

## MASSES - 8th to 15th September 2019

Sun	08	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (remembrance of Wed Anni)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving), Leo Dunnion (RIP)
Mon	09	12.00noon	Holy souls
Tues	10	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Tran (Get well)
Wed	11	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Tran (Get well)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs Tran (Get well)
Fri	13	9.30am	Needs of the parish
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass— <i>Thomas Alexander Bell</i>
Sat	14	9.30am	Nora Curristan (RIP)
Sun	15	12.00noon	Rose Hogan (B'day), Mami Cecile Nanda (Anni), William Anderson (RIP)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**08/09/2019**

**15/09/2019**

9.30am	James & Aspita (R)	
	Elizabeth P. (E)	12.00— Ashley, James Mapuranga (R)
11.30am	Stephanie, Julie (R)	
	Lilian (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, Thi Tran, Philomena (Mina)

**Anniversaries during the week :** Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer, **Leo Dunnion**, Tony Shepherd, John Patrick O'Sullivan, Dorothy Wheeler, Winifred Kathleen Ward, Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O'Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Catherine Bradley, Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly.

**Monday club (Club of the seniors)** will resume on 9th September with a Eucharistic celebration at 12.00noon. I appreciate the volunteers who organise this seniors club in spite of their own duties. I encourage more people to join this group of spending some time together to socialise.

**Your child's education:** children who were born between 01 September 2015–31st August 2016 are eligible to start primary school in Sept 2020. Parents can apply online from 1st Sept 2019, to receive applications is 15th January 2020. For more details please see poster on the noticeboard.

**School noticeboard:** has been installed in the corridor to the right hand side as you walk out of the church, thanks to the Headteacher who sponsored it. For any information concerning St. Mary's and Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Schools please refer to it. I ask you to respect it. Any unauthorised information will be removed.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Twenty– third Sunday in ordinary time- Parish Newsletter– 8th to 15th Sept.**

#### **THE PLAN TO EXPAND PRISONS FRIGHTENED ME.**

Mrs Francesca suffers from complications that come with old age, she is bent at the back, her legs are no longer strong enough to support her body, her fingers suffer from acute arthritis and her eyes are so dim to see. As child who knew her, Mrs Francesca, has become a shadow of herself. During her days, she used whatever resource she had to teach children how to behave at school and how to behave when they returned home. She would say to them: *“the respect and attention you give to the teachers in the school, must be taken and given to your parents and siblings in the family. The reason why I'm asking you to do this is because the Fourth Commandment tells us: “honour your father and mother.”*

Many children of my generation built their lives on this advice. While the school was a place where we learned the art of respecting other people who were not members of our families, the home became a place where self respect, obedience to parents, docility and selfless love were practiced without fear of punishment as it happened at school. We became the kind of men and women we are today.

Some weeks ago, I heard good news from our Prime Minister as he answered questions from the Parliament Dispatch Box: he was going to recruit twenty thousands Police Officers to keep us safe, he was going to renovate and to upgrade twenty hospitals nationwide. He was also going to create ten thousand prison spaces to lock up offenders. The increase of the number of Police Officers and renovation of our hospitals sounded like music in my ears, but the creation of ten thousand prison cells to lock up people left me scared.

It goes without saying that many of those who occupy our prison cells are young people. There is no indication that this trend is changing so soon. I can also guess that in the creation of ten thousands prison cells, the government is not targeting pensioners. How sad it would be for any young person to start life with a prison sentence!

On the 15th of this month, we shall celebrate our Parish Family Thanksgiving Day. Take this occasion to recognise that God has given you a family to nurture you and he has also entrusted to you a family to take care of. Let us take this occasion to get rid of lack of forgiveness and bitterness that rob our families true happiness and peace. I'm not so sure how many of us would like their child to book a room out of the ten thousands that the Prime Minister is creating. A child is born in, and to a family not to a government. Yes, disciplining him and moulding him in the values acceptable in society is hard but it will bring you real happiness when the time comes to receive your dividends for the hard work you did not neglect.

**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:** £353.94 **Non-Gift Aid:** £ 273.23 **Total :** £627.17

**Counters :** Phil & Vera Dunnion

**Mass Attendance :** 353

**Bonus Ball :**

**2nd collections :** for the months of September & October :8th Sept—Catholic Education service ; 15th Sept—CASE: 22nd Sept—Fr. Hudson's Society; 6th Oct—CAFOD; 20th Oct. APF.

**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

**Parish Christmas bazaar for 2019** will be on November 30th at 1:00pm  
Please keep this date in your diaries

**Funeral announcements:** *Funeral is announced of Mr. Michael Gamble of The Chantries Street Hill fields Coventry which occurred in Ireland on 25th August. He was husband to Mary Gamble. Funeral takes place on 20th Sept at 1.00pm, Reception on 19th Sept at 7.00pm*

*Funeral is also announced of **Thomas Alexander Bell** of 10 Shakespeare Street. Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 13th September at 1:00pm.***

**Matters of Importance**

**Guest preachers:** I wish to warmly welcome among us Mrs. Lianne Pipe Head of Family Catechesis from Maryvale and Mgr. Daniel McHugh Diocesan Coordinator of ethnic chaplains who will speak to us on this Sunday in preparation for our Parish Family thanksgiving day. On 15th September Mr and Mrs Joe Eardley from St. Michaels Parish Wolverhampton will speak to us. Let us give them a hearty welcome.

**Change of Mass time:** there will be **One Mass** on 15th September to celebrate our Family Thanksgiving Day. Mass will start at 12:00 noon. You are requested to come with your family to Sunday Mass and to be seated by 11:40am..

**Food and drinks on Parish Family Thanksgiving Day:** since we are thanking God for our families and celebrating every good gift in them I ask you to cook and bring the food which we shall all share as a family. A family that prays together and eats together, lives together.

**Blessing of the Graves:** will be as follows: Canley 15th Sept. Lenton's Lane 22nd Sept. London Rd 29th Sept, St. Paul's 6th October all services start at 3.00pm.

**Baptism preparation classes** will take place on 16th September at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. I encourage both the parents to attend the session.

**Annual Mass for bereaved families Sept 2018-Sept 2019:** families that lost their loved ones during the mentioned period are requested to come and join in the Mass of thanksgiving to God for the life of their loved ones who God has called to himself. The Mass will take place on 29th Sept. at 3:00pm Please give the name of the deceased to Fr. Jimmy or one of the Parish Sisters if you intend to come.

**Coventry University will open** on Monday 16th September. I wish to remind you that our parish was appointed by His Grace the Archbishop to support the spiritual welfare of the students. While this duty falls first and foremost on the Chaplain Fr. Jimmy, it is the duty of every parishioner to welcome, to pray with and to help the students to find the church. Let us all prepare to receive them.

**Day of Prayer for Vocations:** Saturday 26th October 2019 is our slot to pray for vocations. There will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some scripture reading and meditation on the Call o serve God in the Church.

**RCIA Program will start on 7th October 2019.** If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome.

**Catechism for children** who go to non catholic schools started last Saturday. Classes start from 11:00-12:00noon every Saturday in the Lady's chapel.

**Discerning God's will can** be a challenging process. It's not easy knowing what God is calling us to do and often we lack the confidence that enables us to make a firm decision. The good news is that almost all holy men and women struggled with God's will, just keep course and let God's will to be done.