

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## 7th Sunday Easter

Saturday	20th May	5.00pm		John Scally RIP
Sunday	21st May	10 00 am		D B Rodrigues RIP
Monday	22nd May	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Tuesday	23rd May	9 15 am		Imelda Cunningham RIP A
Wednesday	24th May	9 15 am		Sp Int (SB)
Thursday	25th May	9 15 am		Patsy Driscoll RIP 2nd A
Friday	26th May	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	26th May	9 15 am	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Richard Griffiths RIP 11th A</b>

## Confessions 4 15 pm until 4 45 pm on Saturdays

Sat	27th May	5 00 pm	Vigil	Kate Hannon RIP A
Sun	28th May	10 00 am		Pat Keating RIP A Sarah Folan RIP 1st A

The May procession will take place on Friday this week with the celebration of Mass attended by Holy Family school.

## Pray for those who have died recently

**Michael O'Donoghue Susan O'Donoghue**

**Pray for the sick of the parish especially: James Walker, Gerry Burke, Julie Hughes, Bridie Cave, Michael Moten, Sarah Higgins, Mary Adderley, Bridie Scally, Una McKeown, Patsy Farrell, Michael Ryan, Brigid Reilly, John Vaughan, Bernie Kelly, Anthony Davis, Mary Rooney and Margaret Crean**

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

IN ST JOSEPH'S WEEKDAY CHAPEL (EXCEPT FUNERALS AND WHOLE SCHOOL MASSES)

**Anyone wishing to be an altar server please see Fr Pat**

**BAPTISMS MEETING FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE A CHILD BAPTISED IS IN THE CHURCH JUNE 5TH AT 7 00PM**

Extra Ordinary Ministers 27th May Saturday Prashadi Rigtors 28th May Sunday D Campbell G Griffiths

Knitting group moving to the 2nd Monday each month at 10 am all welcome!

## **BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH WORKSHOPS -**

Father Hudson's: You can join in our third online evening meeting, on Monday 22nd May, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. The session is on 'Disability'; there is no charge, simply email [fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk) to register



Weekly Collections: 1st £737 Thank You! Collection at 1st Holy Communion Masses £551

**We are now livestreaming! Holy Family Coventry - YouTube**

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yIjoc>

**Young at Heart:** Thursday 10 am

## **Langar Aid**

All Donated food put in basket at back of church please.. Thank you for your continuing support!

**"I look at God and God looks at me."** There is a familiar anecdote in the life of St. John Maria Vianney, the "Cure D'Ars." He used to notice a peasant standing in front of the tabernacle in the village church every morning on his way for farm work. One day he asked him, "What do you do here every morning?" The man answered very simply: "I look at God and God looks at me." The Cure D'Ars liked to repeat this story: "He looked at God and God looked at him: this says everything about genuine prayer, my children!" — Today's first reading gives us the model of a silent spiritual retreat as conducted by the apostles, and the Gospel gives us a model for prayer in Jesus' own farewell prayer.

**The season of Easter is nearly at an end.** This past Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is a challenge to us to rejoice in our suffering for the Faith because the more we suffer the more we are identified with Jesus who has liberated us from the bondage of sin by his suffering and death. The first reading tells us how the apostles waited in prayer for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit, who would enable them to preach and bear witness to Christ in spite of persecutions. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27), has us sing, "The Lord is my Light and my salvation; /whom should, I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; /of whom should I be afraid?" In the second reading, Peter challenges his early Christian audience and us to view and accept sufferings as an opportunity to be more fully one with Jesus. The Gospel gives us the first part of the **"High Priestly Prayer"** in which Jesus prays for himself and for protection and unity for his disciples.

**Sit back and enjoy a fine game:** Just before the football game started, both teams gathered together and prayed briefly. A fan seated next to a rabbi asked what he thought would happen if both teams prayed with equal Faith and fervour. "In that event," replied the rabbi, "I imagine the Lord would simply sit back and enjoy one fine game of football." (Good luck to Coventry City in the play off final next weekend)

**"Significant pause."** In his book *Feather on the Wind*, Edward Hayes discusses "waiting time" — the pause or "waits" between the big incidents of our lives. Life is not so much composed of grand moments as it is of small ones: events that seem insignificant. If we add up these small events, however, they amount to a considerable part of our lifetime. Studies show, for example, that an average American spends about one year of his life simply searching for missing and lost belongings! During an average lifetime, a person spends around three years sitting in meetings. (If you're in pastoral ministry, it may be closer to thirty years!) Dan Spreling, in *Study in Time's A-Wasting*, reports that we spend five years waiting in line and eight months opening junk mail. — Instead of becoming upset and angry, we can use this time spent in waiting to examine more closely the world around us. If we have to wait in traffic or for someone we are supposed to meet, we can use the time to converse with God in silent prayer. What a wonderful opportunity to add years of prayer to our life! Karl Barth, the theologian, once designated this time as a "significant pause." It is a pause between the actions of God, a pause in which all we can do is to wait and pray. As we gather at the end of these Easter weeks, we too might pause and ask ourselves how we can use this time to serve Christ and his Church as the apostles did in the upper room.

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**So Far, So Good.** "So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Thank you. In Jesus' Name. Amen"

#### **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

#### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

**Readers.** Anyone wishing to be added to the readers list on Saturday at 5 pm or Sunday at 10 am please let me know As I am getting the rota ready for the end of May onwards.

**Vocations Mass.** Our deanery has been asked to devote the month of June to promoting vocations. There will be a Vocations Mass at St Thomas More on Tuesday 13th June at 7.00pm.

**\*HOSPITAL VISITING:** If you have a relative in hospital, please let the staff know as, due to GDPR, they cannot ask. Arrangements can then be made for a priest to visit

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** Starting at St Anne's Church in Coventry at 3pm on Sunday 18th June, processing to Corpus Christi Church. You are all invited to join the procession and to celebrate with a picnic on the grass at 4pm

**AN EVENING WITH MORE:** The History and Archives Commission for the Archdiocese are hosting an evening event at St Thomas More Church on Saturday 17th June at 6.00pm. The evening will include a talk entitled, 'Thomas More and English Catholics' given by Professor Bill Sheils from the University of York, and will conclude with a short concert of readings by St Thomas More and music by composers of that time. Light refreshments will also be served during the evening. Tickets priced at £12. It is important to book in advance for this event, by phoning 024 7641 1900 or emailing [stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk).