

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Saturday	4th Dec	5 00 pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	5th Dec	10 00 am		Mario Olim & Aliete & Afredo Pereira RIP
Monday	6th Dec	9 15 am		Catherine Boyle RIP A
Tuesday	7th Dec	9 15 am		Ursula Pearson RIP Birthday
Wednesday	8th Dec	9 15 AM	Immaculate Conception	Fr Sarves RIP Sp Int
Thursday	9th Dec	9 15 am		Kim Simmons RIP Birthday
Friday	10th Dec	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	10th Dec	9 15 am		Philip Gilheaney RIP
Friday	10th Dec	12 noon	Requiem Mass	Kathleen Collins RIP
Saturday	11th Dec	5 00 pm		Sp Int (NM)
Sunday	12th Dec	10 00 am		Teresa & Arthur Hawthorne RIP A

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

We are now livestreaming!

Main Stream:

Our Lady Chapel:

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

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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 11th Dec Tony Stapleton Sun 12th Dec Carmel O'Sullivan

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.

The Advent season challenges us to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' first coming. We are also to prepare for Christ's present "coming" to us in God's Word, in the Eucharist, in our neighbours, in the Christian community, and in the abiding presence of the Holy Trinity in our souls. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Christ as our Judge both at the end of our lives and at the end of the world when Jesus will come with power and great glory on the clouds of Heaven as Judge, bringing our waiting to its everlasting completion. The readings today invite us to recall God's saving deeds in the history of Israel, culminating in the coming of the promised Messiah.

CHRISTMAS DRAW. THERE IS A £500 CASH FIRST PRIZE AND OTHER PRIZES TOO. MONIES ARE RAISED FOR THE PARISH. TICKETS IN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

Young at Heart

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

CAKE SALE 18TH 19TH DEC TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PARISH PLEASE SUPORT.



This Sacred Time of Advent

There is a point to advent.
It's not the bit before Christmas,
rather something spiritual, something meant.

A voice cries from the desert air...
Prepare!

From the midst of the wilderness
John the Baptist is sent
Straighten the path taken, he shouts,
Repent!

The angel Gabriel,
speaks wonderous words to a maiden.
Who in that fearful light surrounding her,
bows in agreement.
To a message of a promise,
a continuation
of divine intervention,
loves ultimate fulfilment.

A time of waiting
Praying for the Lord's coming

In a stable in Bethlehem,
in the familiar stench of poverty's humble scent,
piercing the fabric of time, as a new born infant.

Later walking
the dust of his very creating
healing, restoring, teaching,
touching the lives of the people
in every town,
throughout all of time,
in each and every place he went.

Breathing the air,
Telling his disciples to prepare.

Then brutally slain upon a cross,
three days later, rising from death,
inviting human flesh to touch grisly holes the
nails made.

His peace bestowed,
his kingly glory was eternally displayed.

Our hearts declare he will come again,
we stay awake, we are vigilant.
As we wait, we make the most of this sacred
time of Advent.

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***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. The other cemetery
blessings will take place in the spring.***

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.

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 £724 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 June 02476 332744. Helen 02476 275775

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

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



Second Sunday in Advent Baruch, in the first reading, asks the
grieving Jerusalem to stand on the
heights in order to see her scattered
children coming home, with God in the
lead. This reminds us that all of us, like
Israel in her exile, have been led into
the captivity of sin. Hence, we are in
need of restoration and conversion by
the Word of the Holy One. Today's
Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126), is the
joyous song of ascent, sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem.
We see those who had gone into exile weeping now returning
"rejoicing, carrying their sheaves." In writing to his beloved
community at Philippi, Paul, in today's second reading, prays that
they may be filled with joy as they await the day of Christ. Paul
reminds us that our remembrance of God's saving deeds during the
Advent season is meant to stir our Faith and to fill us with
confidence that, *"the One who began a good work in us will
continue to complete it,"* until Jesus comes again in glory. In the
Gospel, John the Baptist challenges us to prepare the way for the
salvation of "all flesh," including our own, by a true repentance
leading to the renewal of our lives. Fulfilling the Lord God's words to
Israel through Isaiah, John, by his preaching of repentance and a
change of life is *"the voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare
the way of the Lord, make straight His paths...'"* For us, this com-
mand means that we are to prepare a royal road in our hearts for
our Saviour, a way that will take us from the wilderness of sin and
alienation to God.

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Teresa McLintock would like to thank parishioners for prayers cards
and support given to her at the death of her daughter Kate. Mass
will be offered for your intentions.