

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## Pentecost

Saturday	27th May	5.00pm		Kate Hannon RIP A
Sunday	28th May	10 00 am		Pat Keating RIP A Sarah Folan RIP 1st A Pollin Juliat Gnanaseelan RIP 2nd A
Monday	29th May	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Tuesday	30th May	9 15 am		Carmel Kelly RIP 3rd A
Wednesday	31st May	9 15 am		Carmel Bridget Keane RIP 9th A
Thursday	1st June	9 15 am		Ann Crowley RIP
Friday	2nd June	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	2nd June	9 15 am		Norah Shaw RIP

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

Sat	3rd June	5 00 pm	Vigil	William Barry Soden RIP A
Sun	4th June	10 00 am		Pat Keating RIP A

## Pray for those who have died recently

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 3rd June Saturday Tony Stapleton 4th June Sunday C O'Sullivan K Layng

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

The new printed version of *The Universe* can be posted directly from Friday 19 May. The paper can be ordered from your local newsagent as well. To subscribe to our print edition or for further information, please call Michelle Jones on 07436 617650 or email her at: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)



Weekly Collections: 1st £699 Thank You!

We are now livestreaming! Holy Family Coventry - YouTube

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yIJoc>

Young at Heart: Thursday 10 am Half term no meeting.

## Langar Aid

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



### **What does the name “Pentecost” mean?**

It comes from the Greek word for “fiftieth” (*pentecoste*). The reason is that Pentecost is the fiftieth day (Greek, *pentecoste hemera*) after Easter Sunday (on the Christian calendar). This name came into use in the late Old Testament period and was inherited by the authors of the New Testament.

### **What kind of feast was Pentecost in the Old Testament?**

It was a harvest festival, signifying the end of the grain harvest. Deuteronomy 16

states: You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God [Deuteronomy 16:9-11a].

### **What does Pentecost represent in the New Testament?**

It represents the fulfilment of Christ’s promise from the end of Luke’s Gospel: “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high” [Luke 24:46-49].

This “clothing with power” comes with the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Two notable symbols of the Holy Spirit and his activity: the elements of wind and fire. Wind is a basic symbol of the Holy Spirit, as the Greek word for “Spirit” (*Pneuma*) also means “wind” and “breath.” Although the term used for “wind” in this passage is *pnos* (a term related to *pneuma*), the reader is meant to understand the connection between the mighty wind and the Holy Spirit. Concerning the symbol of fire, the Catechism notes:

***While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit’s actions. The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who “arose like fire” and whose “word burned like a torch,” brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. This event was a “figure” of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes “before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah,” proclaims Christ as the one who “will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” Jesus will say of the Spirit: “I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!” In the form of tongues “as of fire,” the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit’s actions. “Do not quench the Spirit” [CCC 696].***

### **What does the feast of Pentecost mean to us?**

As one of the most important solemnities on the Church’s calendar, it has a rich depth of meaning, but here is how Pope Benedict summarized it in 2012:

***This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11). Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour.***

### **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God’s Spirit renews the earth.

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**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).