

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SATURDAY	27TH JUNE	5 00PM
SUNDAY	28TH JUNE	10 00 AM
MONDAY	29TH JUNE	9 00 AM
TUESDAY	30TH JUNE	9 00 AM
WEDNESDAY	1ST JULY	9.00 AM
THURSDAY	2ND JULY	9 00 AM
FRIDAY	3RD JULY	9 00 AM
SATURDAY	4TH JULY	5 00PM
SUNDAY	5TH JULY	10 00 AM
MONDAY	6TH JULY	9 00 AM

**DYMPNA & SHA FERGUSON 60TH WEDDING A
 CARMEL KELLY RIP**

**PHILIP & CLARE GILHEANEY WED A
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**GERTIE LANE RIP
 Sylvester Budkiewicz RIP**

WINNIE & JAMES HUGHES RIP

RICHARD MOORE RIP A

FR PAT'S 28TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

JOAN HARRINGTON RIP A

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 34:2-9

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

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.

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 .

Meeting for Volunteers to be stewards and cleaners as public Masses resume. This Tuesday at 7 00pm in the church (socially distanced of course) We will go though the guidelines and share with you what needs to be done for Mass.

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**

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Benedictine hospitality: Hospitality is one of the cornerstones of Benedictine spirituality, and it is based on seeing Christ in the guest, just as he is seen in the monks. In the Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter LIII is dedicated to the reception of guests. Christ told his disciples that their service and disservice of others would also be directed at him, and this teaching is the foundation for the Benedictine attitude on hospitality: "Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ, because He will say: 'I was a stranger and you took Me in' (Mt 25:35). And let due honour be shown to all, especially to those 'of the household of the faith' (Gal 6:10) and to wayfarers." When a guest arrives, the Rule of St. Benedict prescribes that he be greeted by the superior and the brothers, and they all pray together before anything else. The Abbot attends to the guest and teaches the guest about "Divine law." Hospitality also involves flexibility: in the Rule, it prescribes a separate kitchen with a couple of monks dedicated to meeting the guests' needs, even when they are not following the monastery's schedule for mealtimes and other activities.

St Peter and St Paul, two great pillars of the Church, teach us much about what it means to be a Christian. We give thanks to them today, as we acknowledge the contributions they made to the growth of the church, and its influence, reaching beyond each generation since.

St Peter, man of faith, and St Paul wonderful missionary, pray for us.

Coventry Irish Society

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

Guideline for Public Masses

Churches that have uploaded their Risk Assessment and opened for individual prayer may begin celebrating Mass in accordance with the guidelines from the 4th July. There is no need for a further Risk Assessment. By celebrating public Mass the parish priest is saying that he has read the guidelines and is fully complying with them. Churches that have not completed the Risk Assessment for individual prayers may not open for public Mass. Funeral services may now be Funeral Masses, in accordance with the guidelines on Mass in conjunction with the remaining appropriate and relevant guidelines for funeral services. No priest is obliged to begin celebrating public Mass on the 4th July. No one should feel pressured to do so. I understand some parishes will be better placed than others in meeting the requirements of the Guidelines. You will see the Mass Guidelines are labour intensive and will require volunteers to help with stewarding and cleaning. It is perfectly acceptable to begin public Masses at a later date. The use of live-streaming Masses should still be promoted. There is no obligation for people to attend Mass on Sundays.

Social Distancing in Churches

The National Guidance gives some discretion about the requirements on social distancing. It is for each Bishop to decide upon this point. Although the 2 metre rule is the norm, where that is not possible or practicable then "1 metre plus" is permitted from the 4th July. Our Diocesan Guidance is that the "1 metre plus" is the more practicable solution for our churches, it is permitted and should be followed. Many of our churches have a layout that makes the 2 metre rule impracticable. Further, the distribution of Holy Communion and people moving around, will, inevitably, breach the 2 metre rule. Rather than have different guidance in different churches, the Diocese recommends the "1 metre plus" approach in all churches. This guidance will have to be kept under review in light of Government advice in the weeks ahead. In time signage and markings in church will need to be adapted to a one metre radius separation. For clarification that means people from different households must be 1 metre apart in all directions. This will still severely restrict the number of places in church but will of course allow for more people and more volunteers than the 2 metre rule allows.

Obligatory Use of Face Coverings

With the use of "one metre plus," face coverings must be used by people in church. This is a Diocesan Policy as a consequence of using the one metre plus approach. This is the "plus," the mitigating factor that permits the one metre social distancing. This requirement will need to be advertised, managed and strictly enforced by clergy and volunteers. Please note it is face coverings that are required, which may be masks or not. They can be homemade face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person attending church to provide a face covering for themselves.

Government advice is that those with severe breathing difficulties and the under 5's are not required to wear face coverings. For the adults who cannot wear face coverings the advice is that they stay 2 metres distant from others. Children must be with their families and so distant from others. The presiding priest is not required to wear a face covering if he maintains a 2 metre distance from others. However in keeping with the "1 metre plus" and in setting a good example for the people, we strongly recommend all those distributing Holy Communion wear a face covering for that action, even though nothing is said at that point. This is what happens in Europe and to our mind is a sensible precaution as social distancing under 2 metres is necessarily compromised.

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Guidelines Continued

Distribution of Communion

It is for the priest to decide upon which of the two options in the guidelines he will use. Consistency over time will help the people, no doubt. It will be helpful to explain to the people how Holy Communion will be distributed. Holy Communion may only be distributed under one kind and in the hand only. Communicants will obviously have to partly remove their face coverings to consume the Host. Adults and children may present themselves for a blessing at that point. If that happens we recommend a silent prayer is shared with an out-stretched hand that does not touch the person. Given the layout of the church and to maintain social distancing as best as people can, if it is better for the priest/minister to go to the people individually for distribution of Holy Communion, then that is an option. It may have to be distributed to the infirm by this method.

Clergy and Volunteers who are over 70 or have underlying health issues

Government advice is still that people over 70 or those with underlying health issues are more vulnerable than others and so should limit social contact. However advice has been relaxing over recent weeks. Bearing that in mind, clergy, volunteers and parishioners who are over 70 or have underlying health may preside, volunteer or attend Mass. It is a matter for the individual to make an informed decision. Please be prudent about selecting all volunteers. Clergy in these categories should not feel any pressure to return to a more active ministry and should follow the guidelines and not distribute Holy Communion.

Managing Numbers

Each church will need to calculate its new maximum capacity. It can do this either by allocating specific individual places with one metre separation in the same manner as with the individual private prayer to date. This is the simplest method but may underestimate your capacity. Alternatively capacity can be calculated by setting aside and allocating some rows specifically for family groups. The latter approach gives the benefit of enabling families to worship together in designated benches and so provides greater capacity. This method will better mirror what will happen as families attend.

If the latter method is used, it is essential that if family groups are allocated benches then they cannot be used by the equivalent number of people from two or more households who are required to be social distant. For example, a row allocated for a family of four could probably be used by two individuals if they remained over one metre apart.

It is recognised that the capacity will fluctuate depending on the family make-up of the congregation. That is unavoidable. The essential thing to monitor and enforce is that people from different households must be at least 1 metre apart and must be wearing face coverings. We will need flexibility and common sense in monitoring how many people can be in church for each Mass.

I attach a single sheet risk review Word document that you should upload to xcenta once you have assessed capacity for Mass and know when you will be beginning public Masses. Deacon Paul O'Connor can offer advice on capacity and the attached document.

We do not know how many people will wish to return for Mass. People may be wary. They may be very enthusiastic. If you have any means of assessing general demand, then do so.

There is no other option other than local clergy and volunteers will have to manage numbers at Mass as best as they can if more people turn up than can be accommodated safely. Practical options may include first come, first served, a means of reserving places in advance or any other creative means. If you choose a reservation process, then please bear in mind not all parishioners will be computer literate and also people will just show up. It is a matter for each parish to discern on how to proceed and I recognise this is not a simple matter. This will be a time of learning as we go along and I trust good practices will be shared by clergy.

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in force. So please encourage people to come to Mass on days other than Sunday.

As you can see from the guidelines there is much to get ready for and we are aiming like the rest of the deanery to open for the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July. (maybe a trial run in the week leading up) So there is a meeting this Tuesday at 7 00pm in church for those who wish to act as stewards and cleaners during and after the Masses. These guidelines will be in place for the duration of the Coronavirus and will only change when the virus has gone.