

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	20th Feb	5 00pm		Fr Sarves Priestly A Joseph Corcoran RIP Nancy Cairns RIP Stations of the Cross
Sunday	21st Feb	10 00 am		
Sunday	21st Feb	5 00 pm	Webcam Only	
Monday	22nd Feb	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Teresa Skamarauskas RIP 3rd A Ursula Pearson RIP
Monday	22nd Feb	12 15 PM	Requiem Mass (Family Only)	Maureen Mernagh RIP
Tuesday	23rd Feb	9 15 am		Sp Int
Wednesday	24th Feb	9 15 am		Mary O'Doherty RIP
Wednesday	24th Feb	1 00 PM	Requiem Mass (Family Only)	Fr Sarves RIP
Thursday	25th Feb	9 15 am		Mabel Campbell-Kerr RIP
Thursday	25th Feb	12 PM	Requiem Mass (Family Only)	
Friday	26th Feb	8.00 am	Holy Hour	Christopher Moore RIP
Friday	26th Feb	9 15 am		Gail Atkins RIP
Friday	26th Feb	1,00 PM	Requiem Mass (Family Only)	
Saturday	27th Feb	5 00pm		Denis Edwards RIP Jenny Bratt 70th Birth Bart Quinn RIP
Sunday	28th Feb	10 00 am		Stations of the Cross
Sunday	28th Feb	5 00 pm	Webcam Only	

The parish webcam <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>

**Funerals are restricted to 30 people attending and are therefore Family Invite only. Please do not gather in the car park for funerals if you are unable to attend the church, at this time you are advised to watch on the webcam from home.**

**"Jerome, you have not yet given me your sins!"** Saint Jerome, the brilliant doctor of the Church, lived for twenty-five years in the cave where the Child Jesus was born. One time he prayed to Jesus thus: "Dear Child, you have suffered much to save me; how can I make amends?" "What can you give me, Jerome?" a Voice was heard. "I will spend my entire life in prayer, and I will offer all my talents into Your hands," Jerome replied. "You do that to glorify Me, but what more can you give to Me?" the Voice asked again. "I will give all my money to the poor," Jerome exclaimed. The Voice said: "Give your money to the poor; it would be just as if you were giving it to Me. But what else can you give to Me?" Saint Jerome became distraught and said: "Lord, I have given You everything! What is there left to give?" "Jerome, you have not yet given Me your sins," the Lord replied. "Give them to Me so I can erase them." With these words Jerome burst into tears and spoke, "Dear Jesus, take all that is mine and give me all that is Yours." Lent is the time to give our sins to God with repentant hearts

**Walk With me booklets.** Please do take a copy and if you know someone who would benefit from one take one and post through their letterbox. **Collections: £627.72**

Thank you. **100 Club** : See Sheet at back of church for Winners

I will be taking a census later this year. How we recover from the pandemic will involve much co operation, support and work, to build up the fabric of parish life. Asking how can I help, is better than pointing out what is lacking..

## First Reading

*Genesis 9:8-15*  
 God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 25:4-5,6-7,8-9*  
 A prayer praising God for his covenant

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 3:18-22*  
 In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:12-15*  
 Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

The provision for the Masses in the parish will include 1 webcam only Mass during this week that will be on Monday. Mass can be attended Tues-Friday at 9 15 am. *Mass is celebrated during this pandemic in a way that we promote safety as a priority; stewards, sanitising, distancing, avoiding groups from different household socialising. Holy Communion is given at the end of Mass and then we are asked to quietly leave and not to mingle outside, but to head off home. For some who are vulnerable watching on the webcam is the option to take.*

**Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish:**

**Mabel Campbell-Kerr, Funeral 23rd Feb Mary O'Doherty, Funeral 24th Feb, Gail Atkins, Funeral 26th Feb Margaret Vaughan, Funeral 4th March Ursula Pearson, Funeral 22nd Feb Liam O'Donnell, Frances Hegarty, and Fr Giles Goward, a priest of the archdiocese. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are limited to 30 people and are family attendance only.**

Fr Bernard has his own email [anwylb2@btinternet.com](mailto:anwylb2@btinternet.com)

This Year is designated the year of St Joseph, by Pope Francis and a new statue of St Joseph has been donated by some of our parishioners and will be arriving from Italy. The statue will be blessed this weekend and put in place. During this year dedicated to St Joseph a prayer has been composed to be said at Masses.

### Dust and Ashes

Scrambling for meaning  
while scratching a living,  
fed upon scraps of scripture,  
parables of a better way;  
revealing  
the truth of a lifetime spent in giving.

Fragile, this breath within  
that wakens me  
to life's glorious possibilities,  
fierce winds  
blow through past memories,  
picking up the debris  
that floats past me,  
constantly impacting my journey.

The ruins of unconfessed sin  
like dry skin,  
leave me without any certainty,  
nagging at me,  
reminding me that there is the Christ,  
he, the remedy to my habitual maladies.

Lent arrives regally,  
a purple gale of penitential activity,  
here I discover in simplicity,  
with a degree forged in humility  
that I am dust and ashes,  
flawed, but loved eternally,  
this realisation the only eternal certainty.

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### Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Easter Parish Prize Draw: To take place Easter week this year. Tickets £1 Per Strip. Available from next weekend. £100 cash prize, Easter hamper, Easter egg, Whiskey, Wine and other prizes. To support the parish in this time of pandemic.



"Is that Jesus knocking?" A paediatrician would plug his stethoscope into his little patients' ears to let them listen to their own heartbeats. Their eyes would always light up in awe. He was taken aback one day when he placed the disk over little Sylvia's heart. "Listen" said the doctor. "What do you suppose that is?" Sylvia listened carefully to the tap-tap-tapping in her chest and cried, "Is that Jesus knocking?" — During Lent Jesus is knocking at my heart so that I might love like him and allow my heart to be opened to His.

True, rendering, repenting, and re-turning must come from my heart. Only then will I understand the reassurance of rainbows and the welcoming warmth of spring—in my heart. (Francis Gonsalves in Sunday Seeds for Daily Deeds;

"that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to Himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with Christ". Pope Francis