

MASSES FROM 10th to 17th Feb 2019

Sun	10	9.30am	Anna Krawczyk (RIP), Griffith family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Ajenji (RIP)
Mon	11	12.00noon	Requiem Mass - Bridget Barnes
Tues	12	9.30am	Holy souls
Wed	13	9.30am	Joan Allen (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Teresa Burns (RIP), Sr. Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving)
Fri	15	8.30am	Requiem Mass—Thomas Michael Murtagh
Sat	16	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sun	17	9.30am	John Riley (RIP), Laura Malwain (Spl int)
		11.30am	George Dunnion (RIP)


Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am	Alex, Elena Wood (R) Jarek (E)	Noah, James Mapuranga (R) Betty (E)
11.30am	Kissanet, Florence .E. (R) Marcel, Serso (E)	Morgan, Georgina (R) Patricia, Vera (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: Bridget Molloy, Teresa Langan, Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash. 

Dates for your Diary : **First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School;**
25th May - Polish parish children.

Scripture for strength & courage : “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” **(Isaiah 41:10)**

The sick and housebound: *I would like to ask you to help the parish priest 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– Fifth Sunday in ordinary time- 10th to 17th Feb 2019

GIFT AID YOUR SUNDAY DONATION AND SEE THE DIFFERENCE:

We shall soon be reminded of our tax obligations as the tax year is coming to a close. I wish to thank all our parishioners for working hard to pay your taxes. I thank those particularly who give their Sunday donations through that Brown envelope we call Gift Aid envelopes. If you remember, I told you two years ago that the tax that the parish reclaimed from HMRC facilitated the installation of a new heating system in our church. Thank God the church is warm all of us are happy.

Your donation could make an even bigger impact at no extra cost to you. Gifts from UK taxpayers qualify for Gift Aid. This means that for every £1 you give to the church, the parish can claim an extra 25p. For example, a gift of £20.00 means we can reclaim £5.00 making your gift worth £25.00. It won't cost you a single penny more, but it will support the parish more..

Do I qualify for Gift Aid? To qualify, you must be a UK taxpayer who has paid income or capital gains tax equal to the tax that will be claimed on your donation. For example, if you donate £100 in the current tax year, you need to have paid £25 in tax to match the amount that the parish will claim in Gift Aid.

You are a taxpayer if: tax is taken from your wages at source (ie PAYE) or if you fill out a self-assessment form, or if you have any taxable savings (in a building society, for instance), or a pension plan, or investment income you have paid capital gains tax, or expect to pay it in the near future.

How do I sign up to Gift Aid? It's very easy – all you have to do is sign a Gift Aid declaration form. A Gift Aid declaration is a statement by an individual taxpayer that they want a charity (the parish) to receive the tax paid on their donation back from the government. Forms can be obtained at the back of the church from Sr. Leera Lobo

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to? **Nothing** – it just ensures that if you choose to make your Sunday donation to the church the parish can claim an extra 25% back from HM Revenue & Customs.

What do I do if I my tax status changes or I want to cancel my declaration? Please advise us as soon as possible if your circumstances change, if you stop paying tax or if you wish to cancel your declaration. To help us keep our records up to date, please let us know if you move house or any of your details change. Gift Aid works, how I wish all of you taxpayers joined it today! For more information speak to Fr. Jimmy the parish priest or to Sr. Leera Lobo our Gift Aid Organiser.

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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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Leena, and Leera 02476550848

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Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £243.00 Non-Gift Aid: £334.62 Total : £577.62

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 561 **Bonus Ball :** No. 15 Rose Hogan

2nd collection : 3rd Feb - Pro Life— 179.81 Thank you for your generosity.

2nd collection for the months of Feb & March— 3rd March— Cathedral Maintenance; 17th Mar - CAFOD

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

Divine mercy prayers every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

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

Parish Rosary group every Friday at 6.00pm

Choir practice every Friday at 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Mass in the University: Every Tuesday at 1.10pm in Hub

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.

Feasts during the week : 11th Feb - Our Lady of Lourdes, Sts. Cyril & Methodius.

RCIA: the Rite of Election will take place on Sunday 10 March 2019 at 3pm in Saint Chad's Cathedral. On that occasion the candidates who have faithfully attended the Religious Christian Instruction of Adults will be presented to the Archbishop.

Matters of Importance

Has your child reached the age to receive the Sacraments? If so, the preparation program for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion will begin with a meeting for parents at 6.00pm on Monday 4th March. I wish to ask parishioners whose children go to non-Catholic Schools to make sure that they attend this meeting in the school on that date with their children. Holy Mass of the enrolment of candidates for these Sacraments will take place on Sunday 10th March. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be administered on Saturday 18th May 2019 at 10:30am.

Free lecture: Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell will give a talk on THOMAS MERTON, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. On Sunday 24th February 2019 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. Contact local ACTA at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

Funeral announcement is made of Mrs. Bridget 158 Terry Road who died on 14th January aged 79 years. Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 11th Feb at 12.00noon. Mr Thomas Michael Murtagh of 12, Water Lily Way, Bermuda Park, Nuneaton CV10 7SJ who died in George Eliot Hospital on Thursday 17th January aged 80 years. Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 15th February at 8.30am, followed by committal at Charter Chapel, Canley Crematorium at 10.00am.

Parish priest will be away from 17th to 27th February for a very important meeting in Nairobi which will bring together about 500 priests and Religious Brothers of the Order of the Apostles of Jesus. There will be no weekday Masses but the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held through out the week. In cases which need urgent attention please contact Canon Tom Farrell the Dean of Coventry on Telephone :02476591618.

Church lightings: I wish to thank Mr. Patrick Anderson who volunteered his expertise and time to improve our lighting. I'm sure most of us can notice the difference

Baptismal classes: The next classes will take place on **12th & 19th March 2019** at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. All the sessions must be attended by the parents and God parents.

Headteacher Vacancy St George & St Teresa RC Primary School, Bentley Heath, Solihull. Our long serving, dedicated and successful Headteacher is retiring. The governors are seeking to appoint a new Headteacher who will maintain the outstanding Catholic ethos and standards that exist within our school. Salary range L14-L20 £55064.00 - £63806.00 Full time permanent. Starting 1 September 2019 or sooner. School role 242 children. Closing date Monday 25 February 2019 12 noon. Interviews Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March 2019. If you are Interested in the position or would like to arrange an Informal visit, please obtain further information and an application form from: Mrs Alison Vining, Clerk to the Governors, Tel 07971 265702 Email: avining@solgrid.org.uk

Altar Servers visited Birmingham Cathedral yesterday and joined other altar servers from the archdiocese to celebrate Mass with His Grace the Archbishop. I thank the parents who encourage their children to do good things that build up their Christian life. The altar servers were led by Ms. Perpetua Sam