

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry

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## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	8th May	5 00pm		Maisie Hope (ill)
Sunday	9th May	10 00 am		Margaret Howe RIP
Monday	10th May	9 15 am		Mason Scott RIP
Tuesday	11th May	9 00 am	Webcam Only	Phylliss Elwick RIP
Wednesday	12th May	9 15 am		Fr Oliver Kemp RIP
Thursday	13th May	9 15 am		James "Jim" Farrell RIP
Friday	14th May	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
	14th May	9 15 am		Fr Savres RIP Catherine Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday	15th May	5 00pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	16th May	10 00 am		Mrs Lingala RIP & Fr Savres RIP

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](#)

**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 are being taken. Weddings are allowed**

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/nedJJa9gVWs>  
 Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk

**Laying down one's life for one's friends:** In 1941, the German Army began to round up Jewish people in Lithuania. Thousands of Jews were murdered. But one German soldier objected to their murder. He was Sergeant Anton Schmid. Through his assistance, the lives of at least 250 Jews were spared. He managed to hide them, find food, and supply them with forged papers. Schmid himself was arrested in early 1942 for saving these lives. He was tried and executed in 1942. It took Germany almost sixty years to honour the memory of this man, Schmid. Said Germany's Defence Minister in 2000, saluting him, "Too many bowed to the threats and temptations of the dictator Hitler, and too few found the strength to resist. But Sergeant Anton Schmid did resist." This is the central of theme of today's Gospel. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." — The hero Schmid went beyond what even Jesus encouraged. He laid down his life for strangers. (Fr. James Gilhooley).

I find the more I am called to maintain church buildings the more I believe in God. Why? Because the past remedy of putting on a sticky plaster over broken electrical wires, or other such temporary fixes means that by the grace of God there were not more accidents! The light switches have been moved because of the water that has soaked the wall by the sacristy. The next step is to get the boiler capped on the church roof, then allow the wall to dry before putting a new circuit board in and then decorating the damage the water has done by and in the sacristy. Fortunately the church has been decorated and the decorations will be smaller in scale.

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptised.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4*

A song of praise for God's salvation

## Second Reading

*1 John 4:7-10*

God is love.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

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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, Tony Kavanagh, & Catherine Fitzgerald  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are limited to 30 people and are family attendance only.***

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

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***The new commandment:*** Jesus clarifies the second of His two-commandment summary of the Torah's Ten Commandments, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," as one short sentence "*Love one another,*" with an added, specific and intimidating parameter, "*as I have loved you.*" "Love one another" is in the present imperative state, grammatically testifying to Jesus' moral intent – that this be a continuous, ever-present love. "As I have loved you," means a selfless, sacrificial, forgiving, and serving love. It is not the feel-good self-indulgent love that TV commercials push, but a selfless, self-giving love — the kind of love that God has shown for us, the kind of love that led Jesus to the cross for us. According to Dr. Murray Watson, "Love one another as I have loved you": the Greek adverb "as" can be understood here in two distinct but related ways. It can mean "Love one another in the same way as I have loved you"; it could also mean "Love one another since I have loved you, because I have loved you". We can understand Jesus' love both as our model and as our motivation. If we are conscious of just how much love Jesus has showered upon us, the only appropriate response is to love in return, and to love by following His example. He is both our inspiration and our role-model.

#### ***Prayer***

I was thinking during the holy hour in church about many things, the mind is racing sometimes, people are affected by this virus in a way that touches them deeply. I was thinking about family, friendship, upcoming events, the funerals I have coming up and the future too, when will this pandemic be over and how will it look like and will we cope in the meantime?

I discern this as prayer, for prayer is that conversation with faith in Christ that addresses emotions and life's circumstances. The psalmist lifted their voices and bowed their heads imploring the Lord, this prayer and the psalmist's cry is that same cry in prayer today. Prayer is the lifeline in a relationship with faith in Christ. The Eucharist, the sacraments, these are nourishment, sustenance, and grace, and as such build the relationship. Prayer is the language, the ongoing daily conversation with faith. Prayer is the glue that cements hope, allowing God's love to be revealed in life. Weakness is not a fleeing from Christ, vulnerability, fragility, these are attitudes of prayer that allow the conversation to continue. When I am joyful the conversation is like that of two friends, close friends, and is magical, wonderfully invigorating. When I am anxious, sad, down, the conversation is tentative, quieter, sombre sometimes.

Prayer is the unburdening of the heart to Christ. Prayer is being quiet and listening, and being a chatterbox too. Different days, slightly different conversations. Prayer is freeing, liberating, and exhilarating. I am loved, and as I struggle to love in return for such a gift, I am loved continually, so that when my conversation is full or empty, I am loved. During this time of pandemic, I am in the present moment, and my prayer is thankful, and is a conversation that contains fears for the future, not knowing where we are going is disconcerting. I am here, I am loved. When I say, "Lord, how will this resolve? How will this look? Will we return to normal?" When I pray, I hear that am loved, and this frustrates me, yet teaches me to trust, to be guided when the light is flickering, and the way ahead is unsure or uncertain.

I don't know all the answers when I am asked by others about faith and hope. I trust, I am guided, I am loved, always. When my prayerful conversation asks why Lord? I am not given a ready made answer, or a glib, trite reply, rather I am loved, and I am to deepen that understanding of being loved, if I am to take strident steps in the flickering darkness. The meaning of prayer for me is finding out that we are loved by God, and that love is the achievement, the ambition, the peace, the hope, we seek daily.

**What do I do with my life? Do I create Unity around me? Or do I cause division by gossip, criticism or envy? Pope Francis  
The Church of Mercy**

#### **Extra Ordinary Ministers**

Sat 15th May Anne Stapleton

Sun 16th May Carmel O'Sullivan

**Collection £677.72 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 Communions for this year. The preparation for the celebrations are underway.