

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>30TH MAY</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>31ST MAY</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>1ST JUNE</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2ND JUNE</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>3RD JUNE</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	<b>PRIVATE REQUIEM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>4TH JUNE</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>5TH JUNE</b>	<b>9 00 AM</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6TH JUNE</b>	<b>5 00PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7TH JUNE</b>	<b>10 00 AM</b>	

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 CARMEL BRIDGET KEANE RIP 6TH A

ANN CROWLEY RIP A  
 PAT & WINIFRED O'SULLIVAN RIP  
 ROSEMARY SKARDON RIP  
 John Bratt Birthday  
 PAT FLEMING RIP

DECEASED MEMBERS MULLIGAN FAM  
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FR PAT & FR BERNARD WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE KINDNESS YOU CONTINUE TO SHOW US AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for the sick of the parish especially at this time those in care homes and hospital, also **Maura Mulholland, 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/>

**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 Rosemary Skardon, Stella Meechan, Nancy Kieran and (Pat O'Sullivan from Christ the King) 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>

Thank you to Mrs Griffiths and the staff for the wonderful work they are doing.

**FROM THE DEANERY WEBSITE:**

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

The links for children's liturgy and online faith resources can be clicked on link above

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr\_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. If you have any intentions for bidding prayers during the weekend or in the week, let me know and I will try to include them.

Fr Bernard has his own email address and that is: [anwylb2@btinternet.com](mailto:anwylb2@btinternet.com)

### **Now and into Eternity**

The presbytery garden,  
is an oasis of peace these days.  
Just me and the roses for now.  
I head for that garden to sit for a while.  
The productive cries of school children  
playing exuberantly in the school,  
over the wall, has temporarily ceased.  
Joyful noise awaits a return,  
as the world finds ways  
of bringing them back safely.  
God bless them and their journey's  
and keep them now and into eternity.

I am just back  
from a funeral at a graveside,  
conducting the grieving,  
sowing seeds of healing,  
anticipating hope filled reunions.  
Praying, using poignant symbols of life.  
Holy water sprinkling,  
now cascading upon a wooden throne,  
that regally claims our bodies in death,  
surrounding us with peaceful security,  
and a place, lain down to rest,  
in wonderful tranquillity.  
Here with the green grass  
and chattering birds for company.  
The flowers that adorned the throne  
are carefully placed to one side,  
becoming a cluster of grateful memory.  
God bless you and your journey  
and keep you for now and into eternity.

Sitting down with a coffee, a slice of cake too,  
looking at the fascinating  
garden rose vibrantly red,  
a flower of real beauty,  
swaying in the gentle summer breeze.  
The phone has lost its ring for now,  
it rarely carries across  
the afternoons quiet air.  
Claude meows, and then curls up at my feet,  
he is an old cat now, slower,  
yet louder than when he was an assassin,  
youthfully, silently, deadly,  
springing upon resting, winged creatures,  
that knew nothing until the claws dug in,  
and then all too late, no chance of escape.  
God bless them and their journey's  
and keep them now and into eternity

The rose is exquisite,  
fold upon fold,  
of the most delicate  
layers of satin beauty.  
Yet like us all for now,  
it intones, don't get too close,  
for its jagged thorns  
reveal a social distancing  
all of its own designing!  
The garden is a walled sanctuary  
that contains my memory,  
where I sit with the rose's beauty,  
grateful for the blessed peace  
of stillness and tranquillity.  
May God bless my journey  
and keep me now and into eternity. **Fr Patrick Brennan 2020 ©**

**Treasure within:** An old beggar lay on his death-bed. His last words were to his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. "Dear son," he said, "I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy's bowl, and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand pounds." We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within each of us, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with us. On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day for us to renew the promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to renew our profession of Faith, and to begin anew practice it faithfully, every day.

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat St. John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "*Come Holy Spirit:*"

*"Come Holy Spirit*

*Make our ears to hear*

*Make our eyes to see*

*Make our mouths to speak*

*Make our hearts to seek*

*Make our hands to reach out*

*And touch the world with your love. AMEN."*

[Cardinal Newman was canonized October 13, 2019 by Pope Francis).

### **Coventry Irish Society**

Are there any elderly in the community looking for support. The Irish Society of Coventry are looking to help. [moynihnanbecca@gmail.com](mailto:moynihnanbecca@gmail.com)

**Fr Michael Stack is out of hospital and is recovering at his sisters home. We wish him a good recovery and send our prayers to him.**

**"Open Heaven"**

A project asking people to say a prayer for the street that they live on. Between all the churches they hope to cover every street in Coventry. If you want to be involved, you can go on to "Open Heaven" <https://www.openheavencoventry.org/> and register to cover a road, or you can simply email the admin address to promise to cover a road. If you are housebound, you can still offer to pray from your home.

**The second reading (I Cor 12:3-7, 12-13)**

**explained:** St. Paul explains how the sharing of the various spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit enriches the Church. He refers to the varieties of gifts given to the Church as coming from the same Spirit Who activates all of them in Christians for the common good. They are described as the *gifts, fruits* and *charisms* of the Spirit. They may take different forms like prophecy, teaching, administrating, doing acts of charity, healing, and speaking in tongues. These gifts, fruits and charisms may be given to different persons like apostles, prophets, teachers, healers and so on. Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit in his Letter to the Galatians "*What the Spirit brings is ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*" (5:22). He continues, "*Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit*" (5:25). Paul insists that these spiritual gifts are to be used in the present time for the benefit of others, for the common good, and for the building up of the Body of Christ.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



**Meeting up with my oldest friend**

The door is just ahead  
I have a key to unlock and open it  
I turn the key in the lock,  
push the door and walk through.  
I have a meeting with my oldest friend  
my heart is racing, my spirit will renew.

The floor inside is carpeted,  
the wooden furniture inviting.  
I find my place, quietly sit, all is still  
here I am, anticipating, patiently waiting

The conversation begins,  
as usual I attentively listen.  
For my oldest friend often whispers,  
my ear receives the words my friend speaks,  
while my heart makes a welcome home for them.

An hour passes, I have not said a word,  
yet my burden is lifted, my strength restored.  
I rise to leave, genuflecting to my oldest friend  
as I turn, my footsteps are lighter,  
my thinking so much clearer,  
being in my oldest friend's company is its own reward.

When I close the door behind me  
I know it won't be long.  
I will meet my oldest friend again  
to share the silence of this love,  
the joy of being loved,  
then I'll dance to the melody,  
and sing with joy my oldest friend's timeless song!

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**Your loving care**

Lord Jesus,  
when you  
walked with us on earth  
you spread your healing power.  
We place in your loving care  
all who are affected by  
Coronavirus.  
Keep us strong in faith, hope  
and love. Bring relief to our sick,  
console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.  
We lift our prayer to you Lord,  
and trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.  
Amen.



**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.**

Lord,  
**by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**