

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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12TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

SATURDAY	20TH JUNE	5 00PM
SUNDAY	21ST JUNE	10 00 AM
MONDAY	22ND JUNE	9 00 AM
TUESDAY	23RD JUNE	9 00 AM
WEDNESDAY	24TH JUNE	9.00 AM
THURSDAY	25TH JUNE	9 00 AM
FRIDAY	26TH JUNE	9 00 AM
SATURDAY	27TH JUNE	5 00PM
SUNDAY	28TH JUNE	10 00 AM

IMELDA & MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM 50TH WED A
CON & JANE SHEEHAN RIP A

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
PADDY MERNAGH RIP
MARCUS SMITH 50TH BIRTHDAY
Peter Martin 75th Birthday
GET WELL (FR BERNARD)

DYMPNA & SHA FERGUSON 60TH WEDDING A
CON & JANE SHEEHAN RIP A

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Please pray for the sick those in hospital, care homes and in their own homes and all who care for them especially **Fr Bernard**. 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.

Pray for Carmel Kelly, Rose Galloway, Maura Mulholland and all who have died recently. Please pray for the deceased and 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.

Church Opening for Private Prayer In a very limited way the church is beginning to reopen for private prayer. This week the church will be open for private prayer Wednesday 10 am until 11 30 am . The following week I hope to open on more days. I will need volunteers who would be willing to be stewards for the church opening. If you can volunteer email me and I will arrange a rota. It is very limited and restricted, but is a start to getting us back to eventually celebrating Mass together again.

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren and Facebook. I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Fr Bernard has his own email address and that is: anwylb2@btinternet.com The parish webcam can be viewed using the link here <https://watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>

You can also find the stream by going on to 'watchmcnmedia.tv', where you can select your country and county, and your church will appear in the results.

An 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**

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21 June at 11am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed @StChads

Coventry Irish Society

Are there any elderly looking for support. The Irish Society of Coventry are looking to help. moynihanbecca@gmail.com

Donations

Many thanks for the generous and kind donations that have come into the parish, your offertory and donations, during this time are so important. Keep praying, supporting and hoping.

Reflections

C. S. Lewis' book, *The Screwtape Letters*, "Screwtape" is a devil, a very accomplished devil. Using any trickery, he can, Screwtape turns people away from God. By his letters, Screwtape gives advice to Wormwood, his young nephew and apprentice who is just learning the deceptive ways of devils. In one letter, Screwtape writes to Wormwood, "Keep them anxious, make certain they are worried about something." Remind people about their fears. Why this advice? Being a devil, Screwtape wants to get people so focused on their fears that they forget God.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

Prayer is worth persevering with. There can be times when prayer is a time of struggle, a battle with attentiveness or a lack of being able to focus, these can hinder prayer, preventing it from being something we rush headlong into. But every so often prayer becomes a time of "hiding in the shade of the Almighty" A time for sheltering in the presence of God. Prayer in these precious times is a consoling experience, a grace given occasionally, that is revealed by taking seriously spending time in the Lord's company. There are small moments of great clarity in prayer that come now and again, like a ray of warm light illuminating the darkness of doubting, a soothing balm that evaporates weariness, invigorating the spirit, filling the soul with joy. Through prayer I know that I am loved, and am able to say I love you in return.

I am loved, I love

Sitting in the silence of the sanctuary,
Listening, praying, my heart runs free,
I am hiding in the shelter of the Almighty
Abiding in the tremendous light of his glory
My soul searches for blessed stillness, my ear waits for that whispered sound
An eternal word reverberates still, with its tremble, I am once again found!
A word like a heartbeat pulsing through my entire being, holding, lifting me
More than a feeling, a confirmation, a covenant, a moment of sweet clarity
I return to the shade, soothing my tiredness, bathing in lights proclamation
I am loved, a humbling revelation bringing me closer to authentic adoration.

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My Humanity is Dancing with Eternity

Winter gives way to spring,
then summer has its merry way,
until, all of a sudden
the autumn arrives,
announcing a lingering wintry wind,
a cold watery sun, fading light;
falling leaves adorn the soggy earth
my humanity is dancing with eternity.

The dark nights draw in so quickly,
the daylight succumbs to this daily onslaught,
earlier each day the light retreats into shadow,
as the dark descends, the world looks so different
a shiver catches me;
my coat wraps tighter around my ageing frame,
for a moment, hesitation secures my faltering steps
my humanity is dancing with eternity.

Sounds that caress the daylight bringing delight
somehow take on a menacing, fearful quality,
the light is sought after, actively looked for,
welcomed, embraced,
without the light the darkness clings,
chokes, invites fear as a guest,
but in the silvery shadow the light remains
my humanity is dancing with eternity.

As the long night comes to an end,
the welcome dawn dispels those shadows,
graceful light emerges once more
covering each glistening corner with hope,
for as each season comes and goes
my humanity is dancing towards eternity.

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