

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>16TH MAY</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>17TH MAY</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>18TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>19TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	<b>PRIVATE REQUIEM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>20TH MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>21ST MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>22ND MAY</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>23RD MAY</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>24TH MAY</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	

**FR BOB WRIGHT RIP**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
**MARGARET ELLIOT RIP**  
**RONALD DODDS RIP**  
**JOHN BRATT RIP (ST FINBARS)**  
**SEAN COSTELLO RIP**  
**CAMILO & FILOTEA CELSO**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
**PAT KEATING RIP A**

**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 8:5-8,14-17*  
 The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 66:1-7,16,20*  
 Sing praise to God, all the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 3:15-18*  
 Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*John 14:15-21*  
 Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth

Please pray for the sick of the parish especially at this time those in care homes and hospital, also **Maura Mulholland, Sarah (Nancy) Kieran and Carmel Kelly**. Our Lady of Good Health, pray for all the sick and those who care for them.

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 Charles Nicholas, Ronald Dodds, Ann Cullen, Rosemary Anne Ursula Skardon and Stella Meehan** and all who have died recently. Please pray for the deceased and for their families at this difficult time.

**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.

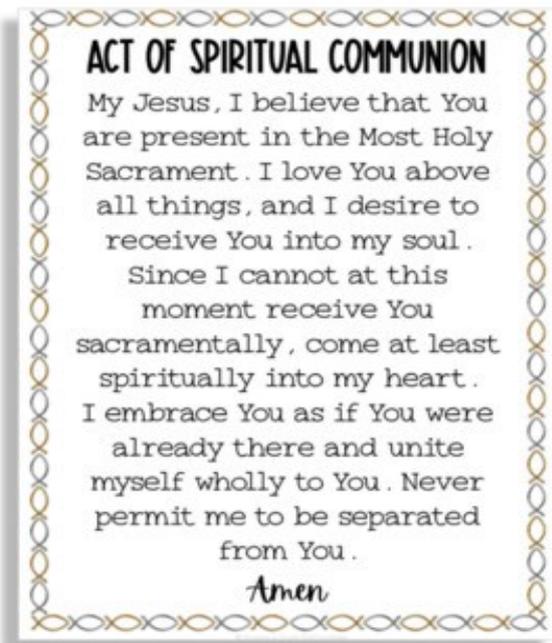
**RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW**

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

**Go to the Year 3 page on School website for a message for 1st Holy Communion**

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr\_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there.

PENTECOST Sion Community. RETREAT ONLINE 29-31 MAY Come All Who Thirst To register [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirsttickets-100837991146](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirsttickets-100837991146) Contact person Justine Gaffney on 07551096269 if you have any questions, help with using Zoom software etc



**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

**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](mailto:moynihanbecca@gmail.com)

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning:** One of the most famous of all the 19<sup>th</sup> century English women poets was a woman by the name of Elizabeth Barrett. An invalid for many years, her illness was very severe, so that in the end, she was so weak that she could not even raise her head from her pillow. One day, she was visited by a man by the name of Robert Browning, who had come to meet the author of the poetry that had inspired him so. After his first visit, an amazing thing happened. He left Elizabeth with such joy and happiness that she was able to lift her head. On his second visit, she sat up in bed. And on their third, they eloped and were married. Today she is known as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, one of the great 19<sup>th</sup> century English love poets. — Such is the power of love! Love has the power to heal. It has the power to make well. It has the power to lift drooping heads and fill empty hearts.

No wonder people were healed just by coming into the presence of Jesus! Did you ever wonder about that – those stories in the New Testament that tell of someone who came to Jesus and with just a touch or with just a word was made well? There's no secret to that. If we believe that Jesus was God's Love Incarnate, God's Love in the flesh, why shouldn't people be healed just by coming into contact with Jesus? For love has the power to do that. But we must first come into God's presence through prayer, through Bible, through the Eucharist.

This time last year Fr Savres was here celebrating Masses and Fr Pat and Fr Bernard were in Tenerife! All our lives are very different at this time. Don't despair of changes, we are loved.

**First Holy Communion**

I remember my First Holy Communion 46 years later because I have reflected upon its meaning ever since. It was not a one off event, receiving Jesus, but the first of many!

I seek to choose Christ Jesus as the guiding principle of my life, not just because I am a priest, but because I was baptised. When I was baptised, I was given a gift and when I opened that gift and received it, (1<sup>st</sup> Holy communion is about receiving the gift of Jesus) it has given my life happiness, fulfilment, meaning and a sense of well being and hope too.

The church can be a building, but it is much more than that. The school is a building, but it is much more than that too. From school comes education, experience, a vision for life ahead, a preparing for life. We come to receive something, but by giving of ourselves we grow. From church comes an appreciation that I am not the centre and be all of my experience, that there is something greater than me who loves me and asks me to love in return. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion is a Sacrament. A sacrament means to encounter Christ Jesus, to experience his love for us at the heart of the communion that we receive.

Dear 1st Communion parents and children, dear teachers and helpers, your extended parish family are all remembering you in their prayers this weekend. I know that for now we have had to postpone our 1st Holy Communion Celebrations. It will take place again at some point in the future. Mrs Griffiths and the teachers of Holy Family, especially our year three teachers want you all to know that they have been praying for you all too. Today would have been such a special weekend. But remember that Jesus loves us, each one of us, and that love is given everyday.

**The Eucharist**

Consecrated to be consumed  
 The one sacrifice daily resumed  
 Sanctuary is sought and found  
 In this sacred act most profound  
 Communion received to be shared  
 The hope for heaven is devoutly restored  
 With outstretched hand, cupped to receive the king  
 Head bowed to participate in this great act of offering.

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love  
 each other  
 as I have  
 loved you.  
 John 15:12