

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Saturday	17th Oct	10 00 am
Saturday	17th Oct	5 00pm
Sunday	18th Oct	10 00 am
Monday	19th Oct	9 15 am
Tuesday	20th Oct	9 00 am
Wednesday	21st Oct	9 00 am
Thursday	22nd Oct	9 15 am
Friday	23rd Oct	9 15 am
Saturday	24th Oct	10 00am
Saturday	24th Oct	5 00pm
Sunday	25th Oct	10 00 am

Webcam Only
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John Boyle RIP
 Philomena Lyttle RIP A
People of the Parish
 Norah Shaw 99th Birthday
 Fr Savres RIP
 Martin Stapleton RIP A
 Nicholas Boyle 90th Birthday
 Merin Joy Birthday
 Marian Dargue RIP
Margaret Fox RIP
Anthony McKiernon Rip

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.

Thank you to those who attended last week at St Paul's
 Unfortunately we have had to cancel the remaining Grave blessings as the latest restrictions only permit gatherings of 6 people. We will aim to bless the graves in the spring.

1st Holy Communions

Ruby and Sophia Wood and Kenneth Gunaseelan will be making their 1st Holy communion this weekend. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Extraordinary Ministers rota /October/November

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

The levies we pay to the diocese from the parish are going up 16% from £17,223.77 to £19,927.70
 This is worked out on collections and donations for the year.

Track and Trace.

Please bring with you your name and phone number and put it in the box in the entrance. 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.

One World Week 18-25 October:

The Annual Intercultural Mass goes online this year as an Intercultural Celebration prepared by the Ethnic chaplaincies in the Diocese. It will be available on the Diocesan Website this coming week.

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 6 people are allowed 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 £109 Loose £387

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



First Reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1,3-10

Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes

PLEASE NOTE SATURDAY EVENING MASS IS AT 5.00PM EACH WEEK.

Please Pray for all who have died recently,

Fr Sarves, Mary McCormack (Funeral Monday 19th) 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>

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. The readings show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven. In the first reading and in the Gospel, a world superpower is matched up against the Kingdom of God. Isaiah the prophet foretells how, unintentionally, the policies of the great Persian Emperor, Cyrus, will become part of God's saving plan for His chosen people. The words of the Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 96) "*Say among the nations: The Lord is King,*" summon all Israel, all the nations and all creation to acknowledge and praise God as King of the universe. The Psalm reminds us that when people put God's Kingdom first, everyone benefits. In the second reading, referring to Jesus as "*our Lord Jesus Christ,*" Paul acknowledges Jesus as One who shares Divine power with God the Father. Paul reminds his Thessalonians that it was God Who chose them to live in Him and gave them the power to produce the "work of Faith ... labour of Love and endurance of Hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before God our Father." It is for this reason that Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica, assuring them, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers." In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "*Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?*" by stating, "*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*" By this answer, Jesus reminds His questioners that if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord.

"I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Perhaps we can illustrate all this with one case, that of St. Thomas More, the English martyr who was councillor to King Henry VIII and Lord High Chancellor of England. Robert Bolt dramatized More's conflict – regarding what is Caesar's and what is God's – in the drama, *A Man for All Seasons*. Recall the story. King Henry VIII of England was, by Papal dispensation, validly married to Catherine of Aragon, his elder brother's widow. Seeking a male heir and attracted to Anne Boelyn, Henry appealed to Rome again to have his marriage to Catherine annulled – which would mean that the Papal dispensation had been sinful! Rome refused. Henry took matters into his own hands, declared himself Head of the Church in England and "married" Anne. He then ordered his friends and officials to sign a document declaring that they agreed he had acted rightly in the matter. Many of More's friends signed, but More refused. Henry demanded that he sign or face arrest, trial for treason, and execution by the state. More refused: he knew he had two obligations, one to God and one to his country. When they conflicted, More knew he had no choice but to remain faithful to his obligation to God. On his way to public execution in 1534, More encouraged the people to remain steadfast in the Faith. His last recorded words were: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Today's Gospel reminds us of our dual citizenship. We are citizens of the world and citizens of Heaven. We have an allegiance and an obligation to each. We hope the obligations will never clash. But if they ever do, we must resolve them as Thomas More did, without compromise to our God or to our conscience.