

MASSES 15th to 22nd Dec 2019

Sun	15	9.30am	Antonia Akhionbare (Spl int) Teresa Tran (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving), Eric Amah (Thanksgiving)
Mon	16	12.00noon	Holy souls, Holy souls
Tues	17	9.30am	Macvil Palha (Thanksgiving)
Wed	18	9.30am	Keeney Families (Spl int)
Thurs	19	12.00noon	Requiem Mass—Paul Michael May
Fri	20	9.30am	Doris Hall (RIP)
Sat	21	9.30am	Eric (RIP)
Sun	22	9.30am	Emmanuel & Betty Osagie (Wed Anni), Maura Lawler (RIP)
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

15/12/2019

9.30am	Alex, Nicholas (R) Elizabeth P. (E)
11.30am	Stephanie, Patrick (R) Serso, Patricia (E)

22/12/2019

Antonia A., Veronica C. (R) Barbara (E)
Maame, Mary (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, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : Josephine Battles, Patrick Meehan, Nora Herbert, Allen Leslie Randall, Michael Oliver Hickey, Cornelius John Morris, Edward Donnelly, Don McCaffer, Francis Morrinssey, Catherine Dunnion, Tom Heavey, John O'Reilly, Bridget Hayden, Kathleen Gill, Bridget Agnes Rafferty, Rita O'Sullivan, Ann Dunnion, James McMenus, Denis Joseph Buckley, Robert McGorman, Bridie Mooney, Jack McCullough, Frank Martin, Daniel Prosser, John Masterson, Ann Plunkett, Anne Creed, Josephine & Tom Boylan, Ann Martin, Thomas Fox, Agnes Stanford, Rose & Jim Hogan, Mary McCullough.

Lectors on 24th/25th/31st Dec 2018

24 th Dec	6.00pm	Alex & Demisha
	8.30pm	Caroline, Patrick
25 th Dec	9.30am	Elizabeth H., Julia H.
	11.30am	Florence E., Frank K.
31 st Dec	11.00pm	Perpetua, Mapuranga,

Eucharistic Ministers

Sr Leena, Betty, Barbara
Elizabeth P. Patricia, Vera Frank K., Serso



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

3rd Sunday of Advent -Year A Parish Newsletter: 15th to 22nd December 2019

WILL YOU CONSIDER SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER FOR YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS?

The Diocesan Head of Finance asked Parish Priests to bring this matter to your consideration for the good of our parishes and the diocese in general.

The bank came to see us recently regarding the level of charges we pay across the diocese and as you might expect they are increasing. This is the first time the charges have been reviewed for some 18 years. We were not really therefore in a position to argue too strongly and even if we could have negotiated lower charges with another bank, the costs and potential loss of income from standing order donations of transferring over 300 bank accounts would have vastly outweighed any potential savings.

While in percentage terms the increases are high, in most cases the increases will not be material in monetary terms. *The most notable increase is regarding the processing of cash which the banks simply do not wish to handle.* The revised charges will be reflected in the charges taken by the bank next month.

Full details of the revised tariffs are contained in the attached document (available to your Parish Priest) The message remains that given the increased charges for the cash your parish has to bank whenever this happens, ***we ask you to consider giving your Sunday offering by Standing Order.*** This will also cut down on parish administration and counters' time, reduce security risks taking money to the bank and reduce the continued hassle many parishes have with the branch counting machines, which despite what the branch locally may say, the bank cannot actually insist we use. Please talk to your Parish priest about setting up a Standing Order, he will provide you with your parish bank account details. This applies also to those who give their Sunday donations by Gift Aid.

I thank you for your generosity towards the Church without which the diocese would not effectively meet its material and spiritual support. With all good wishes for a peaceful advent season and a Blessed Christmas.

Steve Roche ACIB

Head of Finance Cathedral House, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EX

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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Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher Mrs McDonald

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

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 352.07 **Non-Gift Aid:** 336.55 **Total :** £608.62

SO : Weekly/Monthly : £175.92 **Hall Hire:** £200

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 532 **Bonus Ball :** No. 25 Rose Hogan

2nd collections :

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: Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

RCIA Sessions: Every Monday at 6.00pm

Catechism for FHC : Every Saturday at 11.00am

Church Cleaning: This week Group B. Thank you for your co-operation.

Altar Servers will renew their commitment to serving at the Altar on 26th December Feast of their Patron Saint, St. Stephen.

Fr. Patrick Osagie RIP: On behalf of our parish community, I wish to extend our condolences to Emmanuel and Betty Osagie for the loss of their brother Reverend Fr. Patrick Osagie who died in Nigeria few days ago at the age of 60. He was a very holy and zealous priest. We thank God for his fidelity to Jesus Christ and to the sacred ministry which he entrusted to him in this life. May He Rest in Peace.



Matters of Importance

Meal for the Homeless and elderly members of our parish: on Saturday 25th January 2020, the Homeless people of our city will be offered Christmas meal in the parish hall from 12:00noon. On Sunday 26th January 2020 the elderly of our city will have a Christmas party in the hall at 1:00pm.

Advent & Christmas Programme:

24th Dec Vigil Mass for children 6.00pm followed by Carol singing at 8.00pm

24th Dec Vigil Mass for adults 8.30pm

25th Dec Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am

26th Dec Boxing day Mass : 10.00am

31st Dec Thanksgiving adoration at 10.00pm followed by Eucharistic celebration at 11.00pm

01st January New year day Mass : 10.00am



New Year's Eve: there will be a thanksgiving prayer and adoration on Tuesday 31st Dec at 10.00pm thanking the Lord for all the blessings we have received during the course of the year 2019. We shall ask for his blessings and mercy upon us as we usher in the New Year 2020.



Coventry University is closed for Christmas holiday. Holy Mass at Spirituality and Faith Centre will resume from Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 1.10pm.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School - Advent Carol Service Please join us for our Advent Carol service on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm, please arrive to be seated by 6.45pm. This is a beautiful evening to celebrate the season of Advent. All are welcome.

Are you interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School? The Diocesan Education Service are offering a one-day course on Saturday 11th January 2020 at Don Bosco House in Coleshill for aspiring and existing school leaders presently working outside the faith sector, who are interested in applying for a leadership post in a Catholic School. Please contact Charlotte Kirby c.kirby@bdes.org.uk to book a place.

Job Vacancy: Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor permanent Full-time job 35 hours per week £30,750 to £35,875 p.a. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker to its Safeguarding Team. You will be expected to promote excellent safeguarding practice, in line with local and national best practice, provide advice to Clergy and volunteer Parish Safeguarding Representatives.

MARRIAGE MATTERS : Third Sunday of Advent Matthew 11:2-11) Cherish the gift :John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' coming. When Jesus came, the Magi brought gifts. We are preparing gifts for family and friends. Jesus calls us to become gifts to one another every day. When you got the family you gifted yourself, entrusted yourselves to each other; do you still cherish the gift? How much has trust helped you on your journey together?

