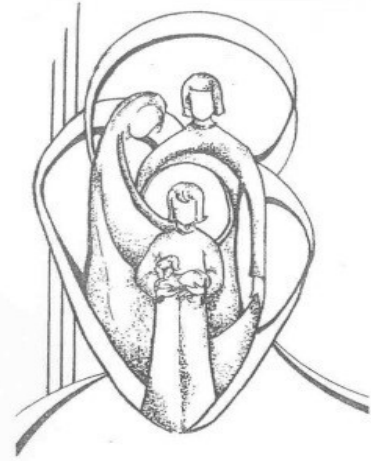


Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Saturday	11th Dec	5 00 pm		Sp Int (NM)
Sunday	12th Dec	10 00 am		Teresa & Arthur Hawthorne RIP A
Monday	13th Dec	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Tuesday	14th Dec	9 15 am		Kathleen Bayliss RIP
Wednesday	15th Dec	9 15 am		Philip Gilheaney RIP
Thursday	16th Dec	9 15 am		Lillie Tracey
Friday	17th Dec	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	17th Dec	9 15 am		End of Term (thanksgiving)
			The school will be attending the Mass on Friday morning	
Saturday	18th Dec	5 00 pm		Deborah Ormsby RIP 1st A Philip McGuinness RIP 53rd A
Sunday	19th Dec	10 00 am		Michael McHugh RIP 2nd A

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

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

CHRISTMAS DRAW. THERE IS A £500 CASH FIRST PRIZE AND OTHER PRIZES TOO. MONIES ARE RAISED FOR THE PARISH. TICKETS IN CHURCH THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER AFTER MASS A LIST OF THE PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CHRISTMAS DRAW



Covid-19 Updates:

The Government have now made facial coverings mandatory for all public buildings including churches. This applies to Masses, funerals, baptisms and any gathering in the church. We have kept up this over the weeks. The procedure for attending church is to sanitise when coming in, and to wear facial coverings. Please do respect the stewards who are helping us to attend church as safely as possible. If you have any symptoms of Covid 19 please stay at home and watch from the live stream.

Christmas Mass times at Holy Family

Christmas Eve Masses 6 00 pm and Midnight
Christmas Day Masses 8 30 am and 10 00 am

There will be times for confession in the week before Christmas before Masses.

There are envelopes out for the Christmas offering for the collection that is given to the parish priest for Christmas.

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

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

Kathleen Collins, Brian Barber (Funeral 21st Dec) Tony Hamilton (Funeral 23rd Dec) & Mark Dunne

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. Breakfast at Hogans this week.

Extra Ordinary Ministers Sat 18th Dec Tony Stapleton Sun 19th Dec Carmel O'Sullivan

We are now livestreaming!

HolyFamily Coventry - YouTube

Main Stream: <https://youtu.be/6HzIE4yJoc>

Our Lady Chapel: <https://youtu.be/nedJJa9gVWs>



BAPTISMS MEETING FOR PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE A BAPTISM IS IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 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. Next meeting after Christmas

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

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM AT THE KENELM YOUTH TRUST

ARE RECRUITING based in Alton, Staffordshire. Full-time qualified live-in Youth Worker/Youth Minister/Teacher to lead dynamic residential programmes, drawing young people to Christ. £26,000 package. Part-time qualified Senior Outdoor Educationalist/ instructor. Full or part-time Catering assistants - immediate starts available. Full or part-time Housekeeping assistants - immediate starts available. Volunteers needed to help us in groundwork, heritage, administration, fundraising, events and marketing. Competitive salary for paid positions depending on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits including good pension, spectacular environment and friendly teams. For more details visit the recruitment page on our website: [work4KYT - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](http://work4KYT-KENELM-YOUTH-TRUST).

Or contact Debbie Woodward for an application pack via email Debbie.Woodward@kenelm youth trust.org.uk

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A saviour is promised to Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6

A song of praise to God our saviour

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ



In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Is 12:6), the prophet Isaiah gives the same instruction, "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice..." In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests.

The Synod 2021-23 [The Synod, 2021 - 2023 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://The-Synod-2021-2023-Birmingham-Diocesan-Trust)

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'