

MASSES FROM 10th to 17th Mar 2019

Sun	10	9.30am	Mary Molloy , Stuart McLean (RIP), Kevin Kelly (B'day)
		11.30am	Joseph Loftus , Emmanuel Okechukwu Okafor (RIP),
Mon	11	12.00noon	Philomena Mulvey (RIP)
Tues	12	9.30am	Jacqueline McDonnagh (RIP)
Wed	13	9.30am	Weston Caetano D'Souza (B'day)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Michael Hyland (RIP)
Fri	15	6.30pm	Stations of the cross
		7.00pm	Holy souls
Sat	16	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sun	17	9.30am	Mary Molloy (RIP), Emmanuel & Betty Osagie (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

10/03/19

9.30am School Children
School staff

11.30am Valerie, Maame (R)
Patricia, Loveness (E)

17/03/19

Julia Hunt, Elena Wood (R)
Jarek (E)

Kassanet, Julie (R)
Marcel, 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, Maria Clear.

Anniversaries during this Week: John Murphy, Margaret Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Lena Fitzgerald , Edward Brennan, Fr Harkin, Nora Woods, Margaret Dunne, Ivy Elsie Lucas, Jim Crean, Rosalyn Muffitt , Margaret Ward, Micki Kijko, Patrick Flahive.

Prayer for a fruitful Lent: My hope is in Jesus, my only treasure is the Cross...



I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall be always in my mouth. I adore the will of my God. Jesus, Priest and Victim, I unite the sacrifice of my life and the cross I carry to Thy blood shed for me. I shelter myself in Thy wounds and I expect all strength from Thee. My heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– First Sunday of Lent - 10th to 17th March 2019

THIS UGLY THING CALLED SIN:

On Ash Wednesday the Christian world tuned into a season of penance and reconciliation known as Lent. They will spend 40 days in prayer, almsgiving and fasting. These are principal signs of their commitment to Jesus Christ who asks us to repent and turn to God. Lent is a spring time to awaken to the invitation of Jesus ‘Come and follow me.’

Lent brings us face to face with the ugly reality of sin. God’s love for humanity was reciprocated with hatred, a hatred that could only be transformed into love by Jesus Christ, through his incarnation, death and resurrection. The sign that death will be defeated and that victory will be ours is given in the Crucifix. Many Protestants and Pentecostal Christian movements have more than twice criticised the Catholics for retaining the Crucifix instead of a bare cross. “Jesus is risen and gone,” they say, “what is this business of hanging him on the Cross!” Well the answer is simple: Catholics believe that the sins of humanity were taken away **NOT** by the wood of the Cross but by the **ONE** who hang on it. It would therefore be a theological error to exult the cross without the one who hanged on it. It would be like praising the spear without the man who wields it.

The IICSA public Inquiry carried out sometime last October reminds us how Sin can by no means be taken as personal, instead it affects the community. We form one body, the healthy feeling of one part contributes to the welfare of the other. Therefore some other aspects of Lenten season is to help us to realise how one’s sinful behaviour can contribute to the sinfulness of the entire church.

The devil has expertise in putting on a mask to appear to be what he is not. This season of Lent is to help us to be conscious of the ways in which sin has become a normal way of living and reject it. In some cases sinful behaviour is simply accepted as ‘freedom of expression’ but the reality is: while the world treats with glamour things human conscience treats as loathsome, when sin is full-grown, it brings forth death" (James 1:15).

During this Lent, let us focus our gaze on the love of God. *What God can compare with the God revealed by Jesus Christ; taking faults away , pardoning crime, not cherishing anger forever but delighting in showing mercy? Once more may God have pity on us, cast away our sins to the bottom of the sea and*

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £289.50 **Non-Gift Aid:** £329.29 **Total :** £618.79

Counters :

Mass Attendance : 558

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd collection : Cathedral Maintenance—**£218.92. Thank you for your generosity.**

2nd collection for the months of March— 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.

Rite of election : RCIA candidates of our parish and their sponsors will meet Archbishop Bernard at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham today the 10th of March at 3.00pm. Its an opportunity to introduce the candidates to the Archbishop and receive his blessings. Make it a point to attend without fail.

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

Matters of Importance

Holy Mass in the University: Students are being informed that because of the denary meeting which Fr. Jimmy has to attend on this Tuesday 12th March, there will be no Mass at the Faith and Spirituality Centre (the Hub). Just to remind you that the catholic chaplain is available at any time the students need to speak to him. Contact him on 07906124756. or send him an e-mail: lutwajim@yahoo.com



The season of Lent : 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.

CAFOD family Fast Day is on Friday 15th March. During this Lent it's an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world who are affected by drought, floods and storms. There will be a second collection on 17th March for the same. Your support will ensure millions of people around the world enough food and shelter. Kindly pick an envelope available at the back of the church.


Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm in the church followed by Mass.



Annual mass of St. Patrick's day will be celebrated on **14th March at 8.00pm** in our parish. You are welcome to join the celebration as Irish celebrate their patron Saints day.

Cake sale: Polish community of our parish is organising a cake sale on **10th March** to raise money to buy flowers for Easter and tomb for Good Friday. Let us support this project generously.

Bishop Ullathorne School will hold Careers Event on *Thursday 21 March 2019 – 9.00am to 10.00am* If you are an aspiring professional, this is an occasion you should not miss. The session will involve you giving a short introduction on your career informally to a small group of students around a table in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to speak about your job and how you got there. It will also give students the chance to ask any questions they might have.

Baptismal 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.  These sessions are precisely for the parishners of St. Mary & Benedict only.

Archdiocese of Birmingham is organising an annual pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 11th May 2019 led by Bishop David McGough. If you would like to join this spiritual pilgrimage please contact Fr. Craig Szmidt or the pilgrimage director on email— [Walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk/ 01214224865](mailto:Walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk). More information is found on the notice board.

Job Vacancy for a Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) £25,000 to £30,000 p.a. Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, BIRMINGHAM Following the forthcoming retirement of the present post-holder, we are looking to recruit a new Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General.