

MASSES FROM 24th Feb to 3rd Mar 2019

Sun	24	9.30am	Janie Patalong & family (Thanksgiving) Patrick & Michael Shanley (RIP)
		11.30am	Tsion Yacob (Get well)
Mon	25	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Tues	26	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Wed	27	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Thurs	28	9.30am	Eucharistic service
Fri	01	6.00pm	Prayer for priests
		7.00pm	Sr. Evans (Spl int), Margaret Groogan (RIP)
Sat	02	9.30am	Philomena Mulvey (RIP)
Sun	03	9.30am	Mapuranga & Marime family (Thanksgiving), Zygmunt Drabik , Catherine & Joseph Curry (RIP)
		11.30am	Kirk Wood & family (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

24/02/19

9.30am Anthonia A. Selia (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)

11.30am Aimee, Mary (R)
Loveness, Frank (E)

03/03/2019

Naiomi, Nicholas (R)
Barbara (E)

Stephanie, Florence.K. (R)
Serso, 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, Maria Clear.

Anniversaries during this Week: Cardelina Pinto, Hannah Crone, William Busby , Thomas Francis McDonald, Rose Elizabeth Browne ,Francis Joseph McClule, Patrick James Ward ,Gussie Stapleton, Mary O’Brien, Kevin David McCarthy, Colin Edward Read, Betty Heavy, William Mooney, Maureen Power .

Prayer for the week : Keep going with God. *The most important thing is to persevere in your prayer life on your journey with God. St. Hilary once said that “grace depends mostly on perseverance in prayer.”*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– Seventh Sunday in ordinary time- 24th Feb –3rd March 2019

IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

It is a week since your parish priest has been away for a very important meeting in Nairobi Kenya. This meeting is so important that it has brought together about 500 members under one roof to discuss issues that affect a missionary order in an ever changing world. The last time that the members of the Order came together was in the Year 2000, the world has changed since then and the mission entrusted to it has also changed.

During this week when these 500 priests are away from their missions worldwide, things will look strange; some churches might be closed up until when they return, other priests might come in to “Supply” or other parishes might have to cut down on daily Masses during the week. Some other parishes might have to turn to Catechists and qualified Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to lead the faithful in the Service of the Word. Whatever the case it becomes a challenging call to all the people of God to get involved in the work of evangelization.

The absence of priests from so many missions, all-at-a -go cannot be sustained for so long since the Eucharistic Sacrifice cannot take place without a priest. But it is of paramount importance that the parish or mission community still come together to celebrate the mysteries of our faith by listening to the word of God and receive Holy Communion where this is possible. Even though the reception of Holy Communion which the people of God receive at the Eucharistic Services is closely connected with the sacrifice of the Mass, it is not equal to it.

Some people are priest centred that, they think that prayer conducted by a non-ordained minister is not valid. Well the Church makes provision that if it is not possible for the community to the celebrate Mass, they should assemble in their own community under the leadership of a person whom the bishop or the parish priest have designated to lead them in prayer. We must remember that the priest is one of us, therefore his absence does not provide holiday break for from either daily or Sunday Mass. This serves as an urgent reminder for prayers that those whom God has called to the priesthood will respond generously.

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: £339.12 **Non-Gift Aid:** £ 357.45 **Total :** £696.57

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 542 **Bonus Ball :** No.

2nd collection : 3rd March—Cathedral Maintenance

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 /Saturday at 3.00pm

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 : 1st Mar - St. David Bp. Patron of Wales., 2nd Mar - Feast of St. Chad, Bishop.

Dates for your Diary : **First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School;**
25th May - Polish parish children.
21st Nov - Confirmation

Matters of Importance

The season of Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 6th March 2019. Lent is a unique opportunity for each of us to understand the call to holiness by entering more deeply into the mystery of our Baptism. In this Lenten journey of prayer and grace the Walk With Me booklets have been produced and provided. Please pick your copy from the back of the church and use it in your prayer and reflection.

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.

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.

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 today 24th Feb after Sunday Masses. 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.

The Birmingham Passion Play 2019: The Archbishop asks the Catholic community to support/participate in this event which will run 16th-18th April in Birmingham City Centre. The leading actors/actresses will be supplied by professional players from the Saltmine Trust (www.saltminetrust.org.uk), a Christian company who are keen to recruit volunteers for the community cast, choir, musicians and stewards, etc. All welcome!