

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17th April 5 00pm  
 Sunday 18th April 10 00 am

Monday 19th April 9 15 am

Tuesday 20th April 9 00 am Webcam Only

Wednesday 21st April 9 15 am

Thursday 22nd April 9 15 am

Friday 23rd April 8 00 am Holy Hour

23rd April 9 15 am

**23rd April 10 30 am Requiem Mass**

Saturday 24th April 5 00pm

Sunday 25th April 10 00 am

Winnie & James Hughes RIP A  
 Edward Noble RIP 10th A

Stokes Family Intentions  
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Fr Kevin Donlon RIP Mary Paul 6th A  
 Mary Conneeley RIP

Fr Savres RIP

**Bernard O'Neill RIP**  
 Intentions of the Martin Family  
 O'Shea Family Intentions

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](#)

**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 restricted too**

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/nedlJa9gVWs>

Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk

### "Run for your lives! Run for your lives!"

The philosopher Soren Kierkegaard once told a story about a circus that caught fire. The flames from the circus fire spread to the fields surrounding the circus grounds and began to burn toward the village below. The circus master, convinced that the village would be destroyed, and the people killed unless they were warned, asked if there was anybody who could go to the village and warn the people. The clown, dressed in full costume, jumped on a bicycle and sped down the hill to the village below. "Run for your lives! Run for your lives! A fire is coming, and the village is going to burn!" he shouted as he rode up and down the streets of the village. "The village is going to burn! Run for your lives!" Curious, the villagers came out of their houses and shops and stood along the sidewalks. They shouted back to the clown, laughing and applauding his performance. The more desperately the clown shouted, the more the villagers cheered. The village burned to the ground and the loss of life was great because no one took the clown seriously. After all, he was just a clown. [Soren Kierkegaard, *Parables of Kierkegaard* (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press 1978).] — It's startling the amount of influence we don't have when we look like clowns and don't live like Jesus. And when we don't live our Faith, we're startled when our Faith is challenged or when it comes under attack, even though Jesus said this would be normal for Christians who truly lived their Faith. But the most startling thing of all is that this startling Saviour, Jesus, still reaches out in startling encounters and changes lives

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19*

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9*

A prayer seeking God's favour

### Second Reading

*1 John 2:1-5a*

Those who know God keep his commandments.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 24:35-48*

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.



### THE CAKE SALE

**RAISED £318**

**FOR PARISH**

**FUNDS THANK**

**YOU MARY**

**BYRNE FOR THE BAKING!**

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 Jim Farrell  
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. Prayers are asked for Imelda Cunningham at this time.***

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

### **Ongoing Repairs**

The water that drips on the sanctuary in church is not from the roof but from the boiler! The holes in the roof were repaired recently and have stopped the flow of water. The boiler has not been capped properly when it was installed on the roof over 20 years ago, so that water is coming through when it rains and is trickling down the inner wall and making a mess of the wall in the sacristy and by the sacristy. After much investigation, it was revealed that there is a hollow space between the wall on the sanctuary and the wall going into the sacristy. The water is starting to seep from the uncapped boiler on the roof into the electric switches, and so they need to be moved from their present position. At the same time the cap needs to be put in place on the boiler on the roof so that no water comes through. This will involve a Cherry Picker and a trip to the roof for a commercial Corgi registered gas engineer. After this is done the wall will dry out and then the sacristy can be painted. The water damage means the switches need moving as the first part of the ongoing repairs in church. Last week the lights that were not working were repaired but the water leaking causing the problems need fixing further. Years ago when repairs were carried out in church, cutting costs, and "wing and a prayer" repairs means that now we have to put those unfortunately shoddy repairs right. (No disrespect meant but this is the reality of why repairs are needed now) Health and safety was not in place like it is today, bringing the church up to safety standards is essential work. This keeps you in the picture and as you can sympathise, it has to be done. The fund raising and generosity of parishioners helps maintain this beautiful church that we are so lucky to be able to worship in. Thank you for the continued support!

### **Prince Philip: Dearly Departing**

***A shiver of departing winter greets this April morning  
Perhaps appropriate for a nation that's unites in mourning  
Dearly departing, a dotting family's outpouring of genuine grief  
Despite length of years, life's flutter with the daylight hours is brief***

***A Prince, whose duty was to support, a rock of ages, duty fulfilled  
We bid farewell to a grandfather of fine standing, whose breath has stilled  
Grief, the consequence of love; love remains eternal, in an Easter life revealed.***

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We need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives. 2) Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears, hands, and feet, to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brother and sisters. 3) Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means for us to experience and share the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the risen Lord in their community, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centres, nursing facilities, hospitals, workplaces, and schools. Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, the marginalized, the sick – that is, in everyone – and does so.

### **Extra Ordinary Ministers**

Sat 24th Tony Stapleton  
Sun 25th Carmel O'Sullivan

**Collection £961.54 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!

