

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C			
Saturday	27th Nov	5 00 pm	
Sunday	28th Nov	10 00 am	
Monday	29th Nov	9 15 am	
Tuesday	30th Nov	9 15 am	
Wednesday	1st Dec	9 15 am	
Thursday	2nd Dec	9 15 am	
Thursday	2nd Dec	11 00 am	Funeral Service
Friday	3rd Dec	8 00 am	Holy Hour
Friday	3rd Dec	9 15 am	
Saturday	4th Dec	5 00 pm	
Sunday	5th Dec	10 00 am	

Kate FitzGerald (McLintock)
 Hilda Almeida, Guillermo Sarauz, & Lola Gomez RIP
 Fr Sarves RIP
 John Jo McHendry 29th A RIP Bob Smith RIP A
 Iain Richardson RIP A
 Agnes Mary Murray RIP
 Russell Kennedy RIP

Kathleen Judge RIP
 People of the Parish
 Mario Olim & Aliete & Afredo Pereira RIP

Confessions on request before Mass at weekend. Note: The Sunday obligation has not returned yet.

We are now livestreaming!

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yJoc>
Our Lady Chapel: <https://youtu.be/nedIJa9VWs>

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 4th Dec Prashadi Rigters Sun 4th Dec Kien Kirk

We sanitise when entering church and we wear face coverings when gathering in church with large numbers present. Funerals and other events fit into the same expectation. It is advisable to keep the guidelines for a little while longer.

Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish
Brian Barber, Kathleen Collins and Russell Kennedy

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

“As we light our Advent candles, adding a new one each week, we move from darkness to light. Our ritual symbolically anticipates the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who will actually move us from darkness to light if we will let Him. Advent invites us to worship at the manger, but if we stop there, we have missed the meaning of Christ’s birth. His advent is the beginning of the path that takes Jesus from the light of the wonderful star that signals His birth, to the terrible darkness of his full and final sacrifice on the cross, and then on to the blinding brilliant light of His resurrection. As we return to the manger at the end of Advent, let us not forget the meaning of his birth and the purpose of His life. He came to save, deliver, and redeem us: O come, let us adore Him!”

First Reading
Jeremiah 33:14-16
 The Lord will fulfil his promises to Israel and Judah.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
 The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
 Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
 Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

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 MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 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 £658 Thank You!

Youth Group

The Youth group meets Tuesdays the 7–8 30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Christ The King: Christmas Community Lunch. Monday 6th December 12.15 pm Silver Service, 3 course traditional Christmas dinner, tea/coffee mince pies, Entertainment and treats. Limited tickets available, £20 pp
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Christmas Draw. There is a £500 cash first prize and other prizes too. Monies are raised for the parish. Tickets in church

The Synod 2021-23 More information can be found on the diocesan website:

[The Synod, 2021 - 2023 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://The Synod, 2021 - 2023 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust (birminghamdiocese.org.uk))

Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan

A two-year synodal process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'

There will be a blessing of graves at St Pauls on Sunday 5th December at 2 00pm There will be a short service of prayers and if you bring bottles of water I will bless them.



“Watch the road.” There is a beautiful anecdote given by Msgr. Arthur Tonne clarifying the message of today’s Gospel. Several years ago a bus driver in Oklahoma reached an unusual record. In 23 years he had driven a bus over 900,000 miles without a single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: “Watch the road.” In today’s Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: “*Be vigilant at all times,*” “*Stand erect,*” “*Raise your heads,*” “*Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy.*” This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life. A good football player or basketball player should always concentrate his attention on the ball and the players. A good student must be alert, awake and attentive, watching the teacher and listening to his or her words. A good Catholic in the Church must be physically and mentally alert, watching the altar and actively

participating in the prayers and songs. Like the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking at the past year and the other looking into future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past event of the first coming of Jesus into the world and expectantly look forward to Jesus’ second coming in glory.

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God’s merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ into our lives. Besides Jesus’ first coming at birth, we are asked to reflect on Christ’s coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, and at the end of human history (the second coming). The word Advent comes from the Latin ‘*advenio*’, which literally means “come to.” During this Advent season we ourselves should consider “coming to” Christ, by “*abounding in love... for all,*” because Christ has already “come to” us in Baptism. Just as we ended the previous liturgical season with an apocalyptic description of the end of the world we begin the new season of Advent with similar apocalyptic warnings. The Church invites us to join a pilgrimage of Faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ’s first coming (advent), through the prophecy of Jeremiah, and a prophetic vision of Christ’s glorious, final Second Coming (Parousia) through the Gospel selection from Luke, while reminding us, through the second reading, of Christ’s daily coming into our lives here and now in our brothers and sisters — everyone for whom He died. She also reminds us that these are days of “*joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus’ coming*” because the Advent season is intended to fill us with great expectations of the coming of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child and make preparations for receiving the child into their family. We know that all valuable things in life – a healthy child, a loving marriage relationship, a work of art, a scientific discovery – need a period of quiet incubation.

COVENTRY PIONEER ASSOCIATION the next Coventry Pioneer Meeting will be on Monday 13th December at 2.00pm in the Library at Christ the King Church.

Blessing of the Christmas Crib. Every year the Catholic Parishes of the city provide the crib for the city centre. The Crib will be in Broadgate and will be Blessed at 4.00pm this Sunday 28th November (the First Sunday of Advent) This year people are able to attend.

Walk with me Booklets are available to pick up in church to help with our prayers during this advent season

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