

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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PASSION PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

Saturday	27th March	5 00pm		Fr Jeremiah Sheeny RIP
Sunday	28th March	10 00 am		Jack Harris RIP A
Sunday	28th March	5 00 pm	Webcam Only	Stations of the Cross
Monday	29th March	9 15 am		Sp Int (K)
Tuesday	30th March	9 15 am		Ursula Pearson RIP
Wednesday	31st March	9 15 am		Boyle, Cheesmond & Skaag Fam ints
Triduum				
Maundy Thursday				
	1st April	6 30 pm	Mass of Lord's Supper	Fr Savres RIP
Good Friday				
	2nd April	1 00 pm	Stations and Holy Communion	
	2nd April	3 00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion	Fully Booked
Holy Saturday				
	3rd April	5 00pm	Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday				
Sunday	4th April	8 00 am		Cath Hamil RIP 1st A
Sunday	4th April	10 00 am	Fully Booked	Liam O'Donnell RIP

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Funerals are restricted to 30 people attending and are therefore Family Invite only. Please do not gather in the car park for funerals if you are unable to attend the church, at this time you are advised to watch on the webcam from home. Baptism bookings will resume after Easter. Weddings are not permitted at present.

We are now livestreaming! The link to Holy Family Church YouTube streams are :Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yIJoc>
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel: <https://youtu.be/nedIJa9gVWs>
 Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk

Holy Week Booking

Due to the pandemic, Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be celebrated according to the guidelines given by the bishops of England and Wales. Safety is a priority as always. Maundy Thursday 6 30 pm.

We will need you to book in advance for **Good Friday** and for **Easter Sunday**. **Good Friday 1.00pm** Stations, communal adoration of Cross (No Individual kissing of cross permitted this year) Communion and **3 00pm Liturgy of the Passion, with reading of the Passion. Easter Vigil Saturday Mass 5 pm Easter Sunday Masses 8 00 am and 10 am PLEASE SIGN UP ON SHEETS PROVIDED ON GOOD FRIDAY PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER 1 PM OR 3 PM AND NOT BOTH WE NEED TO WATCH NUMBERS. WITHOUT BOOKING A PLACE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF GETTING A SEAT. GOOD FRIDAY 3 00PM IS FULLY BOOKED AS IS EASTER SUNDAY 10 00 AM**

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47 (shorter form: *Mark 15:1-39*)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

All Masses are livestreamed via YouTube. *Mass is celebrated during this pandemic in a way that we promote safety as a priority; stewards, sanitising, distancing, avoiding groups from different household socialising. Holy Communion is given at the end of Mass and then we are asked to quietly leave and not to mingle outside, but to head off home. For some who are vulnerable watching on the webcam is the option to take. Holy Week Masses and Services are highlight overleaf.*

Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish:

Jean Greene, Juanita Cooke, Lelia Kierans Frances Tierny, Davey Stokes and Fr Ollie Kemp (a former assistant priest here at Holy Family, a priest of the archdiocese.) Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are limited to 30 people and are family attendance only.

Keep all who are sick in your prayers are prayer are asked for Imelda Cunningham at this time.

Fr Bernard email anwylb2@btinternet.com

“For me there is a profound silence within the drama of Holy Week. A silence that descends from prayer. A noble silence that is an acknowledgement of the soul in thanksgiving for Christ. This week is busy for the parish priest. Yet his role within the drama is to allow the words to be told, the story to be proclaimed. Silence is a way of proclaiming the truth of Holy Week, an interior silence that aches for the presence of Christ. As the drama of Holy Week unfolds may the silence that descends from heaven be a part of who we are and sustain us through the emotions contained within this most holy of weeks.”

I wrote those words back in 2015, in what seems like a different world altogether. I was in Cannock then, now I am at Holy Family Coventry, but that is the most profound change! The Coronavirus has impacted our lives in a dramatic way. People are losing their lives still, after a year, people have become ill, and the world is struggling to contain the pandemic. The churches have had to adapt worship as Holy Week will be different again this year. Thankfully due to modern technology, webcams are installed in some churches and the Mass can be broadcast, so that people can take part, if they feel unable to get here. There is a silence, and this silence is one filled with mixed emotions. I wrote this poem and I think it still stands true for this Holy Week.

Let us all pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic, during Holy Week especially, as we follow reverently our Lord to the Cross and beyond to the promise of new life and resurrection, and pray for a restoration to health and life for us all.

Holy Week: A Silence Descends.

A great silence descends, as Holy Week begins

The whole of creation takes a deep breath, hoping love wins

That love speaks, a last supper is shared between disciples and beloved Master

His words touch the very core of each hearer, making their hearts beat faster

His body and blood is given, so life may be the victor, death conquered forever

Nourishment for the journey, for spiritual strength, the links to sin to sever

A great silence descends, as the drama is told

In gratitude for the sacrifice that Jesus underwent, a love so bold

A hush hovers over the heads of all believers, who watch this drama unfold

They gather together reverently, listening as the account of the Passion is told

The battle between the powers of darkness and those of light take place

The suffering Servant is led to his crucifixion, the pain etched upon his face

As Holy Week continues onwards, a silence descends

As God’s faithful people resolve to change their minds and make amends.

The people retreat to silent prayer, contemplating the Cross’s profound mystery

Sorrowing, over the harsh cruelty, the bloody savagery of man’s violent legacy

And yet more is to come, the night turns to day, the veil of grief is removed

The triumph of love defeats the ancient enemy, once for all, love’s truth is proved

When the drama and the majesty of Holy Week ends

Heaven’s fresh dewfall covers the earth, as a profound silence descends.

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Gift aid Envelopes Those who have envelopes for giving the church collection are at the back of church

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday there will be a livestreamed only Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9 00 am

Easter Parish Prize Draw: To take place Easter Monday Tickets £1 Per Strip. Available from this weekend.

“£100 cash prize, Easter hamper, Easter egg, Whiskey, Wine and other prizes.” To support the parish in this time of pandemic.

I will be taking a census later this year. How we recover from the pandemic will involve much co operation, support and work, to build up the fabric of parish life.

Extra Ordinary Ministers
Good Friday 3 00pm and
Holy Saturday Vigil Prashadi Rigtors

Collection £542.32 Thank You!

Are we ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? As we “carry Jesus” to the world, we may receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we may also meet the same opposition, crosses, and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus’ universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.