

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Saturday	24th April	5 00pm		Intentions of the Martin Family O'Shea Family Intentions
Sunday	25th April	10 00 am		
Monday	26th April	9 15 am		Agnes Briscoe RIP 10th A Margaret McGuinness RIP A
Tuesday	27th April	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Fr Oliver Kemp RIP (SP)
Wednesday	28th April	9 15 am		Glynn Atkins
Thursday	29th April	9 15 am		Marie O'Keefe RIP
Friday	30th April	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
	30th April	9 15 am		Fr Savres RIP
Saturday	1st May	5 00pm		Kate & John Ferry 50th A
Sunday	2nd May	10 00 am		Tony Kavanagh (get well)

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 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/nedIJa9gVWs>

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



Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence bishops, priests, deacons, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is *the Priest* in the full sense because He is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve through ordination share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

“No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35)
 Pope Francis – January 16, 2014

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. Webcam only Mass this week is Tuesday*

***Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish: Bernard O'Neill, James "Jim" Farrell, & Patrick Slattery
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 and Barry Soden at this time.

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Ongoing Repairs

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.

A Vocation of the Heart

When we do gather for the Eucharist we come, so as to go out again, and bring the Eucharist into our daily lives. No life is devoid of meaning or has no worth, the Eucharist brings hope and encouragement, into the most difficult situations we are faced with in life. We celebrate the Mass and we resolve to bring hope, encouragement, inspiration to others when we leave the Mass. We are given a vocation of the heart, to love. The heart's vocation is the same now as ever. We are asked to love.

What does this vocation of the heart involve?

Primarily...

Be a Eucharist Person: In simple terms this means imitating Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions. The Eucharist is Christ's Body-broken and his Blood-poured-out for others.

St Teresa of Avila says so eloquently and beautifully

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

We will participate fully in the Eucharist only to the extent that we imitate, in all aspects of our lives, the generosity, the unselfishness, and the loving, that we see in the life and death of Jesus himself. There is a purpose for coming to Mass. We may come for the grace given, for the peace, for the beauty, for the simplicity. We may come for a number of reasons, but we come firstly to receive Jesus, really present, abiding always, and what we receive we resolve to imitate in our attitudes to living. We resolve to love. The Eucharist will certainly help us to be more thoughtful and compassionate and forgiving Eucharistic persons. This happens practically when we love, and see service of one another, as a primary aspect of being a Eucharistic person. Just as Jesus brought the confirmation of God's love, salvation and healing to the world, so must we proclaim. This means that we are to care for others, feeding them, forgiving them, accepting them and helping them to discover the joy of being children of God. In these ways, we may truly become Eucharistic persons. The heart's vocation to love is tested in the maelstrom of life, in the calm and peaceful waters of life, in the rough seas too; so participating in the Eucharist is a way of enabling the heart to explore that vocation to love. Be a Eucharistic person, embrace the heart's vocation to love.

When in Rome...do as the Romans do, is a good rule of thumb for church discipline. Churches do things slightly differently during the liturgy. Please respect the tradition of the church you attend. Don't invent your own version of participation, Follow the stewards instructions! And do try to be on time, respect the way Mass is celebrated during pandemic, **there is for now, no physical sign of peace offered, no chalice given, and** in our church Communion is given at the end of Mass.

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Sat 1st May Tony Stapleton

Sun 2nd May Prashadi Rigters

Collection £422.88 Thank You!

Gift aid Envelopes

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

BAPTISMS

THERE WILL BE A BAPTISM MEETING IN THE CHURCH ON 17TH MAY AT 7 00PM FOR ALL PARENTS INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AT HOLY FAMILY. WE ARE EXPLORING THE CONCEPT THAT BAPTISM REQUIRES A FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH. BEING BAPTISED AND NEVER APPEARING AGAIN AT CHURCH IS NOT HEALTHY FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE FAMILY OR PARISH.

Dates have been set for Confirmation and Holy Communions for this year. The preparation for the celebrations are underway.