

# Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

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
Monday	20th Dec	9 15 am		Christopher Quinn RIP 28th A
Tuesday	21st Dec	9 15 am		John Savage RIP
Tuesday	21st Dec	11.30 am	Requiem Mass	Brian Barber RIP
Wednesday	22nd Dec	9 15 am		Mary Kelly RIP
Thursday	23rd Dec	9 15 am		Imelda Cunningham RIP
Thursday	23rd Dec	11 30 am	Requiem Mass	Tony Hamilton RIP

## Christmas Eve

Friday	24th Dec	6.00 pm		Hughie & Mary O'Hara RIP
Friday	24th Dec	Midnight		Boyle & Cheesmond Fam Fr Savres RIP Sp Int

## Christmas Day

Saturday	25th Dec	8 30 am		Carmel Kelly RIP Eric Clarkson RIP
Saturday	25th Dec	10 00 am		Victoria Ennim 81st Birthday Paul Stokes RIP 11th A

## The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Sunday	26th Dec	10 00 am		Philip Gilheaney RIP
Monday	27th Dec	10 00 am		Ursula Pearson RIP

**CHRISTMAS DRAW.** THERE IS A £500 CASH FIRST PRIZE AND OTHER PRIZES TOO. MONIES ARE RAISED FOR THE PARISH. TICKETS ON SALE IN CHURCH A LIST OF THE PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CHRISTMAS DRAW  
**WE WILL DO THE DRAW THIS SUNDAY**

## 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. 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](http://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 (11th Jan)**

**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. Christmas Break

Extra Ordinary Ministers Sun 26th Dec

#### 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](mailto: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 Total Next weekend Thank You!

#### Youth Group

The Youth group meets Tuesdays the 7–8 30 pm in the Parish Hall. Next meeting after Christmas

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



Today's readings prepare us for the upcoming feast of Christmas by bringing together the major themes of the first three Sundays of Advent, namely, promise, repentance, transformation, and joy. They remind us that the mystery of the Incarnation comes to ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the openness to do God's will and the willingness to respond to God's call. Today's readings suggest that we should not celebrate Christmas as just an occasion for nice feelings. Instead, commemorating Jesus' birth should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect, loving obedience to His will, with the cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity that will help make us true disciples.

“Christmas is a feast of restored creation. It is in this context that the Fathers (of the Church) interpret the song of the angels on that holy night: it is an expression of joy over the fact that the height and the depth, Heaven and Earth, are once more united; that humankind is again united to God.”

*Pope Benedict 16th, Midnight Mass, 2007*

#### **First Reading**

*Micah 5:1-4*

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*

A prayer for God's salvation

#### **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:39-45*

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

**Elijah heard a tiny, whispering sound and Mary a baby's cry:** There's a marvellous scene in the Old Testament that, in a way, illustrates something of what is occurring in today's Scriptures. It is the scene where the famous prophet Elijah, pursued by his enemies, takes refuge in a cave and waits for the Lord to tell him what to do. He is prompted to go to the mouth of the cave. A great wind sweeps through the valley, breaking the trees, it is so powerful. But the Scriptures say, the Lord was not in the wind. Then there is a terrible earthquake and the mountains tumble. But the Lord, we are again informed, was not in the earthquake. Then comes a huge fire; but there again, Scripture declares, the Lord was absent. Finally, Elijah hears a tiny, whispering sound, and he promptly covers his face with his mantle out of reverent fear of God's holy presence. A tiny, whispering sound! Not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire, but in the tiny whispering sound, God speaks. And in much the same way He speaks again, and for a final and complete time, when He speaks His ultimate Word to the human race for all ages. For this time, He speaks in the soft cries of a little baby boy in Bethlehem.

**The Synod 2021-23** [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 theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'