

MASSES FROM 8th to 15th July 2018

Sun	08	9.30am	James Byrne, Una Anderson (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Russel De Lara (Spl int)
Mon	09	9.30am	Eileen Gill (RIP), Jim Meehan (RIP)
Tues	10	9.30am	SSA
Wed	11	9.30am	Lewis (B'day)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Mary Lynch (RIP), Samuel Aikhionbare (B'day)
Fri	13	9.30am	Lisa Smith (Anni)
Sat	14	9.30am	Sr. Francesca Francis (RIP)
Sun	15	9.30am	Bulungu Bwana Miteho (RIP), Anna Krawczyk (Anni)
		11.30am	Annah Wangui Kanyiri (RIP), Magdalene Ojomo (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

8th July 2018

9.30am Julia H. & Celia (R)
Barbara (E)

11.30am Vanessa, Emmanuela (R)
Patricia, Marcel (E)

15th July 2018

Antonia A., Asipita (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)

Valerie, Maame (R)
Loveness, Frank (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Thomas Mee, Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Ann Hanley.

Anniversaries during this Week: Samuel Kennedy, Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy.

Death announcement of Shiela McLeany, 39 King Edward Road who passed away on 6th July 2018. She was a very active member of our parish who kept her Christian faith till the end of her life. May her soul rest in peace. My condolences to her family members.



Thought on Marriage: THE FAMILY AND THE KINGDOM

Family ties are important but not absolute. Just as the child grows to maturity and human and spiritual autonomy, so his unique vocation which comes from God asserts itself more clearly and forcefully. Parents should respect this call and encourage their children to follow it. Parents should welcome and respect with joy and thanksgiving the Lord's call to one of their children to follow him in virginity for the sake of the Kingdom in the consecrated life or in priestly ministry.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 14th Sunday in Ordinary time 8th to 15th July 2018

LASTING CHANGE COMES FROM THE ORDINARY

When you talk of Monasticism the mind immediately jumps to St. Benedict, St. Francis of Assis and St. Dominic, these were Holy Men who influenced the call to holiness and started houses where those who responded to their call supported each other to live a life founded on the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience.



But it all started in Africa with Africans. A young man called Anthony had inherited his parents' fortune. One Sunday at Mass he heard the priest read the words of Jesus in the Gospel *“If you wish to be perfect go and sell what you own, give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come and follow me”* Mt. 19.21. Anthony took Christ's words literally. He disposed of everything and moved to a hut outside the town where he stayed for 15 years practicing asceticism as a new form of martyrdom. He gathered followers round himself and literally started religious life. It started in Africa with Africans about the year 251.

Two hundred thirty years later in 480, a young man called Benedict (the patron saint of our parish) was disillusioned by the worldliness of Rome. He abandoned his studies to become a hermit. He settled in a rocky cave in Italy near Subiaco where he spent his days in prayer and fasting. Like Anthony he attracted followers who he organised into 12 small communities and governed them by his teaching and example. Benedict's monasteries became centres of worship and learning which has influenced European culture and world civilization for centuries.

When Catholics were given freedom to worship publicly in England, Benedictine Monks built the first church in Coventry and named it “Church of the Blessed Sacrament and St. Osburg” who is a local saint. With the influx of Irish Immigrants in search of work, another church was necessary, therefore the Benedictines built it in the eastern part of the town and gave it the name of St. Mary (in honour of the Mother of Jesus) and St. Benedict in honour of their founder. On 11th July is a feast of St. Benedict. It is our Parish Feast. There will be two Masses the first at 9:30am the second will be in the School with the children at 1.30pm. Let us remember that lasting things start with ordinary people and in ordinary places. Africa where religious life began was marginalised as a “Dark Continent!” Benedict was an ordinary man. Let us be ordinary so as to bring about lasting change in the society we live in.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £300.60 **Non-Gift Aid:** 420.33 **£Total :** £720.93

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 595 **Bonus Ball :** No. 7 Lilia R.

Second collection : £218.77

8th July , Apostleship of the sea.

Forthcoming Second Collections July to August 2018 :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Feast day of our Patron saint, St. Benedict.: The Rule of St. Benedict :

“He should first show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy.”

“Whatever good work you begin to do, beg of God with most earnest prayer to perfect it.”

“Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.”

Let us pray in the words of St. Benedict, “Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Wish you all a very happy Feast of St. Benedict. May he bless us all from heaven above.

Matters of Importance

Choir loft is out of bounds for children as a place where they can follow the Mass from; this is for their safety and the safety of everyone. Of late, some parents have been angry upon being told that they should not take the children there. If we have cases of emergency and children are up on the loft, I wonder how many of us will think of them to lead them to safety. Children on the loft can also be the cause of your delay to move to safety. I'm therefore asking everyone for your cooperation.

The Golden Jubilee Mass for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries will be celebrated at St. Osburgs, on 11th July at 7.00pm, Bishop William will lead the Mass. You are all welcome.



Fr. Moses to climb Mt. Snowdon in Wales: as he turns 50 to raise money for the training of priests in the Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. The walk will take place on 16th of August 2018, fifty one years when a decision to start a religious missionary Institute in Africa was taken on 16th August 1967. Because of Fr. Moses' challenging walk, we shall not make sponsored walk this year, instead let us support Fr. Moses in his challenge to climb the tallest mountains in Wales for the training of missionary priests. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the church. Fr. Moses will come and talk to us about his challenging walk at some point.

Sea Sunday: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

St. Patrick's church, Deedmore Rd. Are you sick, dealing with a painful issue or caring for a sick person? You are invited to join a Mass of Blessing on July 8th at 3.00 pm followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. At St. Mary's the RCIA classes will begin on 10th September at 6.00pm. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Lady's Chapel. If you are interested, please contact **Fr. Jimmy or one of the sisters on 07906124756/02476550848.**



Baptism preparation class for parents of St. Mary's who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 16th July at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. I encourage both the parents to be present for the class.



Peters Pence: Thank you for your generosity to the second collection which raised £218.77. The money raised from the parishes in the Diocese will be sent to the Holy Father enabling him to support many projects amongst the poor across the world.