

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, gives the holiness code: *“Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.”* It also gives us the way to share God’s holiness: *“Love your neighbour as yourself.”* The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be like our God – kind, merciful and forgiving — and it shows us the measure of perfection Christ asks us to bring to our relationships. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel

passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus confirms, corrects, and expands the Ten Commandments. Here, Jesus condemns even the mild form of the “Law of the Talion, (*Lex Talionis*),” the Babylonian tribal law of restricted retaliation which Moses passed on to Israel. In its place, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character, as well as strengthening by God’s grace. The second part of today’s Gospel passage is the central part of the Sermon on the Mount. It presents the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one’s neighbours and forgive one’s enemies. It tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don’t deserve it. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as He did for us.

One day, Mother Teresa was asking a baker for some bread to feed the hungry children in her orphanage. The baker was furious with her request for free bread. Not only did he turn her down, he spat at her. In response to his outrageous actions, Mother Teresa calmly reached deep into her pocket, took out her handkerchief, wiped the spit off and said *“That was for me; now what about some bread for my poor children?”* The baker was touched by Mother Teresa’s love and greatness, complied and thereafter provided bread for the children in the orphanage.

**“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**

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**SATURDAY 22ND FEB 6 00PM VIGIL**  
**SUNDAY 23RD FEB 10 00 AM**

**FRED & DELIA FORBES, RIP. MUIR POLLOCK, RIP  
 JACK HARRIS RIP A TERESA SKAMARAUSKAS RIP 2<sup>ND</sup> A  
 BRIDIE CONSIDINE RIP A**

**MONDAY 24TH FEB 9 15 AM**  
**TUESDAY 25TH FEB 9 15 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 26TH FEB 9 15 AM ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 26TH FEB 7 00PM ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**THURSDAY 27TH FEB 9 15 AM**  
**FRIDAY 28TH FEB 9 15 AM**  
**FRIDAY 28TH FEB 12 NOON REQUIEM**

**FR BOB WRIGHT’S INTS  
 PETER GARNETT RIP  
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 MICHAEL JAMES HUGHES 35TH A RIP  
 JOHN BRATT INTS  
 INTS OF REV MR GERRY O’RIELLY  
 MARY HERBERT RIP**

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

**SATURDAY 29TH FEB 6 00PM VIGIL**  
**SUNDAY 1ST MAR 10 00 AM**

**JOHN BYRNE RIP A DENNIS EDWARDS RIP 16TH A  
 O’SHEA FAMILY DECEASED**

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

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 2pm volunteers

Marriages and Baptisms please refer to Fr Pat



#### Weekend 29th Feb 1st March Parish Ministers

	6 00pm	10 00 am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>	Mary Byrne Robert Cramp Marie Burton Rita McDonald	Clare Gilheaney Kevin Coughlan Mary Jones, Manuel Sarauz
<b>Readers:</b>	Janice Cramp Nellie Martin	Ciar Jones Sue Symonds
<b>Counters:</b>	Derrick & Angela Gough	
<b>100 Club Collection:</b>	<b>Helen Driscoll</b>	<b>Carmel O'Sullivan</b>

#### Piety Stall.

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

**Cleaning Rota Team One** Sunday 16th February: **Team Two-** Tamil Community. Saturday 29th February: **Team Four-** Mary Iggledun & Team. **We are looking for new cleaners to help. Either to join an existing team or form a new one. Please let Fr Pat, Lucy, or Mary Iggulden know if you are able to help.**

**Weekly Offerings:** Gift Aid £236 Loose £555.62 Thank You. Thank you 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; **Fr Savres, 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 all who have recently died **Mary Herbert for all whose anniversaries that occur at this time especially; Bridie Considine, Jack Harris, Frank Forbes and Teresa Skamarauskas.**

#### Children's Liturgy 10 am Sunday's

*Mother Prayers Weekly Monday's **after 9 15 am Mass*** The Parish Live Stream Web Cam: [hf-cov.org.uk](http://hf-cov.org.uk)

**Monday Grounds Team** Mondays 2.00pm tea provided!

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN THANKSGIVING MASS** For Altar Servers: Sat 7th March 12 noon @ St Chad's Cathedral

**Lent:** Lent begins on Wednesday, with Ash Wednesday. There are two Masses on Wednesday where ashes will be given. There are Walk with Me booklets and calendars in the church for you to take, to help with your observance of lent. This Thursday after the Mass in the morning there will be an opportunity to look together at the scripture readings for the following weekend, this will take 45 mins and a cup of tea will be provided. Everybody is welcome.

#### **COVENTRY COMHALTAS ST PATRICK'S DAY CEILI**

At Christ the King Parish Centre. Live Music, dancing, food and drink with the Innisfail Ceili Band. Adults £5, Children £2.50, Family £10 (2 adults + 2 children) Pay on the door only (no advance tickets). Includes performances from our younger members and the Celtica Academy Irish Dance School. Free buffet and raffle prizes to be won.

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).

Please keep in your prayers Fr Bob Wright, the parish priest of St John Fisher who is seriously ill.

**Parish Youth Group** The Youth Group meet in the Parish Hall every two weeks on Fridays. The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Friday the 6th March. See Kien for more details.