

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday | 20th March | 5 00pm | | Kim Simmons 3rd A & Ursula Pearson |
| Sunday | 21st March | 10 00 am | | Hughie & Mary O Hara RIP A |
| Sunday | 21st March | 5 00 pm | Webcam Only | Stations of the Cross |
| Monday | 22nd March | 9 15 am | | Patrick "Patsy" McEaney |
| Tuesday | 23rd March | 9 00 am | Requiem Mass Family Only | Jean Greene RIP |
| Wednesday | 24th March | 9 15 am | | Immelda Cunningham Ints |
| Thursday | 25th March | 9 15 am | Annunciation | Fr Savres RIP Sp Int |
| Friday | 26th March | 8.00 am | Holy Hour | |
| Friday | 26th March | 9 15 am | | Mary Cheesmond RIP A |
| Saturday | 27th March | 5 00pm | | Fr Jeremiah Sheehy RIP |
| Sunday | 28th March | 10 00 am | | Jack Harris RIP A |
| Sunday | 28th March | 5 00 pm | Webcam Only | Stations of the Cross |

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

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

Gift aid Envelopes Those who have envelopes for giving the church collection are at the back of church and can be picked up.

Holy Week Booking

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.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching

All Masses are livestreamed via YouTube. This week Mass can be attended Monday, Wed-Friday at 9 15 am. Tuesday is a Requiem Mass at 9 00 am for Jean Greene. *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 (Tuesday 23rd 9 00 am) 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.

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The Lenten Rose

Adorning the garden of God's creation
Bringing a delightful, memorable elation
Wonderful to behold, so sweet smelling
Fragrantly beautiful, fragile, intoxicating
Most regal of flowers, soft, gentle, good
Then a sharp pain, as a thorn draws blood
Living brings laughter, yet at times we cry
As sorrow shares its life's journey with joy

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The metaphors of the “dying grain of wheat” and of the “surrendered life”: Jesus explains to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world, just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, “just a seed,” by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to mankind. In other words, when we “die” to our selfishness, we “rise” to new life in Jesus Christ. To be “buried in the earth” means avoiding sin, accepting suffering and living for others.

A slight re write to an old Poem of mine. Lenten Roses bloom at this time of year! May our observance of Lent help our faith to bloom and our spiritual lives to experience growth in joy and happiness!

After an exceptionally long and boring sermon the congregation filed out of the church not saying a word to the priest. After a while, a man shook the priest's hand and said, “Father, that sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!” The priest was ecstatic. “Nobody has ever said anything like that about one of my sermons before! Tell me, how did it remind you of the peace and love of God?” “Well”, said the man, “it reminded me of the peace of God because it passed all human understanding and it reminded me of the love of God because it endured forever!”

Tuesday 23rd March is a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. The bishops of England and Wales ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. Please remember all who have died from Corona Virus and for their families too. May the end to the pandemic come about soon and may we all continue to support one another.

Saturday 27th March 5 00pm
Extra Ordinary Minister Tony Stapleton
Sunday 28th 10 am Extra Ordinary Minister
Kien Kirk

Collection £448.48 Thank You!

Thursday is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

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.

“They do come to you, but you do not hear them.” In George Bernard Shaw's play *St. Joan*, (St. Joan of Arc), Joan tells of hearing God's messages. She is talking to King Charles. Charles doesn't appreciate this crazy lady in armour who insists on leading armies. He's threatened by her. He says, “Oh, your voices, your voices, always your voices. Why don't the voices come to me? I am King, not you.” Joan replies, “They do come to you, but you do not hear them. You have not sat in the field in the evening listening for them. When the Angelus rings . . . you cross yourself and have done with it. But, if you prayed from your heart and listened to the trilling of the bells in the air after they stop ringing, you would hear the voices as well as I do.” [Bruce Larson, *My Creator, My Friend* (Waco: Word Books Publisher, 1986).] — Joan heard the voice of God; the King, if he heard anything at all, heard only thunder. Why? Because she was listening for that Voice. Some people are so disconnected from God that they never hear God's voice as described in today's Gospel