

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	13th March	5 00pm	
Sunday	14th March	10 00 am	
Sunday	14th March	5 00 pm	Webcam Only
Monday	15th March	9 15 am	
Tuesday	16th March	9 15 am	
Wednesday	17th March	9 15 am	St Patrick
Thursday	18th March	9 00 am	Webcam Only
Friday	19th March	8.00 am	Holy Hour
Friday	19th March	9 15 am	St Joseph
Friday	19th March	10.30 am	Funeral Service
Saturday	20th March	5 00pm	
Sunday	21st March	10 00 am	
Sunday	21st March	5 00 pm	Webcam Only

MOTHERING SUNDAY

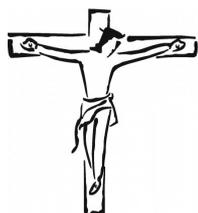
Nancy Tunney RIP 1st A
 Annie McCarthy RIP A
 Stations of the Cross
 John Bratt RIP A
 Fr Bernard 64th Ordination anniversary
 Ursula Pearson RIP
 John Deehan RIP A
 Fr Savres RIP Sp Int
 Lelia Kierans RIP
 Nancy Tunney RIP 1st A
 Hughie & Mary O'Hara RIP A
 Stations of the Cross

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjYjYjYjYjYj)

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. Baptism bookings will resume after Easter. Weddings are not permitted at present.

We are now livestreaming! The link to Holy Family Church YouTube streams are :Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yIJoc>
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel: <https://youtu.be/nedIJa9gVWs>
 Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of the day's liturgy [the *Introit*]. It is also Mothering Sunday. Since this Sunday occurs in the middle of Lent, as *Gaudete* Sunday is celebrated midway through Advent, *Lætare* Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season. As on *Gaudete* Sunday, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar. In Lent, these outward signs symbolize the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in this penitential Season, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil.



We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix – the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus – holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy.

Scripture Readings

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
 The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6
 A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10
 In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21
 Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

All Masses are livestreamed via YouTube and soon we will be livestreaming on YouTube. This week Mass can be attended Monday-Wed-Friday at 9 15 am. Thursday is a webcam only Mass at 9 00 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:

Jean Greene Juanita Cooke, Lelia Kierans Frances Tierny, Davey Stokes and Fr Ollie Kemp (a former assistant priest here at Holy Family, a priest of the archdiocese.) Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are limited to 30 people and are family attendance only.

Keep all who are sick in your prayers are prayer are asked for Imelda Cunningham at this time.

Fr Bernard email anwylb2@btinternet.com (64th Anniversary this Tuesday)

Dementia: A thief in the night

A thief arrived in the darkness of the night
Swooping towards me, evading my failing sight
A silent intruder who took my memory clean away
Frustration now gnaws at the dawning of a new day
A precious treasure was ruthlessly stolen from me
Denying with cruelty the telling of my recent history
Bereft, head bowed in grief, I lament missing years
Adrift from my memories, as my dignity disappears
Dishevelled, confused, a whisper of my former self
Praying for the cure to be returned to good health
A hand holds mine, kind eyes look into my weary face
A word of love, a gentle kiss, a tender moment of grace
Then lost to a world of wondering, of not remembering
Premature mourning is the curse of dementia's ageing.

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The work of a priest takes place on the altar, though he has many offices, that stretch from the sanctuary, to the confessional, and also into the day to day interaction with people. Visiting those who suffer from dementia is a heart breaking task, especially for those who knew the person affected; loved ones. friends, family members. Listening to those who suffer with, or those who suffer as a cause of dementia I have been touched, moved by the stories. I have tried to write a poem this year for the week of prayer for dementia, and I offer it as my prayer for all who I know who have dementia, or who are living with the consequences of dementia. May the gentle touch and kindness of loved ones, and the caress of faith, sooth the wearying sadness that comes from dementia.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.
- Author Unknown

Saturday 20th March 5 00pm
Extra Ordinary Minister Tony Stapleton
Sunday 21st 10 am Extra Ordinary Minister
Kien Kirk

Collection £554.71 Thank You!

Coventry St Patrick's Day Mass Monday
15th March 7 00pm @Christ the King

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

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.

Due to the pandemic, Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be celebrated according to the guidelines given by the bishops of England and Wales. Safety is a priority as always. So Palm Sunday there will be blest palms given and no need to book a place. Maundy Thursday again no need to book a place at Mass at 6 30 pm. There is no washing of feet, or re instituting of ministers, no procession to the altar of repose and watching will be done via webcam only. We will need you to book in advance for **Good Friday** and for Easter Sunday. **Good Friday 1.00pm** Stations, communal adoration of Cross (No Individual kissing of cross permitted this year) Communion and **3 00pm Liturgy of the Passion, with reading of the Passion.** **Easter Vigil Saturday Mass 5 pm Easter Sunday Masses 8 00 am and 10 am** **PLEASE SIGN UP ON SHEETS PROVIDED ON GOOD FRIDAY PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER 1 PM OR 3 PM AND NOT BOTH WE NEED TO WATCH NUMBERS. WITHOUT BOOKING A PLACE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF GETTING A SEAT.**