

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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2ND SUNDAY EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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| Saturday | 10th April | 5 00pm | | Bridie, Charley & Gerry Gilheaney |
| Sunday | 11th April | 10 00 am | | Dorothy Hennessey |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>12th April</i> | <i>9 15 am</i> | | <i>Veronica Dixon RIP A</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>13th April</i> | <i>9 00 am</i> | <i>Webcam Only</i> | <i>Simon Dalton</i> |
| Wednesday | 14th April | 9 15 am | | David Hardie RIP 2nd A |
| Thursday | 15th April | 9 15 am | | Grace O'Hara RIP 1st A |
| Friday | 16th April | 8 00 am | Holy Hour | |
| | 16th April | 9 15 am | | Fr Savres RIP |
| Saturday | 17th April | 5 00pm | | Winnie & James Hughes RIP |
| Sunday | 18th April | 10 00 am | | Edward Noble RIP 10th A |

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HziE4yIJoc)

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.

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

Easter offering Many thanks for your kind and generous offering!

Macbeth never had peace in his life: One of the famous tragedies of William Shakespeare is *Macbeth*. When Macbeth was returning after a victory, he was met by three witches. The first witch greeted him, "Thane of Glamis". The second witch greeted him, "Thane of Cawdor", and the third witch greeted him, "King hereafter". As they disappeared messengers reached with the good news that he was appointed as the Thane of Glamis and Thane of Cawdor. Macbeth went home and shared this strange experience with his wife. She enkindled his hopes, and persuaded him to murder Duncan, the king, who came to his house as his guest. As Macbeth thrust the dagger into the heart of Duncan he heard a voice, "Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep..." (II, 2:35-36). Thereafter Macbeth never had peace in his life. His life became miserable. In his frantic attempt to get peace he committed murder again and again. When Macbeth sinned against the king he lost his peace. Jesus was aware that sins destroy the peace of man. So Jesus both wished the Apostles "Peace" and granted them the power to destroy sin and so make that Peace available to all of us. . To destroy a powerful enemy we need a powerful weapon. Jesus put this weapon in the hands of the Church by communicating to the Apostles the power to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus said to the apostles: "*Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Fr. Bobby Jose).

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
 The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm

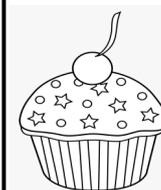
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
 The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6
 Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31
 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



**THERE IS A
 SALE OF CAKES
 THIS WEEKEND
 TO RAISE
 MONEY FOR
 PARISH FUNDS.**

PLEASE SUPPORT

All Masses are livestreamed via YouTube. *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. Holy Week Masses and Services are highlight overleaf.*

Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish: Bernard O'Neill & Patrick Hayes

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 and Jim Farrell at this time.

Fr Bernard email anwylb2@btinternet.com (it is Fr Bernard's birthday this Saturday 10th April Happy Birthday!)

Sister Faustina Kowalska was an ordinary nun who did the duties of a cook, doorkeeper, and gardener. Born in Glogowiec, Poland, in 1905, she had only three years of formal education. As a teenager, she worked as a domestic servant for a few years. Then in 1925, she joined the religious congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Sister Faustina lived only 13 years as a nun. She died of tuberculosis on October 5, 1938, at the age of 33. However, pretty soon, she began to be known all over the world as she had been chosen by the Lord Jesus to spread the message of Divine Mercy. According to her Diary, Jesus appeared to her several times between 1930 to 1938. During these apparitions, Jesus asked her to remind the world about the merciful love of God toward everyone. Jesus also gave her a chaplet to be said every day. At night on Sunday, February 22, 1931, Jesus appeared wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his heart. During that time, Jesus said to her, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (in Polish: Jezu, ufam Tobie). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." Accordingly, she got such an image painted by an artist under her direction. Sister Faustina also heard the Lord telling her to dedicate a feast day to the Divine Mercy. It was in the context of

this request of the Lord that the Church, through a decree dated May 23, 2000, instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. Pope John Paul II beatified Sr. Faustina on April 18, 1993. On the following day, he said during a general audience, "God has spoken to us through the spiritual wealth of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. She left to the world the great message of Divine Mercy and an incentive to complete self-sacrifice to the Creator." John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000, the first Sunday of Easter. According to the Diary of Sr. Faustina, Jesus said the following regarding the Feast of Divine Mercy: "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy this weekend, let us approach the Lord and ask him for the forgiveness of all our sins. May the Lord bless all of us. (Fr. Jose CMI)

Easter Day 2021

A cold April morning,
God's Son is rising,
the Coventry sun is shining
A key unlocks the church building
the boiler has activated the heating.

The hand sanitiser replaces the holy water,
the benches are suitably distanced
we no longer bring forward the wine and the water.

Soon the people will come,
but not all of them,
some are unable, some unwilling
A year of pandemic has taken its toll,
the price is still being paid,
some are bold, while others are still afraid.

Easter proclaims that death is not the end,
soothes minds, enables broken hearts to mend.

It is time now to leave the tomb, embrace the day,
Christ is risen, darkness has been eternally shooed away!

After the dismissal, with the alleluias ringing in joyful ears,
the gloom disappears, there is a banishment of useless fears,
as the journey of life continues, with those quickly passing years.

Fr Patrick Brennan 2021 © Easter Day 2021

Easter Parish Prize Draw: Raised £1600 for the parish.
Many thanks! The prize winners are posted at the back of church. Please take your prize!

I will be taking a census later this year. How we recover from the pandemic will involve co operation, & support, to build up the fabric of parish life.

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Sat 17th Martina Haggarty

Sun 18th Kien Kirk

Collection Parish Priest Easter Offering Thank You!

Gift aid Envelopes

Those who have envelopes for giving the church collection are at the back of church

During the pandemic and the live streaming Masses I have become aware of those who take part in our Masses from afar! Thank you for the lovely messages and cards expressing your thanks for the ministry you receive over the web. We are a global family and very much a global parish family too! It is good to get positive feedback and it is very much appreciated!