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Happy and Holy Easter!

The newsletter is printed before the weekend takes place, but I would like to thank all who have contributed to making the Holy Week Services a very spiritual and uplifting occasion. I was delighted with the contribution from the Holy Family school who celebrated the end of term Mass so reverently and joyfully, their support of the parish is invaluable and much appreciated. Also Cardinal Newman school do so much to reach out in faith to pupils and families and make a real difference for the good in our community.

Repairs

The church is huge, and at present it has several leaks! One especially worrying is over where the light switches are, by the sacristy. I have someone coming on Wednesday to look at the roof over the sacristy, and the altar where we celebrate weekday Masses. Once it is repaired and the walls are dried out we will need to redecorate in that area.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." We live and learn and love in His way.

HEADTEACHER

Required from September 2016

The governors of Holy Family School are seeking a new Head Teacher from September 2016.
Application packs are available from www.wmjobs.co.uk
Closing Date: 12 noon on 18 April 2016 Interviews: 25 April & 26 April 2016

Many thanks for the Easter offerings for the parish priest. Also the chocolates and cakes do go down very well! This week in the parish there is a funeral on Tuesday and a Wedding on Friday. I would say I am very busy but very happy too!

Mass Intentions: Easter 27th March 2016 Year C

Saturday	26th Mar	7.00pm	Easter Vigil of Light	Patrick Philip O'Donnell RIP
Sunday	27th Mar	10.00 am		Peter Fitzsimmons
Monday	28th Mar		No Mass at Holy Family	
Tuesday	29th Mar	9.15 am		Kathy Kelly RIP
Tuesday	29th Mar	12.30 pm	Funeral Service	Stephen Waugh
Wednesday	30th Mar	9.15 am		Sp Int
Thursday	31st Mar	9.15 am		Sean Costello
Friday	1st April	9.15 am		Jack & Elizabeth Reynolds RIP
Friday	1st April	3.00 pm	Wedding	Emma Kemp & Philip McGarry

Confessions: Saturday 5.15pm 5.45pm

Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd April 2016

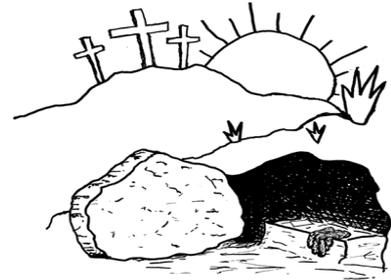
Saturday	2nd April	6.00pm	Vigil	Peter Beeres RIP
Sunday	3rd April	10.00 am		Mark Evans

Website Links: Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
 Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk
 School: www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk

Head Teachers: Holy Family: Mrs Carmel Farrelly
 Cardinal Newman: Mrs Marina Kelly

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mrs Debbie O'Donoghue
 Gift Aid: Paul & Ann Yielding

HForce Youth Group: Every Second Thursday
 Young at Heart: Coffee, tea & biscuits; chat, fun, friendship, in the parish centre Thursdays at 10.00am.
 Toddlers Group: Tuesday mornings 9.15 am-11.15 am
 Parish Centre Information and bookings 02476 336345



He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
 Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
 Matthew 28:6

Weekend April 3rd Parish Ministers

	6.00pm	10.00am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Mary Byrne, Robert Cramp M Burton, R McDonald M Murray	Claire Gilheaney Kevin Coughlan Philip Gilheaney Bindu Jacob Susy George
Readers:	Julie Hughes	Mary Skagg Moses Odigwe
Counters:	Kevin McKeever Tony Roberts	Ron Kelly
100 Club Collectors:	Brian Lynagh	John Nugent

Sponsored Walk for our India Project (Fr Sarves)
 A big thank you to all who took part in the sponsored walk - the walkers - the collectors and the generous givers.
 The total raised is £2,314.00. Thank you for your continued support

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound, the sick; especially all who receive Holy Communion from the ministers, in nursing homes, hospital and hospices.

We pray also for those who have died recently, especially Stephen Waugh and John Dowd. May they rest in peace.

Planned Giving Envelopes.

Please collect from the back of church. Tax payers do think about Gift Aiding. Do ask Paul and Ann for details of how to do so.

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The Parish Live Stream Web Cam: This can be found and accessed at hf-cov.org.uk

Holy Family Weekly Offerings:

Mar 19th/20

Gift Aid £208.31 Loose £545.69
 Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning:

Team 2 Una McKeown Tuesday 29th March Team 4 Angela McKeever and friends week of April 4th (Usually Thursday)
 Many thanks for keeping the church clean and tidy!

The Parish Grounds Team

Meet on Monday's at 2.00 pm at the presbytery.
 Keeping the church grounds looking tidy and presentable!
 Teas and Coffees are available.
 Thank you for volunteering and coming along so regularly

Fr Des Induction Mass. On 21st April at 7 00 pm Fr Des will be inducted as parish priest of Our Lady's Stourbridge. Bishop David McGough will be presiding at the Mass. Anyone interested in going please let me know and we will organise a coach.

Saturday, 14th May Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham The National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, led by the Right Rev Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham From 11.00am till 5.00pm. Diocesan Organiser tel: 0121 440 8623.. More details will follow nearer the time.

100's Club.

Winners for February are as Follows:

1st £400 333 B E Kennedy 2nd £200 108 C Jeyaseelan 3rd £100 70 Richard Moore. Well Done!

Christ Is Risen!

The mourning veil covers me
The night, shrouds, completely
Christ died hanging on a tree
The death of love, how can this be?
Despair becomes my company.

I awake this morning still sleepy
Easter's truth is now plain to see
An overriding sense of security
Captures me, overwhelms me
With its incredible gathering beauty!

Joy breaks in, witnesses sadness flee
I am blest with a wonderful serenity
Floating in a ocean of sheer ecstasy
Bringing about a longed for tranquillity
Banishing the wounds of a lingering melancholy
For it is true, Christ is risen, my dormant hope is set free!

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Induction Mass

There is an induction Mass here at Holy Family on Thursday 14th April at 7 00 pm. Canon Tom will be coming from Christ the King, and as the Dean he will induct me as parish priest for Holy Family. There is a coach coming from St Mary and St Thomas More in Cannock, and my family will also be coming. I would love to see the parishioners coming too. I thank you for making me so welcome. Fr Bernard echoes my sentiments when thanking you for the warmth of your welcome. We have a lovely community here and it is marvellous to see our community coming together and working so well for the glory of God. Afterwards in the Hall there will be sandwiches and teas and coffees. If any one wishes to help with the evening or to donate cakes or scones for the occasion that would be very much appreciated!

Easter Reflection

Someone said Christmas is for the children and as if to show this belief lavish presents replace the simple, humble stable scene. Christmas is not just for children, but for all of God's children, Christmas comes with a letter from God that says to be opened and read at Easter. For it is at Easter that the loving plan of God's Son coming to birth makes its sense.

Why did God enter the world as a tiny, weak baby? You will find out at Easter, because God so loved the world that he gave his son so that all who believe in him might have life. Jesus dies on the Cross so that our sins are taken to himself and in his resurrection our hope of life is born. The Cross and the resurrection are not to be separated in life. We look at the Cross in the light of the resurrection and we find hope and that Hope is be our guiding principle in life.

A bride to be at a wedding I did many years ago said that the Cross was too gruesome for her wedding in church and demanded it be removed from the sanctuary. Of course the cross stayed right where it was! I even mentioned it in the sermon I gave, that a marriage will have elements of the cross in it as well as the resurrection. So that in good times and bad we must overcome and triumph with love and patience. Whatever state of life we find ourselves in the cross is part of our living but the resurrection is not far either. We Christians look at Life with post resurrection spectacles on! The way we live promotes our belief in Jesus rising from the dead.

The joy of Easter is felt because of the drama of Holy Week. The sombre nature of Holy Week gets under our skins it Invades our emotions and makes us really think about what is important in life. The betrayal of Judas, the denial of Peter and the sorrowful journey to Golgotha and Crucifixion leave us aware of our own shortcomings, our weaknesses and our sinfulness. We contrast this with Mary Magdalene who on this Easter day, with great Joy sees the Lord and proclaims him to be alive!

Joy is the response to Easter, as awe is the response to Christmas. So be joyful today in the Saviour, Risen from the dead for you! Happy and joyful may your Easter be!



Youth Group.

The Youth Group meets every other Thursday in the Hall. Laura and her helpers encourage and support the young people who come along. There is always room for more to join and you would be most welcome. Some of the group came together to the Holy Thursday Mass where some had their feet washed and that was great to see. Our young people are the future and their welfare is all our concerns.

Children's Liturgy

There is a thriving Children's Liturgy that takes place each Sunday at the 1000 am Mass. It is most encouraging to see so many young families bringing their children and enjoying the ministry of the Children's liturgy. Thank you to all who organise and support the Liturgy each week.

Easter Monday: Mass In St. Osburg's 10am

For many years the Mass on Easter Monday has often been referred to as the "Men's Mass". The origin of this stems from World War I, when the men in England from the Catholic Men's Association prayed for their fellow colleagues and friends who had been sent off to War in Europe. Later in the 1920's the then liberal Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, Bishop Barnes spoke out against members of his Church who believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham at that time, Archbishop Williams took offence at this. Even though Bishop Barnes was speaking to Anglicans, Archbishop Williams claimed, that when you attack Anglicans for their catholic belief in the Eucharist you attack Catholics. The Catholic men in Birmingham came out in defence of their belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. On Easter Monday at 10am we are invited to St. Osburg's for a Deanery Mass to share and bear witness to our faith in the Risen Christ ever present in the Blessed Sacrament. (There is no Mass at Holy Family on Monday of this week 28th March)

Food Growing Project.

Glentworth Avenue Allotments.

Food Union are planning to develop a growing space in Holbrooks, and need you help to shape it.

Run by Coventry Council Community Hub, called the Pod. Contact for more information

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The Easter Garden

Silence, breathing in the quietness
Sitting peacefully in the darkness
Then a commotion disturbs the air
A woman cries, his body is not there
She is trembling, shaking her head
Convinced her Saviour was dead
Two others join her, sharing her grief
Confused they display their disbelief
Running now they enter the garden
A crying woman and two burly men
Weeping is replaced by shouts of joy
He is truly risen! Is the exultant cry
Rushing now the three leave the scene
I notice the first signs of spring green
A bird sings the new chorus of morning
A song that dispels creation's mourning
The sun rises from beyond the horizon
Heralding the resurrection of God's Son

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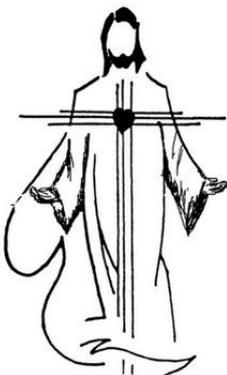
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Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd April 2016

St Mary & St Benedict RC Church Raglan Street
Coventry

Commencing at 1 30 pm Testimony: Guest Speaker
Blessing of the Image Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Merciful prayer for the whole world, the 3 O'Clock
Prayer

Veneration of Divine Mercy Image & Sr Faustina
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Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered... God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.

– Pope Benedict XVI –

