

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR B

Saturday	26th Dec	5 00pm		Evelyn Noone RIP
Sunday	27th Dec	10 00 am		Maise Hope Ints
Monday	28th Dec	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Tuesday	29th Dec	9 15 am		Rosemarie Richardson RIP 8th A
Wednesday	30th Dec	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Sean Costello RIP
Thursday	31st Dec	9 15 am		Valentine Gordon RIP A Rita Purcell RIP A
Friday	1st Jan	9.00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	1st Jan	10.00 am	Mary Mother of God	People of the Parish
Saturday	2nd Jan	5 00pm		Kathleen Brennan RIP
Sunday	3rd Jan	10 00 am		Mara (NHS)

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

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS and a JOYFUL NEW YEAR! FROM FR PAT AND FR BERNARD

Please Pray for all who have died in recent weeks **Deborah Ormsby**

Fr Pat is on twitter @Fr_PatBren and Facebook too

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Thank You for those who have made Christmas Masses prayerful and engaging occasions. This year was different in many ways, we were way down on numbers attending, but the emphasis as always was devotional. Mass is devotional and never functional for we meet and touch our very Godhead in the Eucharist. Our response is always one of thanksgiving and inspiration to set out a plan for being that example of Christ for others. Have a Blessed parish feast day!



In an audience, Pope Paul VI told how one day, when he was Archbishop of Milan, he went out on parish visitation. During the course of the visitation he found an old woman living alone. 'How are you?' he asked her. 'Not bad,' she answered. 'I have enough food, and I'm not suffering from the cold.' 'You must be reasonably happy then?' he said. 'No, I'm not', she said as she started to cry. 'You see, my son and daughter-in-law never come to see me. I'm dying of loneliness.' Afterwards he was haunted by the phrase 'I'm dying of loneliness'. And the Pope concluded: 'Food and warmth are not enough in themselves. People need something more. They need our presence, our time, our love. They need to be touched, to be reassured that they are not forgotten'

In 1890, Pope Leo XIII urged everyone to keep a picture of the Holy Family in the home. At the very least it can serve as an antidote to the dysfunctional family images we get on TV.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 God fulfils his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6,8-9
 or A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19
 Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)
 Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.