

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

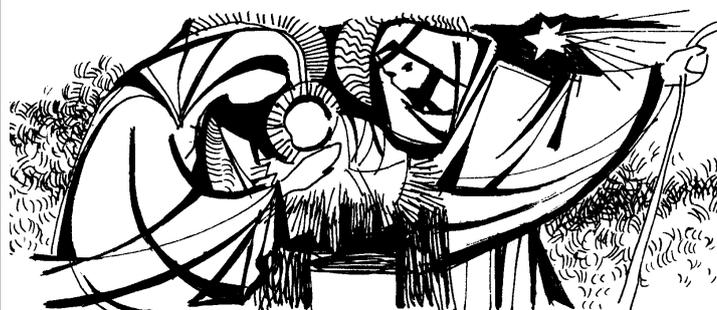
Sunday	26th Dec	10 00 am		<i>Philip Gilheaney RIP</i>
Monday	27th Dec	10 00 am		<i>Ursula Pearson RIP</i>
Tuesday	28th Dec	10 00 am		Fr Jimmy Moynihan
Wednesday	29th Dec	10 00 am		Rosemarie Richardson A RIP
Thursday	30th Dec	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Friday	31st Dec	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	31st Dec	9 15 am		Rita Purcell RIP 36th A
Saturday	1st Jan	5 00 pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	2nd Jan	10 00 am		Sean Costello RIP

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

CHRISTMAS DRAW. OVER £1200 WAS COLLECTED FOR THE PARISH FROM THE DRAW. MAY THANKS FOR SUPPORTING. PRIZE WINNERS ARE POSTED ON THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

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.



celebrated over Christmas. Some from near and some from afar! The Mass is always about adoration and not merely a function. Christmas allows us to return to the simplicity of gratitude for the birth of Jesus.

Happy feast day to you all! Thank you to those who helped make the church look so beautiful at Christmas. Thanks to stewards, to readers, servers and all who contribute to parish life. Fr Bernard and Fr Pat wish all parishioners a very happy and holy season Christmas. Thanks to all for the understanding and generosity in supporting the parish during the difficulties and challenges of the pandemic. It was lovely to receive encouraging comments about the Masses

Please pray for those who have died recently, in the parish Mark Dunne (Requiem 11th Jan) Mary Smith

Pray for the sick of the parish especially; Mick Green, Gerry Burke, Frances Burke, Julie Hughes, Teresa Oliverio, Michael Moten, and Sarah Higgins

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

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

"Our days would be happier if we gave people a bit of our hearts instead of a piece of our minds."

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

Collection £608 Thank You! **Cake Sale raised £350 Thank you so much!**

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

Love Fulfils

Wintery frost digs into leathery skin,
a lifetime of work etched upon weathered faces.
Residing high on a barren hillside
the remotest of places.

Tufts of grass gnawed by grateful sheep.
Hours pass in idle chatter, morning awaits and blessed sleep.

Sanctity, a cow shed on the outskirts of Bethlehem.
A rundown, pile of stones, barely a shelter
infused with divine light,
from the ruins of disobedience, a restoration
raising heavenwards, a grasping onto a
garments hem.

Life, tiny spark
breathed through new-born nostrils.
Hope returns;
a chorus of gratitude
rings out from an expectant multitude,
weary shadows of toiling humanity
cling to covenant promises, God's love fulfils.



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If the pandemic has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the crib, shows us the way of tenderness to be close to each other, to be human. Pope Francis

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Sirach 3:2-6,12-14.*)

Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Psalm 128:1-5.*)

Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Colossians 3:12-21*)

We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

The first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, describes how Elkanah and Hannah presented their child Samuel in the Temple, consecrated him to the service of the Lord as a perpetual Nazarite, and left him in the Temple under the care of Eli, the priest. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 128), the Psalmist reminds us that happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord. In the second reading, John reminds us that, as children of God the Father, we are members of God's own family, and as such we are expected to obey the greatest commandment of God: "Love one another," so that we may remain united to God in the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Luke concludes his detailed story of Christ's infancy, with the events of Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve to become "a son of the Law" and to take up the obligations of the Law. Jesus lingered behind in the Temple, attending the Sanhedrin classes on religious and theological questions as an eager student of Mosaic Law. Finally, when Mary and Joseph had found him in the Temple after three days of anxious search, Jesus reminded them that He "had to be" in his Father's House. It was as if Jesus had had a blaze of realization about His Divine Sonship. The Gospel then summarizes the next 18 years of Jesus' life, stating that Jesus grew up at Nazareth like any other young man, obeying his parents, faithfully discharging all his duties to God, to his parents, and to the community, "advancing in wisdom and age and favour before God and man."

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'