

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	01 May	5 00pm		Kate & John Ferry 50th A
Sunday	2nd May	10 00 am		Tony Kavanagh (ill)
Monday	3rd May	10.00 am	Bank Holiday	Jean Greene RIP
Tuesday	4th May	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Ursula Pearson RIP
Wednesday	5th May	9 15 am		James & Mary Conroy RIP A Frank Mulligan RIP 3rd A
Thursday	6th May	9 15 am	Requiem Mass (Family Only)	James Farrell RIP
Friday	7th May	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
	7th May	9 15 am		Fr Savres RIP
Saturday	8th May	5 00pm		Maisie Hope (ill)
Sunday	9th May	10 00 am		Margaret Howe RIP

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HziE4yJJoc)

**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 restricted too**

We are now livestreaming! The link to Holy Family Church YouTube streams are  
 Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HziE4yJJoc>  
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel: <https://youtu.be/nedlJa9gVWs>  
 Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk

Fruit-bearing in Christian life is not of our own independent and unaided making. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us trims and prunes us, teaching us Himself and reminding us of what Jesus taught. It is He who enables us to love Him and to keep His words (John 14:24, 26). This connection results not only in being with Jesus but **being** Jesus as a friend to others and **becoming** Jesus in the process. As St. Paul said, "It is no longer I who live but Christ lives within me," (Gal 2:20). Being attached to Jesus is not necessarily memorising the Bible, saying the right prayers and using the right words, the right gestures and the right theology, though, of course, these are necessary also for our spiritual growth. Being attached to Jesus is being detached from the compulsive desire for everything that is not God: Prestige, power pursuing wealth, and pride. Being attached to Jesus is not **doing** something by ourselves, but **being with** Jesus and **becoming** Jesus in the way we think, feel, act, and react. Being united with Jesus happens when we serve Him hidden in the people we encounter. So, when we inspire a love of learning in our students; when we diminish dissension and instil cooperation in our parish; when we curb quarrels and fill our homes with loving concern; when we go out of our way to help the hungry, those in want, the oppressed, and those who suffer injustice; we are being with Jesus and becoming Jesus for our brothers and sisters. It is by prayer that we are united with Jesus, and keep that union alive and active. Prayer is not a luxury but a necessity. To keep in touch with others we need devices like telephone, emails and others. To keep in touch with Jesus, the source of our spiritual strength, there is no substitute for prayer.

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*  
 Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32*  
 The whole world shall praise the Lord.

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:18-24*  
 God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-8*  
 Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

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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. **Tuesday this week is a webcam only Mass***

**Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish: James "Jim" Farrell, & Patrick Slattery  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are limited to 30 people and are family attendance only.**

**Prayers for the sick, especially Tony Kavanagh, Shirly Kelly, Imelda Cunningham, Gerry Burke, Barry Soden, Maisie Hope**

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**Mother Teresa's servant mentality:** Some years ago, Mother Teresa was asked by a reporter one day, "What is your biggest problem?" Without a moment of hesitation, Mother Teresa answered with one word: "Professionalism." She said: "Here are these servants of Jesus who care for the poorest of the poor. I have one who just went off and came back with her medical degree. Others have come back with registered nurse degrees. Another with a master's in social work... and when they came back with their degrees... their first question always is, 'Where is my office?' Then she said, 'But you know what I do? I send them over to the House of the Dying where they simply hold the hands of dying people for six months, and after that, they're ready to be servants again.'" [Victor D. Pentz, "Take This Job and Love It" *Protestant Hour Sermon*, (3/14/2005), p. 3.] — This was the greatness of Mother Teresa... her unflinching commitment to stay connected to Christ's Servant Mentality

The vineyard and the gardener: In *First Things First*, Roger Merrill relates the story of a busy man who decided to landscape his grounds. He contacted a talented woman with a doctorate in horticulture and experience in landscaping and expressed his desire to hire her to set a garden. But he emphasized to her the need to create a maintenance-free garden with automatic sprinklers and other labour-saving devices because he was too busy to spend much time on upkeep. But she said, "There's one thing you need to deal with before we go any further. If there's no gardener, there's no garden!" — In today's Gospel Jesus asserts that he is the vine, we are the branches and his Heavenly Father is the gardener.

### **I'll be in your heart forever**

As an emerging youth.  
I heard a call, that spoke a timeless truth.  
"I will be in your heart forever"

I am aware ever since,  
no further need to convince,  
of Christ's reassuring presence  
in every grace filled aspect,  
and each faithful attempt,  
every sacred moment,  
all prompted by that same love's endeavour.

For I am engaged in navigating  
the flowing seas of my heart's journeying,  
each triumph is indebted to Christ residing there forever.

This heart is cluttered, spaces filled with complexity  
Dusty in parts, a store full of memory, with glimpses of simplicity

Areas within my heart remain fulfilling, reassuringly spic and span

Never empty, for Christ promised forever to be present,  
this the past, present and future beating heart of a rapidly ageing man.

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***"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!" Pope Francis***

### **Extra Ordinary Ministers**

Sat 8th May Tony Stapleton

Sun 9th May Kien Kirk

**Collection £529.05 Thank You!**

### **Gift aid Envelopes**

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

### **BAPTISMS**

**THERE WILL BE A BAPTISM MEETING IN THE CHURCH ON 17TH MAY AT 7 00PM FOR ALL PARENTS INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AT HOLY FAMILY. WE ARE EXPLORING THE CONCEPT THAT BAPTISM REQUIRES A FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH. BEING BAPTISED AND NEVER APPEARING AGAIN AT CHURCH IS NOT HEALTHY FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE FAMILY OR PARISH.**

Dates have been set for Confirmation and Holy Communion for this year. The preparation for the celebrations are underway.

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly steward greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," he said. "The priest is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am? I'm the priest's mother," she declared indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" the steward asked. "No." she said. "Good," he answered. :-)