

## MASSES 9th to 16th June 2019



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| Sun   | 09 | 9.30am    | Felix Menezes (B'day)   |
|       |    | 11.30am   | Mama Magdaline Akenji, Experito Lutwama (RIP)<br>Mami Cecille Nzanda (RIP), Florence Ekobe (B'day)<br>Atabong Andre, Paris, Beryl, Pride (thanksgiving) |
| Mon   | 10 | 12.00noon | Philis Irene Jackson (RIP)  |
| Tues  | 11 | 9.30am    | Anna & James Mapuranga (Spl int)  |
| Wed   | 12 | 9.30am    | Joe Beckett (RIP)   |
| Thurs | 13 | 9.30am    | Owen Donnely (Spl int)  |
| Fri   | 14 | 9.30am    | Sandra (Spl int)  |
| Sat   | 15 | 9.30am    | Linda (RIP)   |
| Sun   | 16 | 9.30am    | Bernadette (Spl int)  |
|       |    | 11.30am   | Mami Cecille Nzanda (RIP)   |

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**09/06/2019**

**16/06/2019**

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| 9.30am  | Veronica C. & Elena W. (R)<br>Sophie (E) | Elena A. , Nicholas (R)<br>James M. (E) |
| 11.30am | Petra & Mary (R)<br>Vera & Serso (E)     | Frank, Marcel (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, Ann Crowley.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Edward Devlin. Mary Elizabeth Hand ,Jack Dunne ,Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan .

**Come Holy Spirit:** "God knows what each one of us is dealing with. He knows our pressures. He knows our conflicts. And He has made a provision for each and every one of them. That provision is Himself in the person of the Holy Spirit, indwelling us and empowering us to respond rightly."

### **Story of a Wise man :**

People have been coming to the wise man, complaining about the same problems every time. One day he told them a joke and everyone roared in laughter. After a couple of minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled. When he told the same joke for the third time no one laughed anymore. The wise man smiled and said: ***"You can't laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?"***

**Moral of the story:** Worrying won't solve your problems, it'll just waste your time and energy.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter– PENTECOST SUNDAY — 9th to 16th June 2019**

### **PENTECOST STARTS WHEN SOMEONE NEXT TO YOU IN CHURCH IS DIFFERENT.**



I wrote this reflection from Rome at the Venerable English College Villa Palazzola in the beautiful mountains on the outskirts of the city. Just in front of me was a crater Lake Albano and the other side was Castello Gondolfo the summer residence of the Pope. It was breakfast time and I could see smoke coming from the Pope's kitchen. I hopefully waited to be invited for breakfast; who knows, miracles do happen.

We were about 40 priests here all from Birmingham. As we prayed on June 3rd in the morning, the bishop mentioned with great veneration the Ugandan Martyrs. He praised their heroism although he had never been to Uganda and he called upon us all to imitate their fidelity. A thought immediately passed my mind concerning what has made the Church to be strong and to survive more than 2000 years of history. It is this: the Church has accepted the fact of being different yet remaining the same. Judaism has remained a minority because it does not admit differences. Christianity on the contrary spread and grew because it accepted and admitted those who were from 'the other side'. We venerated the Martyrs of Uganda not because they belonged to our nation, to our race or to our languages but because we recognise that in Christ God has made us into one family and from this family he makes saints. This is what the first Pentecost did. Pentecost is not an event of the past, it is of the present too. People from the known world were all united in praising God. When the Church started on Pentecost day it was meant to incorporate everyone; a family where every person felt at home. The differences between us are the cause for our strength as long as we confess the same Jesus, profess the same faith proclaimed by the apostles on Pentecost day and put into our daily life the living traditions of the Church. Any teaching that conflicts with what the church has believed and taught right from apostolic time cannot be authentic no matter how popular it may become.

Some people are not very comfortable to see 'other' people in the Church. Some might feel upset when turning up for the Sunday Mass they find that their seat is taken up by someone else, worse still some people might see the coming of many new people in their parish church as an 'invasion or take over'. Christians with such thoughts have never experienced Pentecost and parishes whose members think that they can carry on as their fore father's did without the interference of others are just moving to the direction of slow death.

Our Parish of St. Mary's ought to remain a place where every person is welcome, where varieties of gifts are appreciated and encouraged for the building up of the body of Christ the church. Nobody is more worthy to be here and no body should feel unworthy to be here. We are all beloved disciples and children of God. Each language, each tribe and each tongue is beautiful because God uses it to communicate and to proclaim his marvels.

If you come to church today and you notice that the person sitting next to you is different, remember that Pentecost has overtaken you. Let us raise our voices to sing the marvels of God.

**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:** £376.26    **Non-Gift Aid:** £319.39    **Total :** £695.65

**Counters :** Agnes & Tom Ferris

**Mass Attendance :** 515

**Bonus Ball :** No. 25 Rose Hogan

**2nd collections : Survive Miva—435.52 May God reward your generosity.**

**2nd collection for the months of June & July :** 9th June— Catholic communications;

16th June—Day for life; 30th June—Peter's Pence; 14th July—Apostleship of the sea.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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: 10th June—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the church.** The Blessed Virgin Mary has been given the title of Mother of the Church since she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and she became the Mother of the redeemed people

**11th June:** St. Barnabas, Apostle :He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there.

**13th June:** Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High priest.

**Matters of Importance**



**World Communication day:** Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. we are asked to keep those who work in the media in our prayers. Please help the CCN promote the Good News through the media, by your prayers and generosity.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Robert Byrne** All are welcome at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 18 June as we welcome back Bishop Byrne, now the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. The Mass starts at 12noon. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Byrne as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle earlier this year. Bishop Byrne was ordained priest in 1985 and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 13 May, 2014.

**Deanery Corpus Christi Procession** with the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament for the whole of Coventry Deanery will take place on Sunday, 23rd June, starting at 3.00pm from St. Osburgs. This is a very important walk with Jesus through our City, a means of showing to the world that we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, which many people including some Christians deny. Please come and join us, prayers will conclude at the statue of Our Lady of Coventry with Holy Benediction.

**England is to be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.** 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. The statue will be coming to St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham 20th to 22nd June 2019.

**Year for Priests.** Last year, on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we began a year of thanksgiving, prayer and celebration for the priests of the diocese. The year will end, again on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, 28th June. Please do not stop praying for your priests especially those ministering to you in the parish.

**Fr. Michael Stack** a retired hospital chaplain has written a book 'Lord, when did we see you Sick?' Over 20years of his precious life Fr. Michael's ministry has been in Health care as a Hospital Chaplain. This book gives us his life giving journey with the sick and the dying. The book is for sale at the piety stall, costs only £5, buy it , read it and be inspired.

**Confirmation preparation classes** for the children studying in non Catholic schools will begin from Monday 2nd September at 5.00pm in the parish hall. Parents who are interested kindly meet the sisters to enrol the names of your children.

**Lectors meeting** will take place soon after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel. All the Lectors are requested to attend the meeting.

Altar servers training will be on Saturday 15th June at 11.00am in the Ladys Chapel. All are requested to be present without fail.

**The sick and housebound: I would like to ask you to help the priests 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.**