



HOLY FAMILY RC CHURCH COVENTRY

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Thomas' response to seeing the Risen Christ is impressive. He says "My Lord and my God!" and in saying these words he is not heard of again in the gospels. His role has been told. He comes in with a cloud of gloomy doubt surrounding him, but he ends with an expression of great faith "My Lord and My God!" I must say I do like Thomas! In Thomas the essence of our Christian faith in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, comes together in that prayer he utters. "My Lord and My God!"

Thomas had wanted to be alone in grief. I can understand this, but I also see that the support of loved ones can help to soften the blow of grief. People can choose to pray in the garden by themselves, but they can choose to come together in worship each week and find support and fellowship in that gathering for the Eucharist.

We are never truly alone as Christians, the temptation is to go off by ourselves and worship God in our own way, yet the experience of the Last Supper, and the Cross and Resurrection is that together we are proclaiming our faith. My Lord and my God is a cry from the heart, a cry that breaks forth in joy in the presence of the Risen Christ! This presence is real in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, in the consecration, in the host, and coming together for Mass is a strengthening, a nourishing. Indeed the Mass is a necessary part of the longing of our hearts to be satisfied. The Eucharist, the real presence of Christ enables us to make that profession of faith that was on Thomas' lips "My Lord and my God!"

PARKING OUTSIDE OF CHURCH.

PLEASE RESPECT THE PARKING SO THAT THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING CAN PARK SAFELY AND IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCIES VEHICLES WILL BE ABLE TO GET IN AND OUT FOR THOSE WHO COME LATE PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR PARK IT IS NOT LEFT FOR YOU TO PARK JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE LATE! ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING SHOULD USE THE CAR PARK BY CHURCH

Kitchen Toilet This was blocked this past week and incurred expense to unblock them. Please do not misuse the toilets by putting objects down them: IE: tea bags, food or nappies.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS – at St Mary & St Benedict, 52a Raglan Street on Sunday 28th April, commencing at 2.00pm

ARCHDIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
Saturday 11th May, led by Bishop David McGough For details: call Fr Craig Szmidt 0121 422 4865 or
email: Walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk.

Thank you so much for the cards, kind words and the Easter collection!

Lourdes Cardinal Newman An address from Pupil pilgrims and 2nd collection this weekend.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Holy Saturday	27th April	6.00 pm
Easter Sunday	28th April	10 00 am
Monday	29th April	9 15 am
Tuesday	30th April	9 15 am
Wednesday	1st May	9 15 am
Thursday	2nd May	9 15 am
Friday	3rd May	9 15 am
Saturday	4th May	6.00 pm
Sunday	5th May	10 00 am

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Gerard McDermott A RIP
Michael Gullick 10th RIP A

Peter & Nellie Martin
Rosemary Kearns RIP
Pat Best RIP

Sr's Philomena, Joan, Angela and Winifride RIP
Bernard Ison RIP

Michael Hawriliw RIP
James & Mary Conroy A RIP
Frank Mulligan RIP A

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY 7 45 AM UNTIL 9 00 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 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

MY LORD and My GOD



Weekend 4th/5th May Parish Ministers

	6 00 pm	10.00am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Robert Cramp Steven Sykes Martina Haggerty Ursula Pearson	Terentias Baptistdias Merin Joy Mary Iggulden Kim Nghiem Kian Kirk
Readers:	Julie Hughes Mary Skaag	Gerry Campbell
Counters:	Kevin McKeever Tony Roberts Ron Kelly	
100 Club Collection:	Derrick & Angela Gough	Jill Murphy

Piety Stall.

Religious objects and cards on sale weekly. Easter Cards and gifts, First Holy Communion cards and gifts too.

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick; **John Bratt, Delia Forbes, Immelda Cunningham, Joyce Smyth Peter Gordon, Richard Moore Paddy Igoe Bridie Cave, Joan Harrington, Theresa, Joanne Gilsean, Peggy Crean, Michael Moten, Lelia Kierans, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Sarah Higgins, Shawn Chadbourn, Julia O'Keefe** and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For the recently dead **Joseph McDermott, Nigel Symonds and Rosemary Kearns**

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 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

Monday Grounds team Mondays 2.00pm We are down to 3 people who come to help keep the grounds tidy if you feel you can join them please just come along, tea and biscuits come as part of the package!

Weekly Offerings: Gift Aid £ Loose £ Thank You Holy Places £284.32 Thank you also for those who contribute via Standing orders

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

Cleaning Rota - Saturday 4th May: Team 4- Brendan Noonan & Team.
 Sunday 19th May: Team 2- Tamil Community.
 Tuesday 28th May: Team 1- Una McKeown and Team.

Mother Prayers after Mass on Monday's next meeting on 13th May

Pray the Rosary with Our Lady of Coventry Every Friday at 1:40pm in lent at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue in Priory Gardens, near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. This tradition was started by St. Thomas More Justice & Peace Group in 2003.

FR HUDSON'S CARE has places available for the Birmingham and Midland Velo, a 100-mile sponsored cycle, on May 12th. Anyone interested in riding in aid of Fr Hudson's on 01675434059 fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Children's liturgy at the 10 00am Mass a new rota is coming soon.

100 Club Draw Winners 1st 60 £500 B & G Lynagh
 2nd 526 £250 Philip Gilheaney
 3rd 8 £125 M O'Hagan

THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME You can put empty bags in the "Crisp Packet Recycle Box" This is situated at the back of the church by the piety shop.
 There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday from 7 45 a until 9 00 am



"My house shall be called a house of prayer"

Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.

**Before Mass Talk to God
 During Mass Listen to God
 After Mass Talk to each other**

"Reverence speaks louder than words!"