



# HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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## 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 four-five weeks before bringing back the envelopes with the original pound in or with the new amount raised. In **July** there will be an opportunity to take part in the **Alarm Clock challenge!** A chance to win some money and help with parish funds. In September, October and November. On one Friday each month I propose we meet as a parish to socialise and fundraise too. **A Race Night, a Quiz Night with a fish and chip supper, and a Skittles evening with a light supper.** Proceeds for parish funds and local charities.

## Pilgrimage 2019:

I am hoping to arrange a parish pilgrimage next year, September time, maybe to Knock or Lourdes. Please let me know if there is a pilgrimage destination you would be interested in. **An Afternoon Tea is being arranged for the summer months.**

## Building Works

Parishioners have requested serving teas and coffee after the weekend Masses to help build upon the already existing spirit of parish community. The idea I have is to turn the Children's liturgy room into a place to meet for tea after Masses.

**Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, and is a Holy Day of obligation. Masse are as indicated below.**

**Community Lunch** The CTK Pastoral Care Group have arranged a lunch on Monday 4th June at 12 30 pm in Christ the King Community Centre. A Hot 2 course meal is on offer with entertainment, the cost £8 per person. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the list in church. Last date for booking 30th May.

## Piety Stall

Teresa McLintock has been running the piety stall for many years, doing a wonderful job raising funds for the parish and enabling devotion to the faith to spread beyond the church building. She would like to step down from this role and we thank her for the devotion she has given. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take over running of the piety stall If you feel willing and able to do so, then please let Fr Pat know

## **6th Sunday of Easter**

Saturday	5th May	6 00pm	
Sunday	6th May	10 00 am	
Monday	7th May	10.00 am	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday	8th May	9 15 am	
Wednesday	9th May	9 15 am	
Thursday	10th May	9 15 am	<b>Whole School</b>
Thursday	10th May	1.30pm	<b>@Cardinal Newman School</b>
Thursday	10th May	6.00 pm	<b>Reception</b>
Thursday	10th May	7 00pm	
Friday	11th May	9 00 am	<b>Requiem</b>

## **Confessions Saturday 5 15 pm –5 45 pm**

Saturday	12th May	10.00 am & 12 Noon
Saturday	12th May	6 00 pm
Sunday	13th May	10 00 am

## **Mass Book 270**

Patrick Ahearne RIP  
Mary & James Conroy RIP  
**Martin & Annie Laffey RIP**

## **Fr Norbert Novak RIP**

Sean Costello RIP  
Baby Sofia Rose  
Sp Int

Mary Moloney RIP  
Sp Int

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## **First Holy Communions**

Gerald McDermott RIP  
**Ints of Gerry O'Reilly & Family**

Website Links: Diocese: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
 Deanery: [www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk)  
 School: [www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk](http://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 12th /13th May Parish Ministers**

	<b>6 00 pm</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Anne Stapleton Tony Stapleton Liz Mayne Joyce Smyth Patsy McHendry	Carmel O'Sullivan Mary Jones Dympna Campbell Grainne Griffiths Laura Byrne Kim Nghiem, Caitlain Nghiem
<b>Readers:</b>	Tony Kiely	
<b>Counters:</b>	John & Patsy McHendry, Helen Driscoll	
<b>100 Club Collectors:</b>	Paul & Ann Yielding	Carmel O'Sullivan

**Piety Stall.**

Religious objects and cards on sale weekly.



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

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](http://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 £ Loose £ Thank you! Details next week.

**Church Cleaning:** Team One: Una McKeown & Co. on Tuesday 8th May, 2018.  
 Team Two: Tamil Community on Sunday 20th May, 2018.

**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 : Lorraine 6th May Vivien 13th Nicola & Kian 20th**

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

**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.

**Mount St Bernard's Saturday 5th June. 9-2pm** A morning short retreat with Mass to be held at Mount St Bernard's please sign the list at the back of church if you are interested in going and a bus will be arranged. Open to all parishioners.

**APF Please bring in your Red Boxes to be collected counted and returned. Amount Raised last year £1733 Well Done!**

**Lourdes 2nd Collection next weekend. To support Cardinal Newman students**



## **Anointing**

The anointing oil remains wet upon a fragile forehead,  
a servant weary, nearing the end of life's incredible, miraculous journey.

Heartfelt prayer devoutly intoned, ruffles the veil to eternity,  
as the gentle breeze of hope heralds the abiding presence of the Risen Christ,  
who has conquered death so valiantly.

Witnessing to God's victory upon the altar of the cross, that fateful tree,  
a defining moment from human history, ending deaths reign permanently.

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## **Pioneer Devotion to the SACRED HEART**



To understand Pioneer spirituality we have to look at the full title of the association - The Pioneer Total Abstinence of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr Cullen dedicated the association to the Heart of Jesus.

The heart is the universal symbol of love, and the Heart of Jesus symbolised the total unconditional love of God for humanity. He showed us this unconditional love by His suffering and death on the cross. By dedicating the Pioneer Association to the Sacred Heart Fr Cullen believed that under the banner of the loving Heart of Christ the Association would succeed in its mission – to reduce the problems in society caused by excess consumption of alcohol.

The spirituality of the association is based on prayer, self denial and reparation.

Prayer for those who are suffering because of their own or others excess consumption of alcohol; and total abstinence as self denial and for the pain and damage done by excess use of alcohol.

In their devotion to the Sacred Heart Pioneers strive to love unconditionally as Jesus does, learn to accept whatever crosses come their way and reduce egotistical needs so that they can enter into closed communion with the Heart of Christ.

The Pioneer by abstaining from alcohol which like all of God's gifts should not be abused is forgoing one of life's pleasures and therefore dying to self for the greater good. More information <http://www.pioneerassociation.ie/>

**Diocesan Pilgrimage:** There will be a coach leaving Christ the King for the Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage on Saturday 12th May at 7.45am for an 8.00am departure. There will no other pickup points Payment will be in advance and places can be booked through Fiona at Christ the King Parish Office (024 76591618). The cost will be £15 per person.

**Sunday 3rd June 3pm. Corpus Christi Processions from St. Osburg Church to the ruins of the cathedral.** Children making their First Holy Communion are particularly welcome to join in this procession dressed in their First Holy Communion clothes.

**Golden Jubilee celebrations: The Apostles of Jesus** will be celebrating 50 years since the foundation of their order on 22nd August 1968. The Order was Founded by two Comboni Missionaries Fr. John Marengoni and Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi. The institute started its mission in England in 2002 at St. Eliza-beth Coventry in the Archdiocese of Birmingham where it ministers to three parishes, St. Elizabeth (2002), St. Mary's and St. Benedict (2008) and St. Osburg (2015). To mark the Golden jubilee of their foundation a thanksgiving Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Lordship Bishop William Kenney at St. Osburg on 11th July 2018 starting at 6 pm. You are all warmly welcome to join them on this auspicious occasion.



## **Fledgling Life**

Forming silently, unseen within the womb  
Growing, taking shape, finding room  
Safe in the protective veil of sheer perfection  
This unique blueprint of God's own creation  
Gathering a consciousness, a personality  
Developing; a heart freshly beating with vitality  
Until leaving, yet also arriving, profoundly mystical  
Taking breaths, at the dawning of living's journeying;  
welcoming this sweet fledgling life, O perfect miracle!

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*God  
grant me the  
Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage  
to change the things I can and  
Wisdom  
to know the difference.*

### A few thoughts for a quickly passing year!

I am Loved

Drawing breath, it seems we are hurtling towards the middle of the year. Time seems to speed up, so now and again it is a good idea to slow down personally, to step back for a moment, to take stock, to reflect! Prayer is a constant component part of the daily structure, deepening an awareness of Christ who proclaims; "You are loved!" as the sense of time seems to quicken, the awareness of seeking Christ's presence increases too. The Mass remains the most precious "Pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46) to stand at the altar and connect with the "wholeness" of spirituality is truly awesome! Christ promised to abide, remain with us always (Matthew 28:20) At Mass I feel this most keenly, I am reassured, and I am loved!

Life is Sacred

In Eire there is a Referendum Vote happening on 25th May regarding abortion Voters will be asked to consider a repeal of Article 40.3.3 of the Irish Constitution, known as the Eighth Amendment, which gives an unborn foetus a right to life, equal to that of its mother...this divides opinion. The simple dividing line is pro-choice, or pro-life. It seems perception is everything. What is life? And how is it understood, underpins the purpose of the journey, the adventure, the gift that life most definitely is. How we understand life will determine how we live, how we vote, how we make our choices. The church believes that life begins at conception and ends with dignity and sanctity; life is held in reverence and therefore the protection of the defenceless, the weak, and innocent is paramount in thinking and choosing, and living. We pray for life and for a culture of life to prevail, we seek to shed light upon the culture of death by loving, by seeing the face of God in all people, preserving the dignity of all life.

I am Loved by Christ and this underpins who I am. Yet I am still weak, I sin, I get angry, I am fallible, I seek justice, I strive to forgive and be forgiven, I hope, and I have opinions too! On this journey of life, I pray for us all, friends, neighbours, enemies, and loved ones too. (Matthew 5:44)

**GAUDATE IN EXSULTATE:** A few words from Pope Francis from his recent apostolic exhortation. "This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step."

**Catechism 2559** "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; *humility* is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

### **Venerable John Henry Newman On the Ascension:**

"Moses brought out of Egypt a timid nation, and in the space of forty years trained it to be full of valour for the task of conquering the promised land; Christ in forty days trains his apostles to be bold and patient instead of cowards. They mourned and wept at the beginning of the season, but at the end they are full of courage for the good fight; their spirits mount high with their Lord, and when he is received out of their sight, and their own trial begins, they return to Jerusalem with great joy, and are continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."