

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday	30th Oct	5 00 pm		Sean O'Donoghue RIP 5th A
Sunday	31st Oct	10 00 am		People of the Parish
Monday	1st Nov	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Tuesday	2nd Nov	9 15 am	All Souls	All Souls
Wednesday	3rd Nov	9 15 am		Peter Anwyl RIP
Thursday	4th Nov	9 15 am		Fr Aengus Donlon RIP A
Friday	5th Nov	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	5th Nov	9 15 am		Philip Gilheaney RIP
Saturday	6th Nov	5 00 pm		John Meehan RIP A
Sunday	7th Nov	10 00 am		Edward McNiff RIP A

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 13/14th November onwards. There is a cash first prize and other prizes too. Monies are raised for the parish.

We are now livestreaming!

Main Stream:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

[HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube](https://youtu.be/6HziE4yJoc)

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<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 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 6th Nov Tony Stapleton Sun 7th Oct Kien Kirk

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, Frances 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 next weekend, a chance to welcome and also challenge too. Topics about assisted dying, abortion are as relevant as social and economic issues

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51

A prayer of praise to God our strength

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

Young at Heart

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



BAPTISMS 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 £603.23. Thank You!

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

Diversity of Saints One thing that strikes you first about the Saints is their diversity. It would be very difficult to find a single pattern of holiness, a single way of following Christ common to all. There is Thomas Aquinas, the towering intellectual, and John Vianney (the Curé d’Ars), who barely made it through the seminary. There is Vincent de Paul, a saint in the city, and there is Antony who found sanctity in the harshness and loneliness of the desert. There is Bernard kneeling on the hard stones of Clairvaux in penance for his sins, and there is Hildegard of Bingen singing and throwing flowers, madly in love with God. There is Albertus Magnus, the quirky scientist, half-philosopher and half-wizard, and there is Gerard Manley Hopkins, the gentle poet. There is Peter, the hard-nosed and no-nonsense fisherman, and there is Edith Stein, secretary to Edmund Husserl and colleague to Martin Heidegger, the most famous philosopher of the twentieth century. There is Joan of Arc, leading armies into war, and there is Francis of Assisi, the peacenik who would never hurt an animal. There is the grave and serious Jerome, and there is Philip Neri, whose spirituality was based on laughter. How do we explain this diversity? God is an artist, and artists love to change their styles. The saints are God’s masterpieces, and He never tires of painting them in different colours, different styles, and in different circumstances. What does this mean for us? It means we should not try to imitate any one Saint exactly. We need to look to them all, study their unique holiness, but then find that specific colour God has intended for our lives and holiness. St. Catherine of Siena was right: “Be who God meant *you* to be and you will set the world on fire.” Fr. Robert Barron

The feast and its objectives: The feast gives us an occasion to thank God for having invited so many of our ancestors to join the company of the saints. May our reflection on the heroic lives of the saints and the imitation of their lifestyle enable us to hear from our Lord the words of grand welcome to eternal bliss: “*Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joys of your master*” (Mt 25:21). Today is also a day for us to pray to the saints, both the canonized and the uncanonized, asking them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness like theirs, and so receive the same reward. All baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory are considered saints. All Saints Day is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. In fact, we celebrate the feast of each canonized saint on a particular day of the year. But there are countless other saints and martyrs, men, women, and children, united with God in Heavenly glory, whose feasts we do not celebrate. Among these would be our own parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters who were heroic women and men of Faith. *All Saints Day* is intended to honour their memory. Hence, today’s feast can be called the feast of the Unknown Saint, in line with the tradition of the “Unknown Soldier.” According to Pope Urban IV, *All Saints’ Day* is also intended to supply any deficiencies in our celebration of feast of saints during the year. In addition, the feast is observed to teach us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, *the only mediator between God and man* (I Tim. 2:5). Today, the Church reminds us that God’s call for holiness is universal and that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. *Holiness* is related to the word *wholesomeness*. We show *holiness* when we live lives of integrity and truth, that is, wholesome and integrated lives in which we are close to others — all God’s children — while being close to God

Youth Group & Children’s Liturgy

The Youth group will be returning to meet this Tuesday the 4th November 7 –8 30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

Singing will begin again with hymn books and Mass books being returned for Advent, it is not easy singing through a mask! But I am sure I will be able to lead the singing for the Sunday Masses from Advent.

Boxes of Christmas cards will be on the table at the back of church in a couple of weeks time for sale and will be individually priced with a basket beside for the money

November Lists. There are envelopes at the back for you to list the names of those who have died and we will remember them during Masses in November, you may add a donation if you wish. Four Masses will be celebrated to remember our loved ones, parishioners, clergy, and those who have died in the pandemic. There is also a book of Remembrance where the anniversaries of loved ones can be added.

“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” Pope Benedict