



HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 24th November, put the date in your diary. Raffle tickets are available to collect and sell. Please bring the monies and counterfoils back to church and any unsold tickets too. We are looking for Goods for the Bazaar especially nearly new items. Many of the items that came in for the Summer Gala were left unsold and were taken to charity shops (who would not take some of the items!) Good's in good condition very welcome! Bottles welcome. Meeting in church Monday 12th at 7 pm to finalise arrangements for the day.

Children's Liturgy 10 am Masses Sunday 4th Nov Debbie 11th Nichola & Kien 18th Lorraine 25th Vivien 2nd Dec Vivien 9th Dec Nichola & Kien 16th Dec Grainne 23rd Dec Loraine & Nichola

PARKING OUTSIDE OF CHURCH. THE PARKING OUTSIDE CHURCH ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS HAS BECOME AN ISSUE. CARS ARE BEING PARKED HAPHAZARDLY AND DANGEROUSLY. THE GATE WAS REVERSED INTO LAST SUNDAY AND MEANT IT HAD TO BE REPAIRED, WITH THE CHILDREN PLAYING AFTER MASS THERE WERE A NUMBER OF NEAR MISSES AND THE WAY THE CARS ARE LEFT, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY IN AN EMERGENCY AN AMBULANCE WOULD GET TO THE CHURCH. OVER THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK WILL BE PHASED OUT. THE HALL IS ADEQUATE FOR PARKING FOR MASS AND ONLY THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WALK OR WHO NEED ASSISTANCE TO WALK WILL BE ABLE TO PARK IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK.

Parish MC (Master of Ceremonies) Robert Cramp is doing a great job setting up Masses before hand coming early to make sure all is prepared well for the celebrations in church. Part of his role is to help me to train the altar servers in their role of serving at Mass. Altar serving in church is a ministry that can begin after making First Holy Communion upwards, it takes a while to get used to serving and knowing how to do it so as not to distract, but help others to pray. For Christmas we want to have our servers trained. I am going to arrange a meeting in Advent for all altar servers and those who wish to be altar servers to get ready for serving the Christmas celebrations and weekend Masses in general.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3rd Nov	6 00pm	
Sunday	4th Nov	10 00 am	
Monday	5th Nov	9 00 am	
Monday	5th Nov	7 00 pm	Memorial
Tuesday	6th Nov	9 00 am	
Wednesday	7th Nov	9 00 am	
Thursday	8th Nov	9 00 am	
Friday	9th Nov	9 00 am	
Friday	9th Nov	11 15 am	Requiem

Confessions 5 15 pm 5 45 pm

Saturday	10th Nov	6 00 pm	
Sunday	11th Nov	10 00 am	Remembrance

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Holy Souls
Fr Aengus Donlon RIP A
People of the Parish
Tarquino Sarauz RIP
Frank Mulligan RIP
Holy Souls
Norma & Gerry Carey RIP
Andy Dowling RIP
Colette Murphy RIP

Harold Adderley RIP (A)
Molly & John Martin RIP (A)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 7 45 am until 8 55 am

Please make a note that the Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday Masses will take place at 9 00am this week due to the painting.

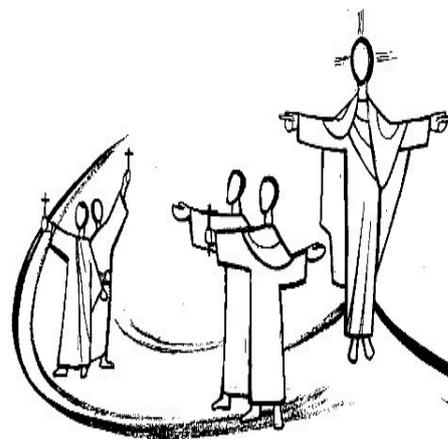
Requiem Mass for Colette Murphy this Friday at 11 15 am

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

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Pending
 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 10th /11th November Parish Ministers

	6 00 pm	10.00am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Anne Stapleton Tony Stapleton Liz Mayne Joyce Smyth Patsy McHendry	Carmel O'Sullivan Dympna Campbell Grainne Griffiths Sue Symonds Kevin Coughlan
Readers:	Julie Hughes Mary Skaag	
Counters:	Val & Andy Grant, Mary Corcoran	
100 Club Collection:	Helen Driscoll	Nellie Martin

Piety Stall.

Religious objects and cards on sale



Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick;
Joanne Gilsenan, Nigel & Sue Symonds, Peggy Crean, Michael Moten, Theresa, Lelia Kierans, Baby Sofia Rose, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Sarah Higgins, and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For the recently dead. **Colette Murphy & Ken Kirton**

Please pray...
 For Prayers answered
 For Christian Unity
 For peace of mind
 For a joyful faith
 For safe travels
 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 the Homeless...
 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

Weekly Offerings: Gift Aid £168.60 Loose £587.49 Thank You

Church Cleaning: Thursday 8th November: Team Three- Angela McKeever & Team.
 Sunday 18th November: Team Two- The Tamil Community.
 Tuesday 27th November: Team One- Una McKeown & Team

Pilgrimage 2019: The popular choice is Knock including a few days in Killarney and Kerry. More details will be posted later. The date for the proposed visit is early September next year.

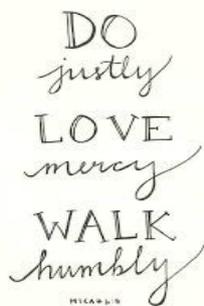
HOLY SOULS During November we pray especially for all who have died, our loved ones and all the faithful departed. There are envelopes to place the names of those who you wish to be prayed for during November, in the envelope you can put a donation in with the names, if you wish to. Put in the envelopes in the box at the front of the sanctuary. During November there will be Masses for those intentions

Coventry Winter Night Shelter in partnership with churches in the city, opens its doors to the homeless for the 6th year running this winter. The project will run from the 1st of December 2018 until the 31st of March 2019. This initiative to welcome people sleeping rough during the winter months is back in Coventry. Starting on the 1st December, we will be serving a warm meal, providing a bed and some breakfast in the local churches. There are 3 shifts, evening, night and morning. The night shifts in particular are more difficult to cover, so we would be delighted to hear from anyone that could cover this essential shift and keep the shelter open throughout the winter. We have already received lots of support for the night shelter from parishioners. However, we do need a few more willing hands to make it all work. You can also get involved in other ways, like cleaning the venue or being part of the cooking rotas. If you would like to find out more about the night shelter please drop us an email at cwnshelen@hopecoventry.org.uk.

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop on the very sad topic of abuse within the Church. It has been a difficult and shameful part of the Church's history and most parishes have been affected in various ways. The Pastoral Letter will be read out at Mass, but it is also available at the back of Church and on the Parish and Diocesan website. The Archbishop has also made a recording of the letter which can be downloaded at: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> The letter may open old wounds for people, so please feel free to speak to me about this or you may wish to speak to the Church's Safeguarding Office on 0121 230 6240 or emergency out of hours on 07976 516629. Hopefully, the Church will be able to learn lessons from these events and ensure that such mistakes are not made in the future. I ask that we all pray for victims of abuse.

THE WINDOW Written and directed by Paul Nolan. A heartfelt true story of a Coventry family's experiences of the First World War is set to be staged at the city's Herbert studio space to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice. http://www.coventry.gov.uk/events/event/6316/play_the_window_-_coventry_peace_festival_2018. From Thursday 8th November – Saturday 10th November at 8.00pm - The Herbert, Jordan Well, Coventry and Saturday 10th November at 2.30pm The Herbert. For further information, please contact Paul Nolan on M: 077 3091 3888
E: pol.nolan@btinternet.com

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LAY VOLUNTEERS Could you give an hour or two a week to visiting Catholic patients in University Hospital Walsgrave? This is a wonderful way to give back to the hospital that may have helped you or a loved one, and to serve the Catholic community in Coventry and beyond. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact the hospital chaplain, Father Paul Burch, on 024 7696 7515 or paul.burch@uhcw.nhs.uk.



Is Gossip ever Juicy and worthwhile?

Pope Francis spoke about gossip in recent homilies. Gossip, tittle tattle, speaking bad of others, not looking for the good and seeking to highlight the weakness and faults of others, sucks the life out of communities and families. We can all engage in gossip or instigate it, a form of making ourselves feel better about ourselves, but at what cost? A good rule of thumb is

Is It True?

While we rarely speak with the intention to tell outright lies, that doesn't make our words true. We can perpetuate rumours, spread gossip, exaggerate in ways that cater to our egos and personal bias. Or, we can simply talk in ways that aren't authentic to who we are and what we want to communicate. When speaking, ask yourself, *Is this true? And if it's not, why am I saying it? What am I really trying to communicate by stretching the truth?*

Is It Necessary?

Words that take the form of negative comments, complains, or insults can help air our grievances, but they don't always improve upon the silence. While we mustn't ever censor ourselves, there are many times when what we want to say isn't necessary or helpful for the situation at hand. Or, it might be necessary, but not for the given time, place, or audience. It's always worth considering, *Is this necessary? Is it necessary right now? Are these exact words right for the message I want to communicate?*

Is It Kind?

When you say things, are you showing empathy? Are you taking into consideration the feelings of others? Are you saying something that will lift the mood or lift the spirits of those in the room? Expressing kindness isn't about mindless optimism or giving gratuitous compliments: **it's about knowing which words are the most compassionate**. Sometimes, this means refraining from speaking at all. Other times, it means saying what has to be said but using only the gentlest phrasing. Always ask, *is this kind? Does what I'm about to say express compassion?*

"Another good way to grow in friendship with Christ is by listening to his word. The Lord speaks to us in the depths of our conscience, he speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, he speaks to us in prayer. Learn to stay before him in silence, to read and meditate on the Bible, especially the Gospels, to converse with him every day in order to feel his presence of friendship and love." Pope Francis

Colours for the sanctuary in church.

The painting is going well at present and I wanted to share with you the reason for the colours that I have chosen. Icons are religious paintings, each brushstroke is a prayer and looking at icons shows a depth of meaning that is revealed in the whole thing, colours have a richness of meaning. We are using gold, white and blue

Gold is reserved for Christ and symbolizes divinity. Traditional Icons are gilded with gold leaf. The gold shines through on the halos and other parts of the Icon. The gold symbolizes the eternal uncreated light of God and his heavenly kingdom.

White is used to show heavenly purity and divinity. Icons of the resurrection will often show Christ in white robes pulling Adam and Eve from the depths. White is also used to depict swaddling clothes of babies, the shrouds of the dead and the robes of angels.

Blue signifies the heavens and the kingdom of God not on this earth. Byzantine icons of Mary show her with red outer garments and blue ones on the inside. This signifies her original human nature (the red) and her heavenly nature (the blue). In Eastern iconography Mary was depicted in red or brown to depict her as a physical (grounded) being but the earliest icons depict her in blue

The Mass is the meeting of heaven and earth heaven brushes the earth each time we celebrate the Mass, the gold is Christ present, the white are hope in the resurrection founded in Christ and the blue Our Lady who has been assumed into heaven body and soul, the goal for humanity, the model for us the example to emulate.

Quiet Please!

The Mass is the ultimate Icon and taking part in it raises our minds and hearts to God, Where we celebrate the Mass is sacred, the church is a sacred place. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of this. When we come into God's house, this sacred place are we coming to pray, do we allow others the space the silence to pray. Especially before Mass begins, we are to become quieter, allowing what will take place to take a hold in our lives. Noisy chatter is not a good way to prepare for Mass, for raising our hearts and minds to God. Perhaps this is a good rule of thumb I have seen in other church newsletters in the deanery. **TALK TO GOD QUIETLY BEFORE MASS LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD DURING MASS AND SPEAK ABOUT GOD AFTERWARDS!**

An Alzheimer's Request

Do Not Ask Me to Remember

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done
Owen Darnell



Hall

My name is Peter Hunter. I have been teaching Yoga for 12 years. My approach is to keep yoga simple and accessible to anyone, with the objective of keeping me and the people who come to my classes flexible to cope with every day life. Classes will begin at Holy Family on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11.15 on 28th November. The class that day is free. The regular price after this will be £5.00 per session. You do not need any equipment just sensible loose clothing.

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” St. Gianna Molla