

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Saturday	28th Nov	5 00pm	
Sunday	29th Nov	10 00 am	
Monday	30th Nov	9 00 am	Webcam
Tuesday	1st Dec	9 00 am	Webcam
Wednesday	2nd Dec	9 15 am	
Thursday	3rd Dec	9 15 am	
Friday	4th Dec	9 15 am	
Saturday	5th Dec	10.00am	
Saturday	5th Dec	5 00pm	
Sunday	6th Dec	10 00 am	

Margaret Devonshire RIP
 Ints of Philip & Clare Gilheaney

John Jo McHendry 28th A RIP

Iain Richardson RIP A

Mary Millington 70th Birthday

Fr Sarves RIP

James McHendry RIP A Deborah Gormley

Zygmunt Furmankiewicz 1st A RIP

Carmel Kelly RIP

Catherine Boyle RIP A

Confessions at request ask stewards as you arrive.

The parish webcam <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/coventry-holy-family>

Please Pray for all who have died recently,
Isabelle Boshell Isabella Mary McFarlane

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren I like to post reflections of encouragement there. Fr Bernard has his own email address: anwylb2@btinternet.com

Boiler repair and re wiring The cost has come in and is £14,000. The wiring was not up to standard and had to be replaced, in starting this, Asbestos was discovered in and about the walls and ceiling, so has to be removed. The pipes are not the same sizes so have to be replaced too. In the end it has proved to be an expensive job but one that is necessary. We are waiting for one part, the pump for the boiler, once that arrives it will be fitted an the heating restored. During this year of lockdowns it greatly depletes our finances so I am hoping that next year we will fundraise

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
 Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
 A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37
 Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes

Collections. Please continue to support the parish. You can place your collection through the letter box during the week. Any support is greatly needed and appreciated. We have had £2500 in donations which I am very grateful for. Masses resume for parishioners to attend on Wednesday the 2nd December at 9 15 am. Deo Gratias!

The Christmas Crib Blessing In Broadgate again this year. A virtual blessing of the Crib will take place. You can then visit the Crib privately over the Christmas period. The blessing is live streamed this Sunday 29th November at 4.00pm. The link is highlighted below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt2B8cjSslY>

Christmas Arrangements

What to do about Christmas?



The lockdown is going to be changing on December 2nd which means that Mass will be said in public once again. I am hoping that absence makes the heart grow fonder! The heating is still being fixed. The church is cold when I step inside each morning for Mass and I think of those watching, and taking part in Mass, snug and warm at home! When you come to Mass please wrap up to keep warm! There is now a run up to Christmas, Advent will be in full swing, a new liturgical year has started, what will remain for now is face coverings, distancing, sanitising and track and trace. Christmas is not a case of just turning up and expecting a seat. The Masses will be booked before hand so that we know how many will be in attendance. Four Masses are proposed:

Christmas Eve: Mass at 5 00pm and at Midnight

Christmas Day Mass at 8 00 am and 10 am.

During the weekends that we are back at Church there will be sheets of a4 paper to sign for each Mass that you are attending, with how many, and a contact number (this helps with track and trace) so that numbers can be regulated, this is vital to ensure that we do not have a problem with capacity. I would think 125-30 can fit safely into each of the Masses. Once a person or family arrives, they will be ticked off the list for the Mass, and seated. It will be important to book beforehand. Those who are coming to church when we return will be able to choose which Mass you wish to attend over Christmas eve and Christmas Day. The newsletter will be posted on the deanery website, the parish website and on the webcam site too. People can ring the presbytery to book attendance at Mass. Once we are fully booked people who just turn up may not be able to come inside. It is important to book beforehand. This is because of the pandemic and it makes everything different!



Today we begin the season of Advent which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple.

Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

There are "Walk With Me" booklets at the back of church for you to take with the newsletter.

Christmas Offering for parish priest. The collection on Christmas eve and Christmas day will be for the this purpose and as you know there will not be a passing of collection plate during Masses. You can give as you arrive or leave church or putting offering though the presbytery door marked for the priests. Thank you!