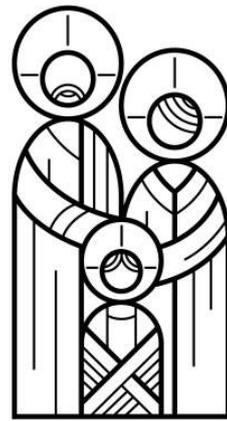


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Saturday	4th Sept	5 00pm	
Sunday	5th Sept	10 00 am	
Monday	6th Sept	9 15 am	
Monday	6th Sept	10.30 am	Funeral Service
Tuesday	7th Sept	9 15 am	
Wednesday	8th Sept	9 15 am	
Wednesday	8th Sept	1.15 pm	Funeral Service
Thursday	9th Sept	9.15 am	
Friday	10th Sept	8 00 am	Holy Hour
Friday	10th Sept	9 15 am	
Saturday	11th Sept	5 00pm	
Sunday	12th Sept	10 00 am	

Breda Edwards RIP 8th A
 Tony Burton RIP A Netta McNiff RIP 2nd
 Fr Sarves RIP 1st A
 Patrick Considine RIP
 Colette Murphy 46th Birthday
 Delia Forbes RIP A
 Brenda O'Sullivan RIP
 Mervin Haywood RIP

People of the Parish
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The Parish Webcam Livestream [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

On the 1st Anniversary of Fr Sarveswara's death, we will be holding an appeal and collection for the continuing work in India, at Balamma Satram at Holy Family. This appeal will be at Masses THIS weekend, 4th 5th September. It is an opportunity to offer support in difficult times. The pandemic has made the crisis worse and also meant there are more destitute people who desperately need help and support, the mission helps all in extreme poverty regardless of religion or status. There are Carmelite Religious Sisters who are at the mission at present doing what they can to provide shelter and relief, they would benefit from prayerful and financial help.

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 Do subscribe to our channel.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION WILL RESUME DURING MASS, YOU CAN STILL PUT YOUR COLLECTION IN AT THE BEGINNING OR THE END OF MASS TOO. DO THINK ABOUT GIFT AIDING IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER OR TAKING A STANDING ORDER.

Extra Ordinary Ministers Sat 11th Sept Tony Stapleton Sun 12th Sept Carmel O'Sullivan

Scripture Readings

First Reading
Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

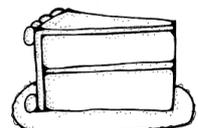
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10
 A song of praise to God

Second Reading
James 2:1-5
 James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Reading
Mark 7:31-37
 Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

CAKE SALE

Next Weekend at Masses there will be a cake sale to help raise funds for the parish Please support



Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish Brenda O'Sullivan, Patrick James Considine, Rosemarie McEvoy and Sue Hughes

Pray for the sick, Gerry Burke, Padda & Julie Hughes, Philip Gilheaney, Teresa Oliverio, and Michael Moten

Altar servers are able to return to serving Mass

Pastoral plans for the future of the diocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision

BAPTISMS

THE NEXT BAPTISM MEETING FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE A BAPTISM IS IN THE CHURCH THIS MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 7 00PM

Last weekend was the final weekend for now when Holy Communion was distributed at the end of Mass. From this week we will reinstate the time for Holy Communion to the usual place during Mass. Our coming out of the pandemic is slow and steady and we always follow the guidelines given.

Darkness

The Lord's Prayer
whispered in darkness,
mumbled,
half remembered
when grief pays an unwelcome visit.

"Thy kingdom come"
once joyfully spoken,
now lost to primary school words,
long since abandoned,
its meaning over time, obscured,
eroded by soft soaked attention,
spoken words, a token to lip service,
this once cherished idea,
rapidly becomes a distant memory.

The heart remains far away
seeking something to fill each day,
searching for that reassurance
that life is leading somewhere
other than six feet under,
hoping to find that which
will hold the trembling hand,
steady the frightened breathing
during the night's sojourn into darkness.

*"Give us dear Father, our daily bread,
lead us, guide us, securely, always beside us."*

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In priestly ministry I come across many well meaning people, who for whatever reason are lapsed from faith. And I hope from my heart that as the darkness turns to light, they will see that Christ never abandoned them, but remained always with them, calling them to the flickering light of faith, sharing the burden, dispelling the effects of the darkness. The Lord's Prayer, even half remembered, is hope for the way in the fog and complication of living.



"Our days would be happier if we gave people a bit of our hearts instead of a piece of our minds."

Collection £766.86 Thank You! The church sacristy is being painted due to the water damage. Monies raised help support our church.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE HOME St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short-term respite care. For more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

Coventry City Of Culture 2021 Faith: Friday 10 September. Faith is a 24-hour invitation to explore these big questions through the beliefs of people of faith, and of non-religious world views, through music, theatre, installation, and ritual. Throughout the day, a visual and theatrical tapestry will be created in locations across the city and online, finishing in an extraordinary ceremony of light that everyone can take part

<https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/faith/>

"BLESS ME FATHER"

A play exploring Irish Immigration to Coventry, Followed by refreshments and a chance to reflect on personal experiences of Irish people arriving in Coventry. At Christ the King Church On Saturday 11th September at 10.30am All welcome— Free admission

Faith Open House. Catholic Churches taking part – Christ the King (10am-4pm), St Osburg (10am-4pm), and St Mary and Benedict's (9am-4pm). St. Stanislaus Kostka RC Church (10am-4pm). More information: <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/faith-open-house/>

Today's Scripture readings offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy, and the marginalized in our society. Today's Scripture also invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others. The first reading (Is 35:4-7), reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. God especially cares for *"the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute,"* and He encourages the powerless to *"be strong and fearless."* Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146), sings of a God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. The Psalmist thanks God and asks us to rejoice because *"the God of Jacob keeps Faith forever,"* keeping His promise of peace and fullness of life for His people. That is why, in today's second reading (Jas 2:1-5), the apostle gives us some basic, challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's *"preferential option for the poor."* He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf man with a speech impediment, fulfils Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, *"The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped."* The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbour, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability to speak words of praise, apology, forgiveness, and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless