

Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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EASTER SUNDAY CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA!

Saturday	27th March	5 00pm		Easter Vigil
Sunday	4th April	8 00 pm		Cath Hamil RIP 1st A
Sunday	4th April	10 00 am		Liam O'Donnell RIP
Monday	5th April	10 00 am		Sp Int
Tuesday	6th April	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Maise Hope
Wednesday	7th April	9 15 am		Rose McManus RIP 18th A
Thursday	8th April	9 15 am		Josie Byrne RIP
Friday	9th April	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
	9th April	9 15 am		Fr Savres RIP
Holy Saturday				
Saturday	10th April	5 00pm		Bridie, Charley & Gerry Gilheaney
Sunday	11th April	10 00 am		Dorothy Hennessey

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HziE4yIJoc)

Fr Bernard and Fr Pat would like to wish you all a very happy Easter! Thank you for your support and continued generosity towards us at this time.

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

Easter offering Envelopes are at the back as the collection at Masses Easter Weekend are for your gift towards the upkeep of the Parish Priest.

The Year of pandemic has been a challenging one. The restrictions and guidelines have governed the way we have celebrated liturgies over the year. We are aware that in some countries they have been unable to celebrate Mass in public and it, I suppose, leads us to being grateful for the opportunities we have to celebrate the Mass. This year may have stopped us in our tracks and challenged us to think about what is important. We have been challenged to think about how we see the world and those in it. Has this past year made us kinder? Has this past year enabled us to see the importance of family, faith, friendship? This Easter we gather to give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, truly risen from death. It is not a vague "I hope so" but rather a definite expression with our words and our example. We believe with our hearts that Jesus has risen, therefore no matter what happens in life, whatever challenges come our way, we hold firmly a hope in our hearts, a hope for heaven, a hope for life, a hope that cannot be overcome.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
 Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
 Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

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:

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.

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

Easter

Unsure, uncertain, to go on... I must try,
my footsteps are slowly trudging along a dusty road,
moving towards a place, a garden, or a time perhaps, an unexpected event,
the closer I get the clearer the vision that pierces the darkness before me,
this early morning is somewhat stifling, for the veil of mourning has descended,
not yet believing, suddenly a quickening heart, beats out an unspoken possibility,
a thought so strangely exhilarating, while forever life changing, can it be true?
The gloomy fog lifts, and in one unexpected exhilarating moment, I have arrived,
astounding this sight, the huge stone torn away from the Saviour's tombs entrance
rubbing tired, tear filled eyes, I cry.. "Rabbi" and in reply I hear, "My child... it is I"

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"We believe you." There is a beautiful story told recently about a woman named Rosemary who works in the Alzheimer's Unit of a nursing home. Rosemary and a colleague named Arlene brought the residents of the home together one Good Friday afternoon to view Franco Zeffirelli's acclaimed production, *Jesus of Nazareth*. They wondered whether these elderly Alzheimer's patients would even know what was going on, but they thought it might be worth the effort. When they finally succeeded in getting everyone into position, they started the video. Rosemary was pleasantly surprised at the quiet attention being paid to the screen. At last came the scene where Mary Magdalene comes upon the empty tomb and sees that Jesus' body is not there. An unknown man, in reality the Risen Christ, asks Mary why she is looking for the living among the dead. Mary runs as fast as she can back to the disciples and tells Peter and the rest with breathless excitement, "He's alive! I saw Him, I tell you! He's alive." The doubt in their eyes causes Mary to pull back. "You don't believe me . . . You don't believe me!" From somewhere in the crowd of Alzheimer's patients came the clear, resolute voice of Esther, one of the patients. "WE BELIEVE YOU," she said, "WE BELIEVE YOU!" [Rosemary Kadmas in Jeff Cavins, et.al, *Amazing Grace for the Catholic Heart* (West Chester, PA: Ascension Press, LLC, 2003), pp. 211-212.].

The parable of the butterfly: As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things!" Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you'd think for all the world that the caterpillar was dead. But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis will begin to writhe, the top will crack open, and a beautifully formed butterfly will emerge. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly will glide aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colours to the bright blossoms. — Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. — Perhaps that is because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of Resurrection. On Easter morning, the disciples saw Jesus' graveclothes on the cold slab, empty, but still lying in the wrapped folds that had gone around and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, the grave clothes left behind, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly which has left it to soar free. "He is risen as He said," (Mt 28:6) an angel told the women who had come to the tomb to anoint His dead Body.

"This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from slavery to sin and evil to the freedom of love and goodness. Because God is life, life alone, and we are his glory: the living person." Pope Francis, Easter Sunday message, 31st March 2013



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
Sat 10th Tony Stapleton
Sun 11th Carmel O'Sullivan

Collection £685.84 Thank You!