

MASSES FROM 17th to 24th Feb 2019

Sun	17	9.30am	John Riley (RIP), Laura Malwain (Spl int)
		11.30am	George Dunnion (RIP), Julie & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	18	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Tues	19	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Wed	20	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Thurs	21	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Fri	22	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Sat	23	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Sun	24	9.30am	Janie Patalong & family (Thanksgiving) Patrick & Michael Shanley (RIP)
		11.30am	Tsion Yacob (Get well)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

17/02/2019

24/02/19

9.30am	Noah, James Mapuranga (R) Betty (E)	Anthonia A. Selia (R) Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am	Morgan, Georgina (R) Patricia, Vera (E)	Aimee, Mary (R) Loveness, Frank (E)

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

Anniversaries during this Week: Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan, Francis Quilter, Jimmy Allen, James Gerard Hearty.

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

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.

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– Sixth Sunday in ordinary time- 17th to 24th Feb 2019

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME?

A name gives an identity; some names give status in form of titles. Some names are chosen for us, others are chosen by ourselves. There are still some names which are simply inherited as in case whereby someone becomes an heir to somebody, not to forget those which are given to people out of ridicule as a sign of contempt. For example when Pontius Pilate called Jesus of Nazareth at his crucifixion “*King of the Jews*” it was not out of respect for a traveling preacher from Nazareth but to ridicule him. The sense of personal identity and uniqueness that a name gives is at the heart of why names interest us and why they are important to us as individuals and to our society as a whole.

In the Christian Bible, a name given often carried with it a kind of mission. Thus Abram was changed to Abraham, *because God was making him the father of many nations.*” Gen 17:1-6. Jacob was renamed Israel: “*because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have won*” Gen 32:28, . In Matt 1:21— the virgin would have a son, and name him **Jesus**—because “*he would save his people from their sins.*” Again in Matt 1:23—“A virgin would conceive and have a son, and she would call him **Immanuel**” which means, “*God is with us*”. These names defined the people who received them.

At baptism parents are asked by the priest to tell which name they intend to give to their child. I’m sure this happened in your case just as it happened in mine. Have you ever asked yourself the possible reasons why your parents chose for you that name when you were being baptised? It is true that not everybody gets it right since some parents choose names without meaning or names of people who had no good reputation in the society.

Give some thoughts on the Christian name you were given by your parents at your baptism and think of the names you chose for your children at their baptism. In some cases these days it can be an uphill struggle to convince the parents that the name they have chosen for their child would not be appropriate for Christian baptism. The Catholic Church is so blessed with great saints, martyrs and confessors, it goes without saying that from millions of these heroes and heroines of our faith a true Christian parent will not fail to find one whose name could be passed on to their child.

Names can shape the whole life of the person, someone named after a singer will try to be a musician, somebody named after a thief or a dictator will try to be crafty or to boss over others and someone who is named after a holy person will also try to live a holy life. This is one of the reasons why each one of us should take some few moments to reflect upon the baptismal name you received.

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £263.98 Non-Gift Aid: £346.78 Total : £610.76

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 597 **Bonus Ball** : No. 55 Julia Hunt

2nd collection : -

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 : 21st Thursday –St. Peter Damian Bp; 22nd Friday— Chair of St. Peter Apostle; 23rd Saturday St. Polycarp, Bp Martyr.

Prayer for the week : *Lord Jesus, Whoever seeks You Will not be turned away. Longing for Your gentleness, I turn to You today. You lived among us, Healing through touch or word. Grant me faith that when I ask My prayer will be heard. Amen.*



Matters of Importance

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 Tel 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. These lights will cost us far less money to run than the high voltage halogen lights that we have had for many years. Thank you for your continuous support of the parish.

Reverend Father Biju I'm pleased to welcome Fr. Biju who has generously accepted to lead us in both Masses this weekend. I'm thankful to him particularly for giving me the opportunity to go and attend a convention of all the members of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. Please give him a hospitable welcome, keeping in mind that if he was not here things would have been difficult for me.

Free lecture: this afternoon: 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

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

Birmingham Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage 2019 will take place from Saturday 25th to Friday 31st May 2019. the pastoral theme for all pilgrims to Lourdes is “ Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God is yours”. There are 2 choices of travel : By Coach £444.00 and by Air £774.00. If you want to be a part of this spiritual journey please contact for the Booking forms, Lourdes office, Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway through Email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or www.tangney-tours.com.

Cake Sale in aid of training missionary priests: the ladies of our parish have organised a Cake sale which will take place on 24th Feb after Sunday Masses. This project is greatly supported which contributes to the formation of priests in the Order of the Apostles of Jesus to which the priests serving at St. Mary's, St. Osburgs and St. Elizabeth parishes belong. I thank the ladies for their generosity, and thank you all for supporting this worthwhile project whose aim is to provide ministers of God's word and Sacraments in the church.