

MASSES FROM 6th to 13th Jan 2019

Sun	06	9.30am	Sr. Lydwyn Lewis (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Tom & Noreen Forde (Spl int)
Mon	07	9:30am	Holy souls
Tues	08	9.30am	Griffith family (Spl int)
Wed	09	9.30am	Keeny family (spl int)
Thurs	10	9.30am	Roseleen Jordon (Spl int)
Fri	11	9.30am	Patsy Lessley (Get well)
Sat	12	9.30am	Val Kalas (RIP)
Sun	13	9.30am	Deceased members of Griffith family Roger (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji (RIP)



Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

06/01/19

9.30am Anthonia A. , Noah (R)
Sophie D. (E)
11.30am Aimee, Mary (R)
Vera, Serso (E)

13/01/19

Julia Hunt, Nicholas (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)
Noreen, Ashley (R)
Patricia, Frank (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.

Anniversaries during this Week: Tom Dunleavy, Dymphnah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costello. , Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Nora O'Brien , Michael Hogan, Jim Davis, Con O'Driscoll, Eileen Helen Teresa Coleman , Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea, Winifred Browne, Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy.

Baptismal classes: The next classes will take place on **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

The sick and housebound: I would like to ask you to help the priests to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– Epiphany of our Lord- 6th to 13th Jan 2019

CONSIDER WHERE THE NEW YEAR FOUND YOU.

On new years day I woke up and opened up the curtains of my bedroom window, the light of the first day of the month, the first day of the year 2019, filled my room; everything was new. I felt a sense of a new beginning a new chapter in my life. I said to myself: ‘this was a new opportunity to start something I ever dreamt to do. It is a chance to carry on walking along the peaceful path that had brought me to where I was; It was a chance to complete what I had not finished in 2018. Chances were up for grabs since everything was new. I felt convinced that this was the time to keep on the track, to change course or try something new.’ I don’t know how you felt when you woke up to a new year. If your feeling was filled with gratitude you are very blessed indeed.

Here at our parish we concluded the year 2018 with a Holy Hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. How wonderful it was to see a church packed with worshippers praying to God thanking him for his goodness. How wonderful it was also for all of us present to be on our knees asking God for blessings upon us in the new year. To sum up, I could say that end-year night was a God filled experience in our church. As we concluded the Holy Mass and we started to sing the *Magnificat* (a thanksgiving song of the Blessed Virgin Mary), the fireworks went off all over the City. We knew then that the New Year had dawned, it found us in Church.

As Catholics moreover starting a new year, we need to weigh the choices we make. Sobriety is not in terms of having no intoxicating substances in our minds, it also refers to the ability to make sound judgements. Fireworks are good to watch but that is not what has sustained your life through out the year– God has. It is better to begin the year with a thanksgiving prayer than beginning it drenched in alcohol surrounded by noisy fireworks.

My thanks to all who began the year with prayer; may this new year bring many opportunities your way to explore every joy of life. May your resolutions for the days ahead stay firm turning all your dreams into reality and all your efforts into great achievements. Try to think of where the new year finds you when it comes.



YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £224.10 **Non-Gift Aid:** £453.35 **Total :** £677.45

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 496 **Bonus Ball :** No. 21 Vera Dunnion

Second collection :

Baptism classes **15th & 22nd Jan 2019** at 6.00pm

Feasts during the week :

Thanksgiving Mass for Married people will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. Those couples celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019.

The Diocesan youth ministry co-ordinator Maria Bracken would like to **invite the over 60's within our community** to a New Year Sunday lunch! This special lunch is on Sunday **January 27th** after the 11.30am Sunday Mass. It will be hosted in our Parish hall, using our newly refurbished kitchen. This special New Year event is free of charge, a gift to our over 60's. Please put your name down on the list at the back of church.

Reflection on marriage: The Family as a site of initiation. A human person, in the whole of the created order, is the most helpless and vulnerable and it takes years before the human person is able to stand on their own. The family as a site of initiation has to induct, socialise or train this new person into the ways, beliefs, practices convictions and worldviews of that community. Catholic families should therefore initiate and raise children on the same basis.

Matters of Importance

Feast of Epiphany: is celebrated today 6th of January it recalls the manifestation of God in human nature and the visit of pagan kings to the new born King of the universe. Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Magi (the three kings) to Bethlehem. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three wise men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet the baby Jesus. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his Kingship, frankincense his divine nature; and myrrh his mortality. Happy feast to you all.

Communion at the back of the Church: my predecessors started the custom of giving Holy Communion to parishioners who were not able to come in front to receive it. The priest or the Eucharistic Minister would walk down the aisle and minister Holy Communion to them. These people were frail either due to old age or because they were suffering from one infirmity or the other. I notice that some people have made it a habit to receive Holy Communion from the back for no physical impairment but simply because they want it that way. I wish to encourage everyone to come in front and receive Holy Communion. If you cannot walk to the altar to receive Holy Communion, then your legs are not good enough to take you anywhere. God knows when we are genuine or not.

Walking out of Church before the priest leaves the altar is not good catholic practice. It is not our custom here at St. Marys to go out of the Church either immediately after receiving Holy Communion or soon after the final blessing without sufficient reasons. We are a community, a family and therefore we cherish each other. Bad habits are not easy to get rid of; just as good habits are not automatically acquired. In this new year 2019, I encourage everyone to search into the deeper meaning of the mysteries of our faith.

This is not right: some people have spoken to me about it, I too have noticed how much biscuits, crisps and tissues that are left in the church after Sunday Masses. This is because of some parents who literally make the time they spend for Mass to be a feeding time of their children on biscuits and crisps. You can only imagine the mess left behind. Can I ask the parents to make sure that children have some food before they come to church? Teachers in schools do not feed children on crisps and biscuits during lessons. Teach your child good manners and self discipline from his/her young days.

Unwanted gift, don't bin it donate it: during Christmas some people receive presents or purchase some goods which they eventually do not make use of. If you have some presents that you received and you do not need, kindly donate them to the parish. They can be used as tombola prizes at the parish bazaar or some can be given to needy people who come to the office seeking for help.

