

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY	2ND MAY	5 00PM	
SUNDAY	3RD MAY	10 00 AM	
MONDAY	4TH MAY	9 00 AM	PRIVATE REQUIEM
TUESDAY	5TH MAY	9 00 AM	PRIVATE REQUIEM
WEDNESDAY	6TH MAY	9 00 AM	
THURSDAY	7TH MAY	9 00 AM	
FRIDAY	8TH MAY	9 00 AM	
SATURDAY	9TH MAY	5 00PM	
SUNDAY	10TH MAY	10 00 AM	

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (VOCATIONS)

FRANK MULLIGAN RIP A
 MARY & JAMES CONROY RIP
 JOHN GEIRAN RIP
 GRACE O'HARA RIP
 TONY SODEN RIP
 MARGARET FOLAN RIP
 TONY CAREY RIP
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 FR SAVRES (GET WELL)

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

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41
 Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6
 The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25
 We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10
 Jesus is the gate for his sheep.



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! **PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IS AT 5. 00PM EACH WEEK. ALSO REQUIEM MASSES ARE PRIVATE AS ARE ALL MASSES AT THIS TIME. A FUNERAL SERVICE TAKES PLACE LATER IN THE DAY FOR FAMILY.**

Pray for Michael Clerkin, John Geiran, Grace O'Hara, Joseph Smyth, Tom Piggot, Andresa Mendes, Sylvia Phyllis Green, Bill Skingle, Fr Andy Kenny & Bishop Leo McCartie who have died recently

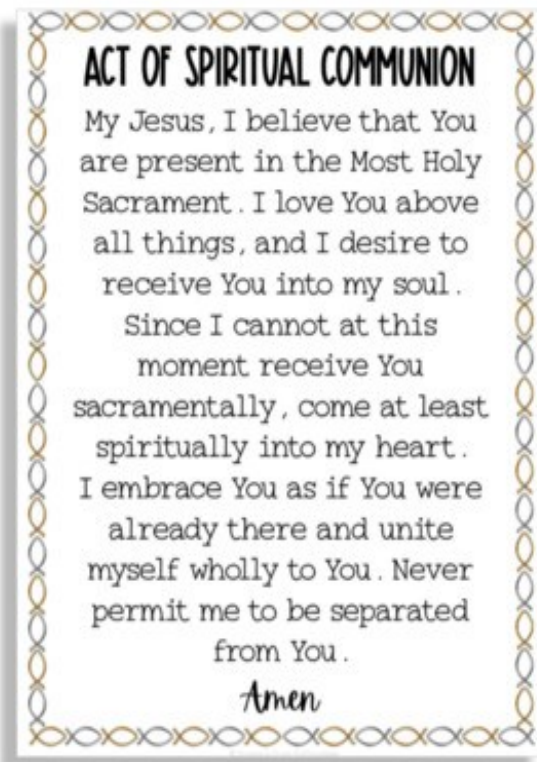
Collections: Please continue to support the parish with your weekly offerings this is a vital aspect of parish life. Please put offering envelopes through the door of the presbytery, or save them up until we the future day when we will be able to gather together again once more.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW

<https://www.holyfamily.coventry.sch.uk/our-journey-in-faith>

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Let us support one another taking this time of distance as an opportunity to reconnect with each other in prayerful support, in kindness, and concern for each others well being and welfare.

This week we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop



His Spoken Voice

His spoken voice pierced the fabric of time
 Bringing a mediation of majesty so sublime
 Mankind trembled, in stillness he genuflected
 In awe and worship, at a human life perfected

These precious words of life unfold
 Bringing warmth where there is cold
 Roots of deepening faith find a hold
 By the treasured gospel stories told
 Cheering the hearts of young and old
 Proclaiming the fullness of life so bold
 A wonderfully joyous voice to behold
 When the parables of Christ are re-told
 A Good Shepherd caring for his sheepfold
 Healing the hurting, his people consoled
 The Saviour Messiah, from all ages foretold
 Has become our refuge, our sure stronghold!

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“Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is attentive to each one of us; He seeks us and loves us, giving us His word, knowing our hearts in depth, our desires, and our hopes, as well as our failures and our disappointments. He receives and loves us as we are, with our good points and our bad points.” **Pope Francis**

FROM THE DEANERY WEBSITE:

<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>

The links for children’s liturgy and online faith resources can be clicked on at the deanery website. There are good ideas for faith and helping us to keep in touch with faith as we are at home.

Coventry Irish Society

Are there any elderly in the community looking for support. The Irish Society of Coventry are looking to help. If you know anyone who may benefit from their help contact moynihanbecca@gmail.com

Shepherding is one of the prominent jobs of the scriptures, an essential profession in the land. There were many shepherds who tended to the many sheep and defended them and cared for the flock under their charge. It was a noble and honest profession. Not every shepherd cared so much for their sheep. Some were corrupt, some were lazy, some were bad shepherds. Jesus uses the image of shepherd to teach his disciples about what it meant to be his follower. Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd, and in the gospel today he describes himself in terms of the sheep gate into which the sheep enter, the one to follow, to emulate and be like, the one to listen to and follow.

The word pastor means shepherd. The Holy Father is the pastor of the people of God sharing in the work of Christ. Bishops and priests and deacons are described as pastors too, again sharing in the work of Christ. To be a pastor involves becoming familiar with the duties involved. Pope Francis used the phrase “the pastors should smell like their sheep” now I have not rushed out and bought a scent that reflects the people, I suspect he was meaning something more deeper than that! The sheep were looked after by the reassurance of the shepherd’s voice. This voice led them through danger and brought them home. The voice of Jesus is very much the shepherd, the gateway, the pastor. Bishops and priests and clergy share in that work of Jesus. The voice of the shepherd is steeped in the smell of his sheep, it cannot be helped, it is a consequence of working close together. Sharing the lives of others, a priest does his best to lead and guide, by being led and guided by Christ the good shepherd.

The vocation to the priesthood is one of hearing the voice of Jesus and responding to that call. It is a way of serving God, one that brings with it joy and more joy. The reality of the priesthood is that expectations are not always realistic. The priest is no super Christian who has beaten all his failings and ironed out all his flaws and stands above the people directing traffic. The priest is a man who is called to trust in the power of Christ working with him, to help sow the seeds of the Kingdom of God who manages to bring about the gospel in spite of his weaknesses, by trusting in Christ and deepening daily in prayer and thorough the Mass a relationship with Christ. It is that relationship with Christ that motivates the priest in his work as a pastor.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.