

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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28th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday	10th Oct	10 00 am
Saturday	10th Oct	5 00pm
Sunday	11th Oct	10 00 am
Monday	12th Oct	9 15 am
Tuesday	13th Oct	9 00 am
Wednesday	14th Oct	9 00 am
Thursday	15th Oct	9 15 am
Friday	16th Oct	9 15 am
Saturday	17th Oct	10 00am
Saturday	17th Oct	5 00pm
Sunday	18th Oct	10 00 am

Webcam Only
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People of the Parish
 Colette Murphy RIP 2nd A Peter McDonald 16th A RIP
 Ken Gamble RIP
 John Power RIP
 Liam Keeling RIP Birthday
 Maureen Hennesey (Get Well)
 Fr Savres RIP
 Thanksgiving (Our Lady)
 John Boyle RIP
 Philomena Lyttle RIP A
 People of the Parish

Confessions at request before Mass ask a steward who will arrange for confession to be heard

Public Masses

Attendees must
 + Wear a mask /Face covering
 + Remain 1 metre + apart
 + Sanitise hands
 + Follow the signs
 + Listen to the stewards
 Please Note:
 Please stay at home if...
 + You may have a pre-existing condition
 + You are feeling ill
 + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19
 + You have a sick family member at home

Holy Communion:

Row by row starting from front.
 Stewards will direct. + Receive in silence by hand only + Masks to be worn to receive the host, then consume, & leave church (Final blessing given before Communion)

Blessings of Graves.

This year I will be blessing graves on the following dates in October Meet at the cemetery and then individual graves will be blessed. This will be a blessing for the Holy Family parish as other parishes will be blessing graves at other times during the year.

This Sunday 11th St Pauls 3 00pm

Meet by the old church at St Pauls and then move to individual graves for the blessings. Please keep a safe distance when we meet together.

Sunday 18th Lenton's Lane 3.00pm

Sunday 25th Canley 3.00pm

Other cemetery's to be arranged at later date.

Extraordinary Ministers rota /October/November

Saturday	10th	5.00 pm	M Byrne
Sunday	11th	10.00 am	Su Symonds
Saturday	17th	5 00 pm	T Stapleton
Sunday	18th	10 00 am	M Burton
Saturday	24th	5 00 pm	A Stapleton
Sunday	25th	10 00 am	C Gilheaney
Saturday	31st	5 00pm	M Haggarty
Sunday	1st	10 00 am	K Kirk
Saturday	8th	5.00pm	M Byrne
Sunday	9th	10 00 am	S Symonds

Track and Trace.

Please bring with you your name and phone number and put it in the box in the entrance. (If you live in the same household only one name/number is needed) You are asked to do this every time you come to church. After 21 days they will be destroyed. In this way we will always have a current record should NHS Track and Trace teams need to contact you. You will still be able to come into church without providing name and contact number.

Rita McDonald would like to thank you for helping her raise £900 For MacMillan Cancer relief

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

Remember the Sunday Obligation has not been restored so Every Day is Like a Sunday! You can go other days in the week if it suits.

Confessions Please ask a steward if you want to go to confession before Mass.

Baptisms and funerals a maximum of 30 people are able to be present.

Offertory Collections

Please place in boxes by entrance and exits Stewards will remind you that you can put your offertory collection in as you enter or leave Mass. There is no offertory collections during Masses.

Collections Thank You

Gift Aid £213 Loose £320.46

2nd Collection Cafod £93.02

The toilet will not be in use during Masses at the moment.



First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

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.

**Please Pray for all who have died recently,
Fr Sarves, Mary McCormack and Frances French**

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** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>

Scripture Readings

Food is used in all three readings today as an image of God's favour and presence with His people. In both the first reading and the Gospel, the joys of salvation are compared to a great banquet of rich foods, choice wines and a place at the table with our Divine Host. In the first reading Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain. The prophet sees the mountain of the Holy City transformed into a grand banquet hall full of life and good things. He paints the picture of "*a feast of rich food and choice wines.*" The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) describes how, like a totally committed shepherd, God spares nothing in order to provide nourishment for His flock. In the second reading, Paul says that he lives like a guest invited to the Kingdom of God, enjoying vast spiritual benefits as a man of Faith. So will God provide for us, he assures us, and we, too, "*can do all things in God Who strengthens us.*" In the Gospel's parable, Jesus describes the eschatological banquet of Heaven. He characterizes the reign of God as a wedding feast, a banquet of "*calves and fatted cattle.*" When the banquet is rejected by the chosen guests, it is offered to all and sundry. Thus, all the readings suggest that God loves His people and provides for their eternal salvation. Today's Scripture readings give us the strong warning that if we do not accept God's love, if we reject His gift, we can have no place with Him. We have to stay prepared for the freely offered Heavenly Banquet by getting (in Baptism), and wearing every day, the freely given wedding garment of grace always. We "wear" the garment by cooperating with God's grace in prayer, in attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments with devotion, in doing good and avoiding evil, and in responding to His love by lovingly sharing our blessings with others. The parable warns us that membership in a Church alone does not guarantee our eternal salvation.

The word "Church" is derived from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means those having been called or invited. We are the ones who have responded to Jesus' invitation. Hence, the first lesson taught by the parable is that God invites everyone, but each of us needs to give God's invitation priority over every other good and important thing in life. The second lesson for all of us is that it's not enough just to show up. We must be properly "dressed up." In his Letter to the Colossians, Paul directs his converts, "*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony*" (Col 3:12-14). In the Letter to the Ephesians, he talks about our clothes as a spiritual armour: "*Therefore put on the whole armour of God: ... fasten the belt of truth around your waist and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the Gospel of Peace. With all of these, take the shield of Faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*" (Eph 6:11-17). It's easy to get the picture: the wedding garments God wants us to don are woven with acts of Faith, Love, Hope, kindness, compassion, humility, patience, meekness, Truth, and Holiness.