

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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When leprosy broke out among the people of the Hawaiian Islands in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the government authorities responded by establishing a leper colony on the remote island of Molokai. The victims were snatched by force from their families and sent to this island to perish. However, moved by their terrible plight, a young Belgian priest, Damien De Veuster, asked permission from his superiors to minister to

them. Straightaway he realized that there was only one effective way to do this, and that was to go and live among them. Having got permission, he went to Molokai. At first, he tried to minister to the lepers while maintaining a certain distance. But he soon realized that he had to live among them in order to gain their trust. As a result, he contracted leprosy himself. The reaction of the lepers was immediate and wholehearted. They embraced him and took him to their hearts. He was now one of them. There was no need, no point anymore, in keeping his distance. The lepers had someone who could talk with authority about leprosy, about brokenness, about rejection and public shame. Today's Gospel tells us how, by receiving the baptism of repentance, Jesus became identified with the sinners whom he had come to save.

**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 6th February. See Kien for more details.

**Children's Liturgy 10 am Sunday's**

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

The Parish Live Stream Web Cam:  
[hf-cov.org.uk](http://hf-cov.org.uk)



**"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!"**

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

## THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**SATURDAY 11TH JAN 6 00PM VIGIL**

**SUNDAY 12TH JAN 10 00 AM**

**MONDAY 13TH JAN 9 15 AM**

**TUESDAY 14TH JAN 9 15AM**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JAN 9 15 AM**

**THURSDAY 16TH JAN 9 15 AM**

**FRIDAY 17TH JAN 9 15 AM**

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 5 15 PM –5 45 PM**

**SATURDAY 18TH JAN 6 00PM VIGIL**

**SUNDAY 19TH JAN 10 00 AM**

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**GEOFFERY & GERARD McDERMOTT RIP**  
**VAL GORDON RIP A**

**JOE McLINTOCK & FAMILY, MURRAY, SHERIDAN, ROCK, HERMON FAMILIES**  
**FR PAT FARRELLY RIP**  
**KEN GAMBLE RIP**  
**LEE JAMES MCGUIRE RIP 24TH A**  
**PETER SEERY RIP A**

**BOB MOORE 70TH BIRTHDAY**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

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

**ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK AT 7.00PM –745PM THERE IS A MEETING FOR PARENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF**

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: 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 2.00pm volunteers  
 Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



**Weekend 18th/ 19th Jan Parish Ministers**

	<b>6 00pm</b>	<b>10 00 am</b>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Mary Byrne Robert Cramp Marie Burton Rita McDonald Mary Murray	Clare Gilheaney Kevin Coughlan Mary Jones Manuel Sarauz
<b>Readers:</b>	Val Grant	Michael Collins
<b>Counters:</b>	Ian & Martina Haggerty	
<b>100 Club Collection:</b>	<b>Brian Lynagh</b>	<b>Carmel O'Sullivan</b>

**Piety Stall.**

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

**Increase in Diocesan Levies 2020** (our parish contribution has gone up from £3200 per quarter to £7250 per quarter)

**WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?** The Diocesan financial summary is available in the annual Advent edition of the free diocesan magazine The Sower, copies of which are available online via [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine)

**Cleaning Rota** 2: Tamil Community - Sunday 19th January. Team 3: Angela McKeever & Team- Thursday 30th January.

**Weekly Offerings:** Gift Aid £141 Loose £551.19 Thank You. Thank you also for those who contribute via Standing orders

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

Please pray for the elderly, the housebound & sick especially; **John O'Sullivan, 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 **Claire Burke, Dave Laffey, Vera Coyle, Fr Pat Farrelly, Canon Gerry Breen, Fr John Dewis, Fr John Ellis, Fr Brian Doolan and Sr Sabina Staff**

This Tuesday night and Wednesday there will be a Funeral Reception and Mass for Sister Sabina at Selly Park in Birmingham. I know that this will not be convenient for many people in Coventry, so very kindly Fr David Gnosill has arranged a Mass at Corpus Christi this Tuesday evening, 14th January at 7.00pm. This will give people a chance to attend a service in Coventry. I am sure this will be of interest to lots of parishioners around the City as well as people who worked with Sister Sabina in the schools around Coventry. May she rest in peace

Congratulations to **Canon David Oakley**, the Rector at Oscott College who will be Ordained Bishop of Northampton on March 19th. Please remember him in your prayers.

**MYTON HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** Myton Hospice are currently looking for volunteers on a full, part time or flexible basis. If you would like to make a please contact Geoffrey Etule, Director of HR, on 01926358374 Ext 226 / email [Geoffrey.Etule@mytonhospice.org](mailto:Geoffrey.Etule@mytonhospice.org)

**100 Club Winners 1st £400 No 40 Michael Meaney 2nd £200 No 335 BE Kennedy 3rd £100 No 392 Phyl Harris**

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward facing Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: [www.bishopwalsh.org](http://www.bishopwalsh.org)