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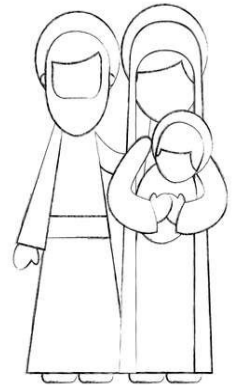
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Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24th December
Children's Vigil Mass 4 00pm
Carols and Readings for Christmas 11.30 pm
followed by the Midnight Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day 25th Dec Mass 10.00am

There are envelopes for the offering to the parish priest for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Confessions This Monday after 9 15 am morning Mass & 6 pm until 7 pm

St Stephen's Day 26th Altar Servers are encouraged to come to Mass at 10 00 am to renew their commitment to serving at Mass during the coming year.

Children's Liturgy 10 am Sunday's

Mother Prayers Weekly Monday's **after 9 15 am Mass Next meeting 13th January**

This weekend a retiring collection for church Flowers for Christmas



CHRISTMAS

Christmas did not come after a great horde of people had completed something good, or because of the successful result of any human effort. No, it came as a miracle, as the child that comes when his time is fulfilled, as a gift of the Father which he lays into those arms that are stretched out in longing. This is how the first Christmas came; in this way it always comes anew, both to us as individuals and to the whole world. – Eberhard Arnold

FR PAT AND FR BERNARD WISH ALL PARISHIONERS, YOUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES, A BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS. MAY THE CHRIST CHILD FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY, AND YOUR LIVES WITH HOPE. MAY THE COMING OF JESUS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, BRING PEACE INTO OUR HEARTS AND BESTOW PEACE AND RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NATIONS.

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Parking! Please do not park outside the church, unless you have difficulty walking. Especially at the Sunday 10 am Mass

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	21ST DEC	6 00PM	VIGIL
SUNDAY	22ND DEC	10 00 AM	
SUNDAY	22ND DEC	6 00PM	RECEPTION
MONDAY	23RD DEC	9 15 AM	
MONDAY	23RD DEC	1 00 PM	FUNERAL
TUESDAY	24TH DEC	4 00PM	
TUESDAY	24TH DEC	11.30PM	CAROL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY	25TH DEC	MIDNIGHT	
WEDNESDAY	25TH DEC	10.00 AM	
THURSDAY	26TH DEC	10.00 AM	ST STEPHEN'S DAY
FRIDAY	27TH DEC	9 15 AM	

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 5 15 PM – 5 45 PM

SATURDAY	28TH DEC	6 00PM	VIGIL
SUNDAY	29TH DEC	10 00 AM	

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**MARY FOSTER BIRTHDAY JOHN SAVAGE RIP A
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MARK CASEMORE RIP
HAMIL FAMILY INTS
MARK CASEMORE RIP
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**PATRICK NOEL LONG RIP BIRTHDAY
PAUL STOKES RIP A VICTORIA ENNIM 79th Birthday!
SP INT
MRS BRADY GET WELL**

**JOHN MEEHAN RIP
FINTAN HANLEY RIP**

THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY 7 45 AM UNTIL JUST BEFORE MASS

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: Emma O'Connor
 Holy Cross Academy 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



ADVENT

Weekend 28th/ 29th Dec Parish Ministers

	6 00pm	10 00 am
Extraordinary Ministers:	Mary Byrne Robert Cramp Marie Burton Rita McDonald Mary Murray	Clare Gilheaney Kevin Coughlan Mary Jones Manuel Sarauz
Readers:	Gabrielle Lynagh	Sarah Collins
Counters:	Brian Lynagh	Jill Murphy
100 Club Collection:	Paul & Ann Yielding	Carmel O'Sullivan

Piety Stall.

Open before/ after
 Masses Saturdays
 and Sundays
 Religious objects and
 cards on sale weekly.
 Mass Cards and gifts,
 too.

£2 Envelopes

Thank you for your support £357 was raised for parish funds!

The Parish Live Stream Web Cam:
hf-cov.org.uk

Cleaning Rota

Monday 23rd December- Directly following 9.15am Morning Mass: No Designated Team. Just Willing Volunteers from each Cleaning Team, plus members of the Congregation to tidy the church for Christmas 🎄 Day.

Monday Grounds Team Mondays 2.00pm tea provided!

Weekly Offerings: Gift Aid £202 Loose £514.75 Thank You. Thank you also for those who contribute via Standing orders 2nd Collection Flowers

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

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meet in the Parish Hall every two weeks on Fridays. The last meeting was very successful and I am grateful to those who are leading the group meetings! The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Friday the 10th January. See Kien for more details.

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick especially; **Vera Coyle, Julia Hughes, Mary Shirly, Jessica Graham, Gerry Burke, Louise Turley, Teresa Olivero, John Bratt, Imelda Cunningham, Peter Gordon, Bridie Cave, Theresa, Joanne Gilsenan, Peggy Crean, Michael Moten, Lelia Kieran, Brian Burke, Cheryl Kenny, Sarah Higgins, and Julia O'Keefe** and all in care homes, or hospital. May they know Jesus' healing touch. For those who have recently died **Mick McHugh and Mark Casemore**

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Advent

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. **Loyola Press Sunday Connection**



"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!"