

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.**

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
*'The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.'* *5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.80(79)

**The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
*'Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.'* *4:6-9*

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me —practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia**

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
**And with your Spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**
*'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'* *21:33-43*

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.' This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

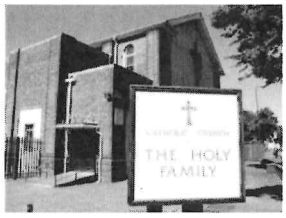
Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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# Archdiocese of Birmingham

# Holy Family RC Parish

**763 Coventry Road, Small Heath**
**Birmingham, B10 0HT**




| MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK | | |
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| Sat 3rd | 4.00 pm | Bridget Corcoran & Mick Connolly (Anniversary) |
| Sun 4th | 10.30 am | Pauline Symons RIP (Birthday) |
| Mon 5th | | **NO MASS** |
| Tues 6th | 10.30 am | Matt Morley (Intentions) |
| Wed 7th | 10.30 am | Anne Marie Joyce RIP |
| Thurs 8th | 10.30 am | Ted Carson RIP |
| Fri 9th | 11.30 am | Julie Mary Williams RIP (**Requiem**) |
| Sat 10th | 4.00 pm | Mary C & John Lyons RIP |
| Sun 11th | 10.30 am | Society of Divine Vocations |
| **OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £374.35**<br>**SECOND COLLECTION: £152.07 (Father Hudson's Society)** | | |

**4th October 2026: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FEASTS:**

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| Monday | St Faustina Kowalski |
| Wednesday | Our Lady of the Rosary |
| Friday | St John Henry Newman |
| Sunday | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time |

**Adoration & Confession:** Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)

**Altar Lamp** – Margaret Fleming RIP
**Our Lady's Lamp** – Mary C & John Lyons RIP

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Julie Mary Williams RIP. Reception Thursday 8th October at 7.00 pm; Requiem Mass Friday 9th, 11.30am
Dennis Moloney RIP. Funeral Service at Yardley Crematorium, Friday 9th October 2026 at 2.30 pm.
Catherine Ferguson RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 20th October at 11.00 am.
Vincent Quinn RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 30th, 10.15 am.

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Hugh Reel, Bridget Whearty, Arthur Cox, Michael O'Malley, Bill Foley, Brendan Clancy, Andrew Ellis, Mary Murphy, Rosa Gibbs, Cathal O'Reilly, Nicholas Doyle, Sandra Matthews, Catherine O'Brien, Ada Morrill, Teresa Bryan, Colin Stafford, Christina Madden, John Scully, Lil Kavanagh, Lawrence Balfe, Leonard McCauley, Nelson Blay, Anne Weir, Florence Bodecott, Ann Corcorn, Matthew Creegan, Angela McDonald, Michael Smith.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter, Dennis Moloney, Josephine Mary Doyle, Eddie Dunne.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For mental health ministry.** Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.
**SECOND COLLECTION:** CAFOD (Harvest Fast). **NEXT WEEKEND:** Society of Divine Vocations (Mission Appeal)
**ST THOMAS MORE'S**: Afternoon Tea on Sunday 18th October 2026 at 2.00 pm. Tickets £12.00. Please contact Edel on 07836 704178 for tickets.
**RCIA PROGRAMME:** If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.
**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**: Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026 in Holy Family School Hall.
**FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** – Visit the National Office for Vocations at www.ukvocation.org or www.religiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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