

MASSES FROM 12th to 19th May 2019

Sun	12	9.30am	Betty Osagie (B'day), Mama Mary Mangwa, Thomas Duignan (RIP)
		11.30am	Deceased members of Akenji & Max Atangga's family, Banadzen Joseph Lukong, Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)
Mon	13	12.00noon	Tony Griffith (RIP)
Tues	14	9.30am	Ann & Tim (Spl int), Tony Smith (Good health)
Wed	15	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy & family (Spl int)
Thurs	16	9.30am	Deceased members of Tanner & Clarkson family
Fri	17	9.30am	Mick & Rose (Spl int)
Sat	18	10.30am	First Holy Communion
Sun	19	9.30am	Josephine Axworthy (RIP), Mable Braganza (Spl int)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

12/05/2019

9.30am Julia Hunt, Alex (R)
James M. (E)
11.30am Elizabeth, Echee (R)
Vera, Lilian (E)

19/0/2019

Margaret, Desma (R)
Ann M. (E)
Morgan, Georgina (R)
Frank, Serso (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, Ann Crowley.

Anniversaries during the week: Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle, Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Mary Dunnion, Sean Anthony Logan, Patrick Ward, Michael Stapleton, Bridget Theresa Ludid.

Prayer to Virgin Mother: Mother of Jesus, be our protector and defender against all that is harmful or evil. Be for us light in times of darkness, strength when we are weak, wisdom in our confusion, healing in times of illness, and courage to work through life's problems and difficulties. Virgin Mary, guide our life-journey, so that we may always walk safely together with you and your Divine Son, Jesus Christ in God's loving friendship. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- Good Shepherd/Vocation SUNDAY—12th—19th May 2019

IT IS GOOD TO TELL YOUR STORY:

Africans are great story tellers, no wonder their education does not need reading and writing, pen, paper or blackboard; all you need is a good fireplace in the evening an attentive audience and class sessions begin! At the end of an African traditional lesson there was no examinations, understanding was taken for granted. Education was transmitted orally from one generation to another through speech and song; it may take the form of folktales and fables, epic histories and narrations, proverbs or riddles.



Evidence for the resurrection of Jesus took form through similar processes. Mary of Migda and the other women who discovered that the tomb of Jesus was empty on the Sunday morning; the Apostles Peter and John and the two downhearted disciples on the road to Emmaus did not conduct classroom lectures to tell people about Jesus. They just told out their story. The Jesus' story was so precious; any bid to exaggerate its point of weakness or its points of strength would distort it. Therefore they were *not interested in defending* what they believed *but in telling what they believed*. Since the apostles were not interested in putting up a defence of what they believed about Jesus, they made bold statements that would potentially have undermined their claims. For example, it is one of them that betrayed Jesus and not his chief opponents the Pharisees. He was not denied by Simon Peter once but three times! The first people to discover that the tomb was empty were not the apostles themselves but the women. Although Jesus had truly risen and they had seen him, they were quick to eliminate his triumphant appearance: Mary Migda took him for a workman of the field begging him to tell her where he had taken the body (Jn 20:15), the fishing apostles on the sea of Galilee did not recognise him as they returned to the shore having caught nothing for that night (Jn 21:1-4) the sad stricken disciples escaping to their home village of Emmaus, took him for an ordinary lonely traveller who joined them for company (Lk 24:13-35)! The apostles were keen at telling their story without minding how it would have sounded in the ears of their critics.

What made Christianity to spread so fast in the first century was partly because the first Christians never got tired of telling to others the story about what they had seen and heard. Peter boldly told the Sanhedrin "you can judge for yourselves whether to listen to you or to listen to God but we cannot promise that we shall stop preaching about what we have seen and heard". (Acts 4:19-20)

Christian faith from its beginning was to be talked about and shared with others. "No one puts a light under a basket" (Mtt 5:15) "what you hear in private, shout it up on house tops" (Mtt 10:27). Jesus expects us to talk about our faith in Him to others. This is our story as Christians. Imagine that the first Christians never talked about him, how would you come to know about God's love for you! If you do not talk about this story in your home, at your place of work how will they come to know about his love for them? Jesus is the only person who will never mind gossip about him. Let us tell our stories about him, you will see how the world changes.

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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 386.00 Non-Gift Aid: £369.94 Total : £755.94

Counters : Pat & William Edwards

Mass Attendance : 580 **Bonus Ball : No. 59 Sue Darrack**

2nd collection :

2nd collection for the months of May & June : 12th May—Clergy Training Fund; 2nd June— Catholic communications; 16th June —Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence

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.

Feasts during the week: 13th May—Our Lady of Fatima, is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on the famed Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal. The three children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

14th May— St. Mathias, Apostle was, according to the Acts of the Apostles, the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his subsequent death.

Matters of Importance

SURVIVE MIVA Appeal: a Catholic lay Association provides funding for Pastoral care, essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas of the world. They will make a non-mandatory appeal on 2nd June in our parish to support their work of providing transportation in places of difficult to access. Please support them if you can.

Vocations Sunday: Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. Today there is an annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which helps to support our seminarians and diaconate students.

Evening Rosary In our parish continues each Friday evening at 6.00pm. The group come together to pray for their families, people in particular need and for the parishners. All are warmly invited to come and join them. Let us come together to honour our Mother Mary during the month of May and ask for her protection and for the grace to imitate her in her love of Christ,

APF—Mill Hill Missionaries would like to thank you for your generous contribution of £400.78. If any one needs Red Mission boxes they are available at the piety stall. Every little money that you put in will help the needy in the missions.



Monday club : After a long break of Easter Monday club will resume on 13th May. There will be Mass at 12.00noon. New members are welcome to join the senior citizen's club.



First Holy Communion of School and Parish children will take place on 18th May at 10.30am. Kindly pray for them that they may grow in faith to proclaim Christ in their life.



Dowry pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham: During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. The Triduum date set for Birmingham is 20th to 22nd June at St Chad's Cathedral. Please make a note of this in your diary.

Marriage Banns: Mr. Michael Tersoo, son of Dewunga Balogo and Shiminenge Balogo of Ikyuran Tier Village, St. Mary's Catholic Church Jao— Mbatyough, Kasma Ala Benue State Nigeria, would like to marry Ms. Monica Doo —Orum daughter of Deneu Tofi and Mwuse Tofi of Mbangeni village lyol Kristu Parish, Abwa, Benue State Nigeria. If anyone knows any reason why they should not get married to each other, please let the priest know as soon as possible.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us—**Pope Francis**.

