus, the quirky scientist, half-philosopher and half-wizard, and there is Gerard Manley Hopkins, the gentle poet. There is Peter, the hard-nosed and no-nonsense fisherman, and there is Edith Stein, secretary to Edmund Husserl and colleague to Martin Heidegger, the most famous philosopher of the twentieth century. There is Joan of Arc, leading armies into war, and there is Francis of Assisi, the peacenik who would never hurt an animal. There is the grave and serious Jerome, and there is Philip Neri, whose spirituality was based on laughter. How do we explain this diversity? God is an artist, and artists love to change their styles. The saints are God's masterpieces, and He never tires of painting them in different colours, different styles, and different compositions. What does this mean for us? It means we should not try to imitate any one Saint exactly. Look to them all, study their unique holiness, but then find that specific colours God wants to bear through you. St. Catherine of Siena was right: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

**Norah Shaw** would like to thank Fr Pat and Fr Bernard for the Mass offered, and parishioners for the cards, prayers and good wishes she received on her 99th birthday!