

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SATURDAY	18TH APR	5 00PM
SUNDAY	19TH APR	10 00 AM
MONDAY	20TH APR	9 00 AM
TUESDAY	21ST APR	9 00 AM
WEDNESDAY	22ND APR	9 00 AM
THURSDAY	23RD APR	9 00 AM
FRIDAY	24TH APR	9 00 AM
SATURDAY	25TH APR	5 00PM
SUNDAY	26TH APR	10 00 AM

**EDWARD NOBLE RIP A
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**SP INT
FR KEVIN DONLON RIP A
JOHN CALLEN RIP
NIGEL SYMONDS RIP
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**MICHAEL PORTER (GET WELL)
AGNES BRISCOE RIP 10TH A**

FR PAT AND FR BERNARD WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE KINDNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN US AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME FOR

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Our newsletter which will be posted each week on the parish website and deanery website too. <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>

Thank you for the messages, the texts, emails, phone calls. We are in this for the long haul. Once the virus has passed though and we come out the other side, we will be able to worship together again at the altar!

Pray for Cath Hamill, Sarah Jane Lambert, Michael Clerkin, John Geiran who have died recently

At this present moment because of the webcam, anyone can be a member of Holy Family parish! We have had lovely messages from around the country and beyond telling us they are joining us for Masses and are finding them uplifting! You are all very welcome! Please keep the prayer going for each other.

Collections:

Please continue to support the parish with your weekly offerings this is a vital aspect of parish life. Please put offering envelopes through the door of the presbytery, or save them up until we the future day when we will be able to gather together again once more. The Easter offerings can be delayed until Pentecost or can be placed though the presbytery door.



Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren and Facebook on these sites I post videos on You Tube with messages I hope will be of help. Let us support one another taking this time of isolation and distance as an opportunity to reconnect with each other in prayerful support, in kindness, and concern for each others well being and welfare.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Celebrating Mass online at the moment is a lifeline, precious and vital. I wrote the following with that in mind

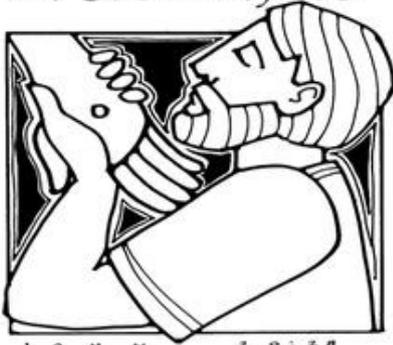
The Touch

*Gentle,
the touch
of hushed words
spoken in love,
easing worry,
calming fear;
gathering
broken pieces
of life's
tempestuous journey,
arranging them
reverently, prayerfully,
upon the sacred altar, before me.*

Fr Patrick Brennan 2020

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MY LORD and MY GOD



The unique profession of Faith: Thomas, the “doubting” apostle, makes the great profession of Faith: “My Lord and my God.” Here, the most outrageous doubter of the Resurrection of Jesus utters the greatest confession of belief in the Lord Who rose from the dead. This declaration by the “doubting” Thomas in today’s Gospel is very significant for two reasons. 1) It is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our Faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as demonstrated in His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of His Resurrection from the dead. Thomas’ profession of Faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Jesus. 2) Thomas’ faith culminated in his self-surrender to Jesus, his heroic missionary expedition to India in A.D. 52, his fearless preaching, and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom in A.D. 72.



St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter’s Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God’s incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God’s generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God’s Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: “The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy.” “The Lord of Divine Mercy,” a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, “Jesus, I trust in You!” (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.