

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	15th May	5 00pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	16th May	10 00 am		Mrs Lingala & Fr Savres RIP
<i>Monday</i>	<i>17th May</i>	<i>9 15 am</i>		<i>Darryl Matthews RIP</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>18th May</i>	<i>9 00 am</i>	<i>Webcam Only</i>	<i>Arthur Gould RIP</i>
Wednesday	19th May	9 15 am		John Scally 5th A RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	20th May	9 15 am		Fr Savres RIP
Friday	21st May	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
	21st May	9 15 am		Jean Greene RIP
Saturday	22nd May	5 00pm		Emma Sheehan
Sunday	23rd May	10 00 am		Austin Cairns RIP

The parish webcam [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvYjE4yIjoc)

**Funerals are restricted to family invites only attending, please do not just turn up. 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/nedIJa9gVWs>  
 Or go to YouTube and search Holy Family Coventry livestreaming The link is also on the parish website hf-cov.org.uk Do subscribe to our channel.

April is the month where we pay out much more than we take in! Insurance is just under £5000 The Parish quarterly levy is again just under £5000 and then we had the repairs to the kitchen and the repair to the electrics in church. The finances are affected by the fewer numbers at church and the less opportunity to fund raise. We are best with generosity and I encourage and thank you all for your generosity in supporting the parish. Please don't forget we do not have an offertory collection taken around but there are baskets at the front and side doors of the church, if you forget to put your offering in as you come to Mass you can do so at the end of Mass.

### THERE IS A CAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND IN CHURCH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PARISH.

There will not be a Gala this year but we re hoping to have a sponsored walk and a socially distanced Afternoon Tea, in aid of parish funds and to support the legacy of Fr Savres. There will be an annual Mass in his memory which will be arranged around the fund raising events mentioned.

A Parish restart will be geared around the roadmap for the end of the pandemic restrictions. There will be a need to renew interest in areas of parish life that has had to be curtailed during the pandemic. I will be asking for parishioners to consider how you can help in the parish. There will be many ways we can get involved and details will be published in the newsletter in the months ahead. It will not be a case of expecting suddenly everything to click back into place. There is an opportunity to look afresh at what the parish does and this may involve change.

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20a,20c-26*

Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place among the apostles.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20*

Bless the Lord who rules heaven and earth.

### Second Reading

*1 John 4:11-16*

God is seen in our love for one another.

### Gospel Reading

*John 17:11b-19*

Jesus prays for his disciples.

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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: Darryl Matthews, Shirley Kelly, James "Jim" Farrell, Tony Kavanagh, & Catherine Fitzgerald Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord... Funerals are family invite only***

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

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I mentioned last week about the changes that are in place during a pandemic celebration of Mass. Sanitising hands, face coverings, distancing, stewards, communion at the end of Mass, no distribution of the chalice, no sign of peace offered, that includes no waving or bowing. For me the changes have made me think deeply about my attitude to the Mass. I don't take it for granted, and the restrictions placed, especially the absence of the sign of peace has led me to think about families whose own families are far away, made absent physically by the pandemic and I can feel their pain acutely. There are places where the Mass cannot be celebrated and I am grateful we can still come to Mass and express our faith freely, though with some restrictions and changes.

A sense of humour in church leaders is essential for Christian unity. Pope John XXIII had it. When asked by a reporter how many people worked in the Vatican, pope answered, "About half of them!" On another occasion, when he was being interviewed by the media, the Pope was asked what he would tell the Church to do today if he knew that Christ's return was to occur tomorrow. He smiled and answered, "Look busy."

***"I am drawing a picture of God. "Chicken Soup for the Soul [Jack Cornfield and Mark V. Hansen, (Deerfield Beach FL: Health Communications Inc., 1993).] is a delightful anthology of stories poems and anecdotes about the extraordinary moments of our ordinary lives. Included among its varied collection is a story about a little girl. She and her mother had just returned home from Church and the child went immediately to her desk and began to draw. After watching her work intently for a while, the mother asked, "What are you drawing, dear?" "A picture of God," came the reply. "But," said the mother, "no one has ever seen God. No one knows what God really looks like." Undeterred and still at work, the girl answered, "They will when I'm finished!" — The charming naiveté of this little girl provides believers with a key for understanding one of the most profound aspects of Johannine theology. Like the mother in this story, the Johannine author told his readers, "No one has ever seen God. . . yet if we love one another as God has loved us, then God's love is brought to perfection in us" (v. 12). In all we say and in all we do in the course of our life, we are, as it were, a living, breathing, drawing or illustration of who God is. Inasmuch as our life and love are an authentic facsimile of the life and love of God, then when our life's portrait is given its final stroke, people will know what God looks like.***

The first reading, taken from Acts, tells us how the eleven apostles as one unit, relying on the power of God, elected Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot. This incorporation was an action done by the whole community under the chairmanship of Peter. They chose Matthias by lot — by prayer submitting the process to the power of God and in Faith, accepted the result as His will. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) thanks God forgiving our transgressions, putting them "as far [from us] as the east is from the west." The second reading, taken from John's first epistle to the Church, emphasizes the centrality of love in our Christian living. The apostle deals with disunity in the Church by teaching the members the basis of true Christian love and unity. For John, love and unity among Christians is the first and most important witness for believers to bear. In today's Gospel passage, taken from Jesus' high-priestly prayer, Jesus prays in particular, for those disciples who are sharing the meal with him. The core of Jesus' message is love, a love that is to be manifested not only in nice-sounding words but, more convincingly, in the genuine acts of love that will bind his disciples together into one community. The world cannot be evangelized by competing Churches, and that is why Jesus prayed that his disciples might be as fully one as he and the Father are one.

***"Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness." Pope Francis***

#### **Extra Ordinary Ministers**

Sat 22nd May Martina Haggarty

Sun 23rd May Kien Kirk

#### **Collection £511 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. We would like to encourage families involved in these celebrations to return to weekly attendance at Mass. Children not in school will have to apply for Holy Communion and Confirmation separately from these dates.