

Holy Family RC Church Coventry



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2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS YEAR C

Saturday	1st Jan	5.00pm		Mick & Margot Duggan, Gabrielle Lynagh Birthday
Sunday	2nd Jan	10 00 am		Salvacion Baudon RIP
Monday	3rd Jan	9 15 am		Teresa McLintock & Family
Tuesday	4th Jan	9 15 am		Clare Burke RIP 2nd A
Wednesday	5th Jan	9 15 am		Thomas Cramp RIP 4th A Margaret Dudgeon RIP
Thursday	6th Jan	9 15 am	Epiphany	People of the Parish
Thursday	6th Jan	7 00 pm	Epiphany	Conor O'Shea RIP
Friday	7th Jan	8 00 am	Holy Hour	
Friday	7th Jan	9 15 am		Fr Sarves RIP
Saturday	8th Jan	5 00 pm		People of the Parish
Sunday	9th Jan	10 00 am		Nora & Tony O'Malley RIP A Richard Griffiths RIP birthday Val Gordon A RIP Thanksgiving (Sullivan)

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

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.

Youth Group The Youth group meets Tuesdays the 7-8 30 pm in the Parish Hall. See Kien for dates of next meeting.

Young at Heart Christmas Break at present.

Happy New Year! And a happy Christmas too, Christmas is not just one day but a season in the church! Thank you for your generous and kind offering collection for cards, presents and good wishes given to Fr Bernard and Fr Pat. This a new start in many ways, hoping that we recover quickly from the effects of the pandemic. Whatever happens this year we entrust our hearts, our families, our lives, to Christ the Word made Flesh.

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, Bridie Cave, Teresa Oliverio, Michael Moten, and Sarah Higgins

We need to remember that there is no room in the manger except for Jesus and us: There isn't room in the manger for all the baggage we carry around with us. There's no room for our pious pride and self-righteousness. There's no room for our human power and prestige. There's no room for the baggage of past failure and unforgiven sin. There's no room for our prejudice, bigotry and jingoistic national pride. There's no room for bitterness and greed. There is no room in the manger for anything other than the absolute reality of who and what we really are: very human, very real, very fragile, very vulnerable beings who desperately need the gift of love and grace which God so powerfully desires to give.

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

Extra Ordinary Ministers Sat Jan 8th Tony Stapleton Sunday Jan 9th 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."

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

Collection £288 Thank You!

Ancient Eyes.

A tale of nativity

Knelt at the nativity.
Hushed for a moment,
stillness, not just the absence of activity.

Ancient eyes fill with tears.
Returning lights of the dawn's reappearing, dispels useless fears!

A Father, loving the world so much.
Blesses through this fragile infant's arrival, introduces sanctity's gentle touch.

A sleeping only Son,
a maiden, flanked by a guardian,
angels prayer rising as incense,
shepherds heralding the good news,
peering silently at the Magi,
who make a regal entrance,
leaving a legacy
of an eternal impression, presenting
gifts of kingly gold, myrrh, death's anointing balm,
and the priestly breath of frankincense.

Love, pure, full of grace, of truth, descended,
every breath taken in trust, in hope of heaven, now makes perfect sense.

Heaven cannot contain its admiration
directed towards this one beloved Son, born in perfect simplicity..
Ancient eyes gaze at the mystery, the humility, the sheer poverty of the Christmas nativity.

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This poem is inspired by the fact that nativity is contemplated through each person's eyes, "the windows to the soul" and here in the heart, and the soul, the mystery takes root. The mystery of God loving the world so much that he sent his only Son!



The philosopher Kierkegaard has a fable of a king who fell in love with a maid. A king fell in love with a poor maid. The king wanted to marry her. When he asked his counsellor's, "How shall I declare my love?" they answered, "Your majesty has only to appear in all the glory of your royal raiment's before the maid's humble dwelling, and she will instantly fall at your feet and be yours." But it was precisely that which troubled the king. He wanted her glorification, not his. In return for his love, he wanted hers, freely given. Finally, the king realized love's truth, that freedom for the beloved demanded equality with the beloved. So late one night, after all the counsellors of the palace had retired, he slipped out a side door and appeared before the maid's cottage dressed as a servant to confess his love for her. Clearly, the fable is a Christmas story. God chose to express His love for us humans by becoming one like us. We are called to obey, not God's power, but God's love. God wants not submission to His power, but in return for His love, our own

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'