



HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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Pentecost

This will be a two week newsletter!

Have you ever been caught out in a rain storm? One Saturday morning I was on my way to get the morning papers when the darkness overhead indicated a heavy storm was imminent, and the rain came down saturating me! When I got back to the presbytery, I was drenched! Water was dripping off me, an experience that enforced a change of clothes. It got me thinking about the feast of Pentecost that we are celebrating this weekend, the very beginnings of the Church is celebrated, with the outpouring of the spirit. When I was drenched by the rain I had to change clothes; when the spirit drenched the disciples as it was poured over them in tongues of fire, they changed too. Not their clothes, but their hearts and minds were changed in an instant. The Holy Spirit became the driving force within them, banishing fear and filling them with courage and enthusiasm for the gospel. From that moment onwards they boldly proclaimed the gospel. The Holy Spirit confirmed in them the message of Jesus. And the good news was spread far and wide and is still proclaimed today. We are given the gift of the Spirit in our life of faith, it is a fire that is raging within us, or least it was, or at least it should be! Fire needs tending to keep it burning, vigilance is required, or the fire dies away. Vigilance is the cornerstone of faith and if it is part of our attitude then will enable us to keep faith alive. Baptism begins a life's journey towards God. At times the flame of faith is what spurs us onwards. If we are vigilant, and care about faith, we will tend to it and not let faith die in us. Drenched in the Holy Spirit on this feast of Pentecost, may we change our laziness to vigilance, our mourning for joy, our spark of the flame of faith, to a raging fire of love!



Pentecost

Saturday	19th May	6 00pm	
Sunday	20th May	10 00 am	
Monday	21st May	9 15 am	
Tuesday	22nd May	9 15 am	
Tuesday	22nd May	1 00 pm	Good Shepherd Mass
Wednesday	23rd May	9 15 am	
Thursday	24th May	9 15 am	
Friday	25th May	9 15 am	

Confessions Saturday 5 15 pm – 5 45 pm

Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	26th May	6 00 pm	
Sunday	27th May	10 00 am	
Monday	28th May	9 15 am	
Tuesday	29th May	9 15 am	
Wednesday	30th May	9 15 am	
Thursday	31st May	9 15 am	
Friday	1st June	9 15 am	
Saturday	2nd June	6 00 pm	
Sunday	3rd June	10 00 am	

Mass Book 290

John Scally RIP (2nd A)
Kim Simmons RIP
Winifrid O'Sullivan RIP
Sp Int
Ann Hobbs RIP
P J Stephenson RIP
Sp Int
Margaret Dudgeon RIP
Pat Keating RIP (A)
Richard Griffiths RIP (A)
Philip Gilheany Birthday
Sean Costello RIP
Heather McGuire RIP (A)
Mary Bridget Keane RIP 4th (A)
People of the Parish
Teresa Creighton RIP
Francis Mulligan RIP

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 2pm volunteers

Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



Fr. Michael Jordan RIP.

Fr. Michael died on Friday 11th May 2018 at St. Joseph's Care Home, Coleshill, where he has been resident for the last few years. Fr. Michael had been Parish Priest at St Joseph the Worker from 1969 to 2009. Funeral Arrangements: Reception into St Joseph the Worker 5pm Sunday 3rd June, Requiem Mass 12 noon Monday 4th June.

Good Shepherd Mass Tuesday 22nd May 1 00pm Bishop Kenney will be presiding at Mass

Vocation's Mass. Thursday 24th May at 6:30pm at St Patrick's Church to be led by Archbishop Bernard. Please come and join our Catholic youth of Coventry.

Piety Stall.

Religious objects and cards on sale weekly.



Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick; **Jim Farrell, Peggy Crean, Margaret Keane, Norah Shaw, Michael Moten, 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, Gerard McDermott, Marcus McGuire, Fr Michael Jordan**

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:

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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 £229.80 Loose £555.55 Thank you! 2nd collection for Lourdes £655.72

Church Cleaning: Team Two: Tamil Community on Sunday 20th May, 2018.
Team 4: Brendan Noonan & Co. Saturday 2nd June, 2018.
Team 2: Tamil Community Sunday 17th June, 2018.
Team 3: Angela McKeever & Co. Thursday 28th June, 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 : Vivien 13th Nicola & Kian 20th Half Term 27th

Mothers Prayers Every Monday after 9 15 am Mass

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 by telephoning 02476 336345 to make alternative arrangements for dropping of donated items. There will be a raffle, proceeds to parish funds.

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

Sunday 3rd June 3pm. Corpus Christi Processions from St. Osburg Church to the ruins of the cathedral.

Fr Savres

He will be suppling in the parish for the next two weekends. There will be a collection for his mission in India next weekend. Fr Savres will be in the country until 26th June and if you wish to contribute to his collection you can do so outside of the collection in church.

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.

Expenses For your information April is always a month where large sums of parish money goes to levies and insurance for the parish. The parish paid £4000 for our schools levy, our quarterly expense. There was a bill for £3888 for insurance for the parish house, church, and hall, and a new fuel management scheme by the diocese has taken £4000 for fuel bills. As you can appreciate the running costs for the parish do not get any lighter! Hence the need for fund raising for the parish. The building work and repairs which are ongoing are supported by your generosity and we pray you will continue to be generous in supporting the parish.

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.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART Coventry Pioneer's are organising a Mass at St John Fisher on Friday 8th June at 7.00pm. All Pioneers, friends and family are all welcome.

Christ the King School

On Friday 8th June they will be celebrating 80 years since the formation of their school. There will be a Mass at 9.15am followed by refreshments and a walk through our Christ the King 80th exhibition at our Westhill Road (formerly the infant school site next to the Church).

The Vatican has declared two new feast days:

Monday after Pentecost will mark the "Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church," according to the Vatican's decree. The feast day will fall on May 21 this year.

Thursday after Pentecost will honour Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. The feast day will fall on May 24 this year.

Life is Sacred Update

In Ireland there is a Referendum Vote happening this coming Friday 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 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REFERENDUM VOTE WHICH TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY. On Friday at 8 45 am there will be a rosary for the unborn, prayed in our Church. Please come and join in with this powerful prayer. In the Irish language the words used for the baby in the womb is "beo gan breith" which directly translates to "alive but not yet born". The language itself lends understanding for the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death.

I KNEW YOU
BEFORE I FORMED
YOU IN YOUR
MOTHER'S WOMB.
BEFORE YOU WERE BORN
I SET YOU APART.
JEREMIAH 1:5

Weekend 26th /27th May Parish Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers: 6 00 pm
Angela Gough Derrick Gough
Emma Sheehan Julie Hughes

Readers: Cacie Booth Mary Skaag

Counters: Brian Lynagh Jill Murphy

100 Club Collectors: Helen Driscoll

10.00am
Kathy Layng Teresa O’Keefe
Ashling Richardson Sean Jones
Kim Ashby
Michael Collins

Nellie Martin

Weekend 2nd /3rd June Parish Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers: 6 00 pm
Robert Cramp Steven Sykes
Martina Haggerty
Ursula Pearson

Readers: Martina Haggerty

Counters: Val Grant, Mary Corcoran

100 Club Collection: **Derrick & Angela Gough**

10.00am
Terentias Baptistdias Merin Joy
Mary Iggulden Kim Nghiem Kian Kirk

Clare Gilheaney

Jill Murphy



Christ is calling: Priesthood

A spark of the divine ignites within, granting a graced foundation
A murmur, a whisper, a thought forms in the silence of communion
Prayer, a conversation, an inkling, a fledging idea of a priestly vocation
His voice heard, Christ is calling, commissioning; a sacred consecration.

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Mary Gentle, Yet Strong.

At peace, the maiden, gentle, yet strong, dreaming of her future
Filled with a spirit of listening, willingness her heart’s avid tutor
“Lord you are my refuge and shield, I have put my hope in your word”
The prayer of a psalm she utters faithfully, she is devoutly heard...
The angel stands in her midst; Gabriel, God’s word he brings to her
Hail Mary, full of grace, hear the truth and accept this bright future
A Son, a wonder counsellor, a mighty prince of heaven’s eternal peace
Shall be born to you, his name is Jesus, from death’s grip he will release
Be it done to me, came the trembling reply, just as you have said it
Then suddenly alone, she ponders in her heart, her will she would submit.

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The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



100 Club Winners: 1st 141 S Walmsley £500
2nd 323 J Murphy £250
3rd 102 K Jeyasseelan £125

Father Hudson’s Care: Vacancies at St Joseph’s Residential Home, Coleshill. See leaflets in church for more details. “Our purpose built home in Coleshill is designed with ease of movement in mind and fully accessible” Care is provided by a dedicated motivated and compassionate staff team trained and experienced in what they do. www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

“No one is an island unto themselves. We are all called to be people of, and open to, relationships. God is persons in relationship. Even though there are three persons, their community of love causes unity and one Godhead. To the extent that we are open in our lives to building community we reflect the Triune God.”