

MASSES FROM 16th to 23rd Sept 2018

Sun	16	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day), Antonio Dores DeSouza (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Emilia Tonge (RIP)
Mon	17	12.00noon	Rose Hogan (B'day) Venancia Mapuranga (RIP)
Tues	18	9.30am	Paschal & Lucia Osagie (Spl int)
Wed	19	9.30am	John Tom Bland (RIP), Anna Mapuranga (B'day)
Thurs	20	9.30am	Jim McGarvey (RIP)
Fri	21	9.30am	Holy souls
Sat	22	9.30am	Kathy Yates (Spl int)
Sun	23	9.30am	Tran Family (good health), Mabel Braganza & family (Spl in t)
		11.30am	Uni students./Patrick & Patricia family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

16th Sept 2018

9.30am School children (R)
School teachers (E)

11.30am FlorenceE., Jullie (R)
Marcel, Frank (E)

23rd Sept 2018

Helena Wood, Nicholas (R)
Barbara (E)

Morgan, Maame (R)
Vera, Serso (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Patricia Waltho,

Anniversaries during this Week: Bernard McHugh, Julia O'Driscoll, Margaret Lee, Peggy Moore, Tyrone Declan Evans Shields, Owen Healy, Delia Mulaney.



Dates for your diary:

23rd September Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 4.00pm;
29th November Confirmation. 7.00pm

Blessing of the Graves: The Deanery is organising the Blessing of the Graves again this year in September. The dates are as follows: St Paul's Canley - 16th September at 3.00pm, Lenton's Lane - 23rd September at 3.00pm; London Road - 30th September at 3.00pm.

"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood." - St. Francis of Assisi



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter- 24th Sunday in Ordinary time 16th to 23rd Sept 2018

THIS PEACE OF THE SOUL WILL BE OUR CONSOLATION:

During the week, I visited two of our parishioners who were terminally ill. I'm not a doctor and I'm far from preachers who fake miracles. I visited them to say goodbye to them for the journey their doctors said was not too far away. During my visit, I was not praying for a miracle either although it would be graciously received if the Will of God provided it. There were two reasons why I visited them:

1. To make a final profession of our Faith in Jesus Christ with them.
2. To thank God for the triumph of his Grace which has been at work in their from the day of their baptism to that moment as they lay on hospital beds. I wanted to pray to God that he continues to sustain their faith until their last breath.

What impressed me most was their serenity and peace of mind. They were like someone anxious to go on an exciting vacation. As Christians, they knew that someone *Jesus Christ* would come one day and take them to himself. They had spent their life preparing themselves through prayer and Sacraments deepening their love for God and for one another. They were zealous and faithful servants, who at this time of terminal sickness could look back in their Christian life and feel proud of what they achieved.

During this week the Lord visited our Parish and took to himself Mrs. Vanencia Mapuranga (in Zimbabwe sister to Mr. James Mapuranga), Mrs. Jane Gaturi, and Mrs. Kathleen Bradley. What they had in common was that they were firm believers in God. It is this faith that kept them at peace as they waited for the final call.

God has assigned to us some tasks to do in this life. He will not expect us to have completed them by the time he returns. Like a man who employs somebody to do a particular work, when that man returns, the work may not be finished yet, but it gives him great joy when he finds the person he employed faithfully busy at the work he was assigned to do. If we carry this thought with us it gives us a sense of duty; purpose, commitment to God throughout life and peace in our souls as we approach the evening of our earthly life. That peace of the soul (conscience) will be our consolation. I found this peace in the life of our parishioners who were terminally ill in hospital beds. Those who visited them seemed to be troubled but they were not bothered by their sickness. I understand that both have died but they are at peace with God.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 473.10 **Non-Gift Aid:** £381.67 **Total :** £854.77

Counters : Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance :

Bonus Ball : No. 36. T. Smith

Second collection :

16th Sept : CASE

Forthcoming Second Collections September—October 2018 :

Sept 23rd : Father Hudson's Society.

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 s during the week: 20th September, Sts. Andrew Kim & Companions; St. Mathew Apostle & Evangelist.

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today. We are reminded to spread and to nurture the Gospel in our home countries of England & Wales. Above all we are called upon to share our faith with others. Today's second collection will support the activities that aim at supporting our Home Mission

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) last Monday 10th September we started the program that introduces adults into Christian life as lived by Catholics This programme is open to everybody who wishes to deepen their faith. If you are baptised in other non Catholic Churches or you are not baptised at all or if you are a catholic but you need to go deeper into your faith, please feel free to join us. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 17th September in the Parish hall.**

Christian Artefacts sale: The Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent Minsk Diocese Belarus, will be here on *19th from 9:30am* (Wednesday). The Sisters themselves make the artefacts and use the money they get to run the orphanage of children with special needs, homeless men and women. Please come and support them if you can. They are coming from all the way from Belarus.

Matters of Importance

Annual Christmas Bazaar: On Tuesday we had a meeting to organise our annual Christmas Parish Bazaar I thank those who turned up for the meeting. The bazaar will be held on Saturday 17th November 2018 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. For the success of this fundraising event for our parish we need your generous co-operation and contributions. If you have any new ideas for fund raising you are most welcome. Yes, the parish belongs to each one of us and we should work together to build it up.

Raffle Tickets: and the list of prizes are available at the back of Church take as many tickets as you can and sell them among your family and friends. Kindly provide us with tin food, Tombola prizes, wine bottles and good items for Bric a Brac. **No books or CDs.** Thank you in anticipation.

Welcome Mass for University students at St. Mary & Benedict Church: A welcome Mass for students who have newly joined Coventry University, will be on Sunday 23rd **September 2018** at 11.30am followed by a cup of tea/coffee in the parish hall for all. You are welcome.

Catholic Academy the principal of Good Shepherd and Corpus Christi Primary Schools and Board of Directors in partnership with the academy committee are looking to appoint a leader from January 1st 2019 to work in partnership in this innovative community of faith. Full details can be obtained from www.romeromac.com/vacancies.

Justice and Peace Assembly 13 Oct. Members of J&P are informed of their annual Justice and Peace Assembly, which will focus on migration this year. Guest Speakers are Nicholas Hanrahan Community Outreach Officer Jesuit Refugee Services UK and David Newall, Brushstrokes. Afternoon workshops are led by J&P organisations Cost: £8 (low income and students £5)

Death announcement: I regret to announce to you the death of Kath Bradley of King Edward Road, a very devout woman and devotee to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She passed on in the early hours of Thursday morning. Also announced is the death of Mrs Jane Gaturi who passed away on Monday 10th September 2018. For those of you who were here on the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Jimmy, she was the elderly lady who joined in the Offertory procession dance during Mass in spite of knowing that she was suffering from terminal sickness. Jane will be laid to rest at her home in Kenya on Friday 20th Sept. Lastly I announce the death of Mrs Vanensia Mapuranga which took place in Zimbabwe. She was younger sister to Mr. James Mapuranga a member of our parish. Our sincere condolences to the bereaved families *Requiescat In Pace.*

Admission to Primary Education 2019: parents of children who were born between 1st September 2014 & 31st Aug 2015 are eligible to start Primary school in September 2019. you can apply online from 1st September 2018 & the closing date for receipt of applications is 15th Jan 2019.