



HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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Annual Sponsored Walk For the work of Fr Sarves Mission in India took place last Sunday. Many thanks to all who walked, collected or helped in any way. The total received to date is £2,763 plus £380 reclaimed from Gift Aid on the 2017 walk!

Pound Envelope June: The parish will give you all envelopes with a pound in and ask you to go and double your pound (or increase it by as much as you can!) by way of fundraising. Some put their pounds together and have coffee mornings in their houses, others hold plant sales or cake sales. The gospel story of the talents is the inspiration behind this fundraising challenge! We have three weeks before bringing back the envelopes with the original pound in or with the new amount raised. All proceeds to parish projects

There will be a Nearly New/ Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale Parish Hall on Friday 25th may from 12 noon. Any donated items can be brought to the hall on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or by telephoning 02476 336345 to make alternative arrangements for dropping of donated items. There will be a raffle, proceeds to charity and parish funds.

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sat 26th May—Friday 1st June

Reflection

Shepherding is one of the prominent jobs of the scriptures, an essential profession in the land. There were many shepherds who tended to the many sheep and defended them and cared for the flock under their charge. It was a noble and honest profession. Not every shepherd cared so much for their sheep. Some were corrupt, others lazy, some were bad shepherds. Jesus uses the image of shepherd to teach his disciples about what it meant to be his follower. Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd, the one to follow, to emulate and be like, the one to listen to, and follow.

Vocations to the priesthood have been on the decline in the western world. They thrive in other parts of the world. Sometimes this is because of expectation of what the priesthood is. What it is not is a career, a status, or an easy life, or a job. It is a vocation, a calling, an opportunity to serve God in the church, to be a pastor of the flock.

The vocation to the priesthood is one of hearing the voice of Jesus and responding to that call. It is a way of serving God, one that brings with it joy. The priest is a man who is called to trust in the power of Christ working with him, A priest helps to sow the seeds of the Kingdom of God who manages to bring about the gospel in spite of his weaknesses. By trusting in Christ, through daily prayer and love for the Mass, deepening a relationship with Christ. It is that relationship with Christ that motivates the priest in his work as a pastor. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	21st April	6 00pm	
Sunday	22nd April	10 00 am	
Monday	23rd April	9 15 am	St George
Tuesday	24th April	9 15 am	
Wednesday	25th April	9 15 am	
Thursday	26th April	9 15 am	
Friday	27th April	9 15 am	

Confessions Saturday 5 15 pm –5 45 pm

Saturday	28th April	6 00 pm
Sunday	29th April	10 00 am

Mass Book 265

Fr Kevin Donlon RIP
John Kelly RIP

Whole School

John & Norah Dowd RIP
Fr Eamon Clarke RIP
Agnes Briscoe RIP
Theresa Flanagan Walker RIP

Kim Simmons RIP
John Callen RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday begins at 7 45am

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

Head Teachers: Holy Family: Grainne Griffiths
 Cardinal Newman: Marina Kelly

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Debbie O'Donoghue,
 Grainne Griffiths
 Paul & Ann Yielding

Gift Aid:
 HForce Youth Group: Every Second Thursday
 Young at Heart: Coffee, tea; chat, friendship, in the Hall
 Thursdays at 10.00am.
 Toddlers Group: Tuesday mornings 9.15 am-11.15 am
 Parish Centre Information and bookings 02476 336345
 Parish Grounds Tidy Up Team. Monday's 2.00pm volunteers

Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



Weekend 28th April/29th April Parish Ministers

	6 00 pm	10.00am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Angela Gough Derrick Gough Emma Sheehan Julie Hughes,	Kathy Layng, Teresa O'Keefe Kim Ashby, Robert Cramp Sean Jones Gerry Campbell
Readers:	Julie Hughes Mary Skaag	Carmel O'Sullivan
Counters:	Kevin McKeever Tony Roberts Ron Kelly	
100 Club Collectors:	Helen Driscoll	

Piety Stall.

Religious objects and cards on sale weekly.



Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick;
Margaret Keane, Norah Shaw, Michael Moten, Mary Maloney, Theresa, Lelia Kierans, Baby Sofia Rose, Jill Regan, William Hearne, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Frank Mulligan, Sarah Higgins, Peggy Crean and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For the recently dead.
Kim Simmons & John Callen

Please pray...
 For Christian Unity
 For peace of mind
 For a joyful faith
 For the bereaved...
 For peace in our hearts...
 For victims of violence...
 For family Life
 For an increase in Faith
 For Pro-Life issues
 For prayers answered
 For Pope Francis
 For priests and deacons
 For the newly baptised
 For peace in the world...
 For all the lapsed...
 For the parish...
 for First Holy Communions in May...
 for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life...

The Parish Live Stream Web Cam:
hf-cov.org.uk

Monday Grounds team Mondays 2.00pm Helping to keep the grounds around the church neat and tidy. New people always welcome!

Youth Group **H-Force** meet every other Thursday evenings in the hall. See Laura and the youth board **More adult volunteers needed See Laura or Fr Pat**

Knitting In the Church Monthly on the first Monday's 10 am until 11 00am next meeting is June 4th

Weekly Offerings: Gift Aid £176.97 Loose £570.18 Thank you!

Church Cleaning: Thurs 26th April Team 3: Angela McKeever & Co.

COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY

Is launching a month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. For further information ring 024 7625 6629 or website http://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/1242/irish_heart_coventry_home

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS " I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE" 7TH-9TH SEPTEMBER 2018 SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER DETAILS. THE DEANERY HAS 30 PLACES LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GO.

Children's Liturgy Rota : Debbie 22nd Grainne 29th Lorraine 6th May Vivien 13th Nicola & Kian 20th Half Term 27th

Medugorje Youth Festival 31st July - 7th Aug meeting @ St Thomas More in Margaret Roper Room 5pm 22nd April. Brief history, informal discussion on trip and prayers. Mass to follow, all welcome.

Mothers Prayers will take a rest for a few weeks and return after MASS ON MONDAY 14TH MAY

2nd Collection this week for the work of Vocations

