

MASSES FROM 14th to 21st Apr 2019



Sun	14	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	15	9.30am	Mick Kavanagh, Christopher Shaughnessy (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Mick Kavanagh (RIP)
Wed	17	9.00am	Pascal Osagie (B'day)
Thurs	18	7.00pm	People of the parish
Fri	19	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	The Lord's Passion
Sat	20	8.00pm	People of the parish
Sun	21	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

14/04/19

9.30am	Julia, Mapuranga (R)
	Betty Osagie, Barbara (E)
11.30am	Ashley, Frank K. (R)
	Vera, Marcel (E)

21/04/2019

Naomi, Mapuranga. (R)
Elizabeth P., Sophie (E)
Jeraldine, Patrick T. (R)
Serso, Marcel (E)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers for the Holy Week

9.30am :	Palm Sunday- Passion Reading -	Jeraldine & Veronica C
11.30am :	Palm Sunday - Passion Reading -	Eche, Florence K
7.00pm :	Maundy Thursday - Caroline, Kisaneth (R)	Sophie, Betty Osagie (E)
		Jarek, Patricia (E)
3.00pm : Good Friday –	Selia, Patrick T. (R)	Serso, Barbara (E)
Passion Reading :	Elizabeth H., Bob Haddock	
Easter vigil- 20th - 8.00pm	Eche :	Gen 1: 1-2:2
	Sr. Leera :	Gen 22:1-18
	Selia :	Ex: 14:15-15:1 Barbara, Elizabeth P (E)
	Veronica C. Ezk 36: 16-28	
(After Gloria)	Florence E.:	Rom 6: 3-11

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, Ann Crowley.

Anniversaries during the week: Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan, Fiona Bernadette Logan, Jeanette Smith, Terence



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter– Palm Sunday of Lent - 14th to 21st April 2019

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS:

As Jesus hanged on the cross, he spoke words that remained as enduring memory in the hearts of bystanders. They were spoken in the last three hours of his life. Shortly after that he lay dead in the hands of his grieved mother. What did he say?

1. **“Eloi, Eloi, lama Sabachthani?”** which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matt. 27:46 tells us that about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, these words. He was expressing his feelings of abandonment as the Father placed the sins of the world on him, it was as if God the Father had ‘turned away’ from him. This was to fulfil the prophetic statement in Psalm 22:1

(2) **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”** (Lk 23:34). Those who crucified Jesus were not aware of the full scope of what they were doing because they did not recognize Him as the Saviour. While their ignorance of divine truth did not mean they deserved forgiveness, Jesus’ prayer is an expression of the limitless compassion of God.

(3) **“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise”** (Lk 23:42-43). In this passage, Jesus is assuring one of the criminals on the cross that when he died, he would be with him in heaven. This was granted to the criminal since at the hour of his death, he expressed his faith in Jesus as he recognized who Jesus was.

(4) **“Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit”** (Lk 23:46). Jesus gave up his soul willingly into the Father’s hands, indicating that He was about to die – and that God had accepted His sacrifice. He “offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God” (Heb 9:14).

(5) **“Woman, behold your son!” and “Here is your mother”** When Jesus saw His mother standing near the cross with the Apostle John, he committed her into John’s hands. In this he reminds us that making sure that those dear to us are taken care of in our absence is a noble duty and an obligation.

(6) **“I am thirsty”** (Jn 19:28) Jesus was dehydrated he literally thirsted for water, yet this was to fulfil the prophecy from Psalm 69:21: “They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.”

(7) **“It is accomplished!”** (John 19:30). These last words of Jesus meant that His suffering was over and the whole work God the Father had given Him to do, was now completed. Sin was crushed and eternal salvation was in reach of every person.

Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our Life Lord Jesus Come in Glory.

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: £ 431.45 Non-Gift Aid: £347.65 Total : £779.10

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 577

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd collection : 19th April—Holy Places

2nd collection for the months of April & May : 12th May—Clergy Training Fund.

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 & 3.00p`m.

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.

Confession for First H. Communion. will be on April 8th at 6:00pm in the church; **School**

Confessions will take place on Monday 8th April starting at 10.00am in school; **Parish penitential service :** 15th April at 7.00pm; **First Holy Communion - 18th May - Ss. Mary & Benedict School; 25th May - Polish parish children; 21st Nov - Confirmation.**

Prayer for the week: *on this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus when we welcome you as our King and Saviour we also walk in the shadow of your cross. Hosanna! Blessed are you who come who come in God's name to save us. Hosanna! Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday, give us the grace to follow you this Holy week, from death to Resurrection; from darkness to the fullness of light. Hosanna to the King of Kings!*



Matters of Importance

Holy week programme: Maundy Thursday Mass 7:00pm, Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm followed by Good Friday service, Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm.

Retreat for First Holy Communion Children: in order to prepare themselves well for their First Holy Communion, the children concerned will have a retreat led by Dan Calow on Monday 29th April 2019 in the parish hall. It is nice for the children to be away from distractions to prepare for that occasion.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th April at 11.30am in St. Chad's Cathedral. Mass at St. Mary's will be at 9:00am to allow the parish priest to go for the Holy Mass at which priests will renew their priestly vows and consecrate together with the archbishop the Holy Oils.

Easter Monday Mass is traditionally held at St. Osburg's. Bishop William Kenney will celebrate the Eucharist at 10.00am along with the priests of the deanery. There will be no morning Masses in the parishes on that day.

Divine Mercy Novena will start on Good Friday 19th April. Divine Mercy Prayers will be held here on April 28th starting at 2:00pm followed by Holy Mass.

Monday club will close for Easter season and will resume on Monday 13th May 2019.

Students to join CAFOD's mass lobby of Parliament: On Wednesday 26 June, thousands of students will gather outside Parliament to meet their MPs and to take part in a lobby of Parliament. CAFOD supporters will join with others from over 100 different development agencies, faith groups, and environmental organisations, to call on our politicians to act now and build a future where Britain no longer contributes to climate change. If you are interested in this lobby please contact Bridgid Duffy on 020 7095 5408 or send her an email "Bduffy2@cafod.org.uk"

New Tax year GIFT AID envelopes are available at the back of the church. Those who are already in GIFT AID please pick your envelope from Sr. Leera as you leave the Church.

Job vacancy: The Directors, in partnership with the Academy Committee of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School Coventry, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham are seeking to appoint a strong leader, either a high performing Assistant or Vice Principal, who has the vision to lead the school, "Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus". Applications are welcome the closing date is Friday 10th May. Further details are available here <https://romeromac.com/vacancy/principal-ss-peter-paul/> or contact Helen Quinn, Catholic Senior Executive Leader via email on h.quinn@romero.coventry.sch.uk

Sacrament of Initiation : Let us pray for Edna and Adetutu Temilola who will be baptised and confirmed on Holy Saturday . Let us give thanks to God for them and their family as they enter into full communion with the Catholic church.

Please find the Easter programme on the notice board and parish website.

