

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Saturday	23rd Oct	5 00 pm	
Sunday	24th Oct	10 00 am	
Monday	25th Oct	9 15 am	
Tuesday	26th Oct	9 15 am	
Wednesday	27th Oct	9 15 am	
Thursday	28th Oct	9 15 am	
Friday	29th Oct	8 00 am	Holy Hour
Friday	29th Oct	9 15 am	
Saturday	30th Oct	5 00 pm	
Sunday	31st Oct	10 00 am	

John Ferry RIP A
 People of the Parish
 Philip Gilheaney RIP Months Mind
 Mrs Brigid Brennan Birthday
 Liam Keeling RIP A
 Fr Sarves RIP

Thanksgiving Our Blessed Lady
 Sean O'Donoghue RIP 5th A
 People of the Parish

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

There is to be a Christmas Draw this year and the tickets will go on sale from the 1st Week in November onwards. There is a cash first prize and other prizes too. Monies are raised for the parish.

We are now livestreaming! [HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6HziE4yJoc)

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HziE4yJoc>

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 Do subscribe to our channel.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION HAS RESUMED 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 30th Oct Tony Stapleton Sun 31st 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. Thank you for following the safety guidelines.

Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish and beyond

Phyllis Oliver and Donato Demarinis

Pray for the sick, Mick Green, 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

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.

Our MP Taiwo Owatemi will visit the parish in a week or so, a chance to welcome and also challenge too. Topics about assisted dying, abortion are as relevant as social and economic issues

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

A song of praise to God who does great things

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

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

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

Collection £703.91. Thank You!

Cake Sale. At Masses next weekend 30th 31st October. Please support.

Scripture readings summarized: The first reading tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God healed the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People by subjecting them to captivity in Babylon and then liberated them, bringing them back to their homeland. This journey foreshadows the Jerusalem journey of Jesus in the company of the lame and the blind and, with the healing of the blind Bartimaeus, fulfils Jeremiah’s joyful prophecy of the exiled Jews’ return from Babylonian captivity to their homeland. Today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126) gives us the same encouraging promise: *“Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing!”* Today’s second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and as the great *High Priest*. Identifying Jesus as the true *High Priest* of the New Testament, the reading also gives us the assurance that, as the *High Priest*, Jesus is sympathetic to us because He has shared our human nature. Today’s Gospel explains how Jesus showed the mercy and compassion of his Heavenly Father by healing Bartimaeus, a blind man. Just as *the blind and the lame* were God’s concern in the first reading, Jesus was concerned with the blind beggar, Bartimaeus of Jericho. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting Faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting, *“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”* As Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak (suggesting, perhaps, the baptismal divesting). His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus.

“There is one other thing,” the driver said: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, told a story on himself. He was waiting for a taxi outside the railway station in Paris. When the taxi pulled up, he put his suitcase in it and then got in the taxi. As he was about to tell the taxi-driver where he wanted to go, the driver asked him: “Where can I take you, Mr. Doyle?” Doyle was astounded. He asked the driver if he knew him by sight. The driver said: “No Sir, I have never seen you before.” Doyle was puzzled and asked him how he knew he was Arthur Conan Doyle. The driver replied: “This morning’s paper had a story that you were on vacation in Marseilles. This is the taxi-stand where people who return from Marseilles always wait. Your skin colour tells me you have been on vacation. The ink-spot on your right index finger suggests to me that you are a writer. Your clothing is very English, and not French. Adding up all those pieces of information, I deduce that you are Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.” Doyle exclaimed, “This is truly amazing. You are a real-life counter-part to my fictional creation, Sherlock Holmes.” “There is one other thing,” the driver said. “What is that?” Doyle asked. “Your name is on the front of your suitcase.” It wasn’t the powers of deduction. It was the power of observation. That taxi driver’s lenses were clean enough to observe what was going on around him. He had the Proper Focus. The blind man in today’s Gospel had such a focus on Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and his only healer.



CARRIERS OF HOPE Donations for refugee support in the city of Coventry – Tuesday 26th October from 11am – 1pm. Collection place at St Finbarr’s Social Club, 303 Holbrook Lane, Coventry, CV6 4DG. The following donations are welcome! Cooking Oil, Flour, Chocolate spread, salt, dried black eyed beans. CHRISTMAS DONATIONS – Selection boxes, toiletry sets. Cheques made payable to “Carriers of Hope Coventry”.

Please be aware of the Assisted Dying Bill, which is very worrying from a moral point of view. Doctors are not happy with this and as Catholics, we should express our concerns with the pressure it puts on the sick and elderly. Please consider writing to the MP Taiwo Owatemi - Email: taiwo.owatemi.mp@parliament.uk, Tel. No. 0207 219 5842.

Youth Group & Children’s Liturgy

The Youth group will be returning to meet on Tuesday the 4th November 7 –8 30 pm in the Parish Hall. A letter is being prepared to invite and explain more about the meetings.

We are hoping to start the Children’s Liturgy in the near future. We will therefore require volunteers to help take turns in leading the liturgy. A reminder that the Children’s Liturgy takes place during the 10 am Sunday Mass, at the beginning of Mass the children and those who are helping with the liturgy go into the side chapel for their own version of the readings, so as to help them better understand. If you want to help please let Fr Pat know.