

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## **28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Saturday	9th Oct	5 00pm		Michael & Gwynneth Porter 50th Wed A
Sunday	10th Oct	10 00 am		Collette Murphy RIP 3rd A
Monday	11th Oct	9 15 am		John Power RIP
Monday	11th Oct	6.00 pm	Reception/Mass	Philip Gilheaney RIP
Tuesday	12th Oct	9 15 am		Merin Joy 21st Birthday
Tuesday	12th Oct	12 Noon	Requiem	Philip Gilheaney RIP
Wednesday	13th Oct	9 15 am		Liam Keeling RIP Birthday
Thursday	14th Oct	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Friday	15th Oct	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	15th Oct	9 15 am	Harvest (children attending)	People of the Parish
Saturday	16th Oct	5 00pm		Philomena Lyttle RIP A Peter McDonald 17th A RIP
Sunday	17th Oct	10 00 am		John & Catherine Boyle deceased fam

**Confessions on request before Mass at weekend. Sunday obligation to return on the 1st Sunday of Advent this year.**

**Fr David Barry, Spiritual director to the Coventry Pioneers will be celebrating Mass for Philip Gilheaney on Monday in Holy Family at 6 00pm following the reception into church.**

## **We are now livestreaming! HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube**

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HziE4ylJoc>  
 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.

**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 16th Oct Tony Stapleton Sun 17th Oct Carmel O'Sullivan

It is still recommended that we sanitise when entering church and that we wear face coverings when gathering in church with large numbers present. Funerals and other events fit into the same expectation. Covid-19 is still around and people are being infected still. It is advisable to keep the guidelines for a little while longer.

**Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish and beyond  
 Kathleen O'Loughlin, Peter Anwyl, (Fr Bernard's brother) Kate FitzGerald (McLintock)  
 Philip Gilheaney**

**Pray for the sick, Gerry Burke, Julie Hughes, Teresa Oliverio, Michael Moten, Mick Green, Eleanor Birtles and Sarah Higgins**

Pastoral plans for the future of the diocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision)

**Readers Thank you to those who have volunteered to read. Anyone who would like to be a reader let me know and a rota will be produced from Advent onwards.**

## **First Reading**

*Wisdom 7:7-11*  
 Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17*  
 The Lord fills us with love and joy.

## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 4:12-13*  
 The Word of God exposes the heart.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 10:17-30*  
 A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

## **Young at Heart**

Thursday at 10 am. Meeting in the hall this week. All welcome.



**BAPTISMS THE NEXT MEETING FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE A BAPTISM IS IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 7 00PM**

**There is a new email address to contact me for parish enquiries:** [fr.patrick.brennan@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.patrick.brennan@rcaob.org.uk)

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

Collection £635.39. Thank You! Thank you for the £500 donation we received this week for parish funds.

**A Lunchtime Prayer:** Written by a Cardinal Newman Student Sonny McGovern **“We thank you Lord for the food before us, the roof over us, the friends around us, and the love within us. Amen. St John Henry Newman Pray for us.**

**ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS**

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 12.30pm - St Osburg’s Church, Upper Hill Street, Coventry CV1 4AQ. Celebrant: Bishop David Evans and Concelebrants - Marking One World Week and World Mission Sunday. All are Welcome Please bring Food from your Country of Origin to Share.



**SCRIPTURE** Today’s readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. But, in reality our “possessions” often possess us, and we become their prisoners. What we really do is give our “things” top priority in our lives. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God. The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true wisdom rather than to seek vanishing realities like riches or political and social influence. Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else. But when he accepted Wisdom, he received everything else along with her. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put following Jesus ahead

of everything else, we receive everything else along with Jesus. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), we beg God to teach us how to make proper judgments and choices in our lives that we may live with Him forever. The second reading warns us that we are *accountable before God* as to how we use our blessings and that the *“living and effective word of God”* must be our guide in evaluating our use of God’s blessings. Today’s Gospel selection (Mk 10: 17-30), gives us Jesus’ teaching on the dangers of attachment to riches and the rewards awaiting those who put Jesus and the Good News before their earthly ambitions. Here we find three sections: a narrative about Jesus’ encounter with a rich man, Jesus’ sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship, and Jesus’ promised reward for those who share material possessions with the needy. In today’s Gospel, a rich man encounters Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, and Jesus reminds the rich man of the commandments that deal with our relationships with other people, challenging him to sell what he has and to give the money to the poor. Jesus’ challenge exposes two missing pieces in the rich man’s life: a sense of compassion for the poor and a willingness to share his blessings with the needy. Jesus shocks the disciples with this challenge to the Jewish belief that material wealth and prosperity are signs of God’s blessings, while poverty and difficulties signal His displeasure. Instead, Jesus declares that true religion consists in sharing one’s blessings with others rather than hoarding them and/or getting inordinately attached to them. Jesus’ teaching exposes the shallowness of our own easy assumptions about wealth and raises questions about the real basis of our security and hopes.

**Heroic poverty that St. Francis and St. Clare:** As we know very well, St. Francis of Assisi found complete freedom and joy only when he gave up all his possessions. Clare of Assisi agreed. When this noble young fellow-townsmen of St. Francis first heard Francis preach on the Gospel invitation “sell what we have and give to the poor,” she was fired with the same desire to put her life and her needs wholly in the hands of God. Why spend our lives trying to push a camel through the eye of a needle? Francis assisted her in her decision and she became the foundress of the first convent of Franciscans of the Second Order, commonly called the “Poor Clares.” Her nuns could not go forth from the convent on apostolic missions as the Franciscan friars did. But they could practice within the convent walls the most drastic poverty. Clare’s reward, like that of Francis, was a radiant sense of liberation. She emptied herself, and then asked God, as we do in today’s response, “Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!” When she finally came to the end of her life of poverty, penance, and prayer, Clare bore her last illness with sublime patience. One day she was heard to say to herself, “Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother.” “Blessed be you, O God,” she exclaimed, “for having created me!” – God does not call all of us to the heroic poverty that St. Francis and St. Clare practiced. But even if we do become poor, whether through vow or through financial loss, there is one possession we can never be deprived of: the gift of being – and of being ourselves and nobody else. For that gift we can always sing for joy and gladness! –(Fr. Robert F. McNamara)

A priest new to his parish popped into a weekly meeting of some of the parishioners, who sat around with tea and biscuits. He jokingly asked “whose character are you assassinating today?” He expected laughter, but was greeted by silence, the looks he got would have killed the bravest of people! As he left he said “you know I am a priest but I am also a phycis, because when I leave the room I know exactly whose character you will be assassinating next!