



# HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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## Christmas

**Many thanks for your generosity with the collection, cards and presents over Christmas. Thanks to all who helped make the church look so beautiful for Christmas.**

This weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast Day: The Holy Family, and we have a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard which will be read at Masses this weekend. May God abundantly bless all our families in this coming year, with peace, health and happiness, as we strive to accept God's will in our lives and be bearers of the gospel message for ourselves and for others.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE** His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please ask them to contact lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. We are also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch is 62 years.

**Children's Liturgy 10 am Mass back after the holidays**

**PARKING OUTSIDE OF CHURCH. OVER THE NEXT MONTH 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.**

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LAY VOLUNTEERS** 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

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

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### **Confessions**

### **No Confessions**

Saturday	29th Dec	6 00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	30th Dec	10 00 am
Monday	31st Dec	9 15 am
Tuesday	1st Jan	10 00 am
Wednesday	2nd Jan	9 15 am
Thursday	3rd Jan	9.15am
Friday	4th Jan	9 15 am

Rosemarie Richardson RIP A  
**Rita Purcell RIP 33rd A**  
Dominic Murray RIP  
People of the Parish  
Mary Fensom RIP  
Margaret Ward & family  
Mary McGee RIP

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### **5 15 pm 5 45 pm**

Saturday	5th Jan	6 00 pm
Sunday	6th Jan	10 00 am

Margaret Dugeon RIP 1st A  
**Nora Tony O'Malley Rip A**  
**Richard Griffiths RIP Kathleen Hegarty RIP A**

Website Links: Diocese: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
 Deanery: [www.coventrycatholicdeanery.org.uk](http://www.coventrycatholicdeanery.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: Grainne Griffiths Sarah Collins  
 Gift Aid: Paul & Ann Yielding

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



**Weekend 5th/6th January Parish Ministers**

	6 00 pm	10.00am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Mary Byrne Robert Cramp Marie Burton Rita McDonald Mary Murray	Clare Gilheaney Kevin Coughlan Philip Gilheaney Mary Jones Merin Joy
<b>Readers:</b>	Joyce Smyth Val Grant	Sarah Collins
<b>Counters:</b>	Ian & Martina Haggerty	
<b>100 Club Collection:</b>	Helen Driscoll	Carmel O'Sullivan

**Piety Stall.**

Religious objects and cards on sale weekly.

**Exposition Blessed Sacrament Friday 7 45 am until 8 55 am**

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick;  
**Fr Denis McGillicuddy, Fr George Bennett, Joanne Gilsenan, Nigel Symonds, Peggy Crean, Michael Moten, Theresa, Lelia Kierans, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Sarah Higgins, and Shawn Chadbourn** and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For the recently dead.

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 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](http://hf-cov.org.uk)**

**Knitting** Monthly on the first Monday's 10 am until 11 00am

**Monday Grounds** team Mondays 2.00pm

**Weekly Offerings:** Gift Aid £214.90 Loose £617.31 Thank You

**Church Cleaning:** Cleaning Rota for January, 2018  
 Tuesday 8th January: Team 1- Una McKeown & Team.  
 Sunday 20th January: Team 2 -Tamil Community.  
 Thursday 31st January: Team 3- Angela McKeever & Team.

**TALK TO GOD QUIETLY BEFORE MASS LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD DURING MASS AND SPEAK ABOUT GOD AFTERWARDS!**

This Sunday, we remember and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It might be true to say that the focus of attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus. This Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family!

Mary was called personally by her name and asked to take on what would seem to be an impossible task. However, she was not expected to do what she was asked by herself or to rely on her own efforts or strength. On hearing that she was to be the mother of Jesus, 'she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the greeting could mean.' Told not to be afraid, she was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. She was strengthened and encouraged by God to do what was asked of her. Joseph too was called to take on a role he did not ask for. Like Mary, he too heard the message, 'do not to be afraid.' God who called both of them would not ignore or abandoned them as they became the parents of Jesus. Jesus too in his own life and ministry was guided and led by God. He said, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, I have been called to bring the good news to the poor.' Even Jesus does not rely on his own efforts! On this feast of the Holy Family, it good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect. All our family members, including ourselves have made mistakes and gotten things wrong. We have all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thanks God.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide and protect all our families, now and always. (A reflection from Fr Michael Moore OMI)