

MASSES 19th to 26th Jan 2020

Sun	19	9.30am	Sandra (Spl int), Margaret Groogan (RIP) Omono Iriannan (B'day), Thi Tran (Get well), Cathline Delaney (B'day)
		11.30am	Frances Clarkson (RIP), Patrick Tanner (Thanksgiving)
Mon	20	12.00noon	Maureen (Thanksgiving), Bernadette Doran (Get well)
Tues	21	9.30am	Darragh Kathleen Mary (RIP)
Wed	22	9.30am	Frank Clarkson (RIP)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Catherine Groogan (RIP)
Fri	24	9.30am	Roddy Lumsden (RIP)
Sat	25	9.30am	Sandra & Maureen (Spl int)
Sun	26	9.30am	Mr & Mrs. Fernandes (Thanksgiving), Thi Tran (Get well) Ewaen Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	SSA (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

19/01/2020

9.30am Nicholas, Veronica C. (R)
Sophie (E)
11.30am Patrick, Florence K. (R)
Patricia, Vera (E)

26/01/2020

Noah, James M. (R)
Barbara (E)
Julie, Maame (R)
Serso, 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, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanigan, Baby Vanessa Ferkova, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh, Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dun-ion.

Thought for the week: **It is the action, not the fruit of the action, that is important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, nor in your time, that there will be any fruit. But that does not mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never even know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing , there will be nothing— Gandhi**

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.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year A - 19th to 26th Jan 2020

UNLESS YOU DEEPEN YOUR BONDING LIFE MIGHT BE DIFFICULT

I'm now convinced that not every invention made by man to make life comfortable is of benefit to mankind. I remember those days before mobile phones came, the family telephone disciplined children to keep quiet to let mum or dad speak to the person the other end. Before televisions came, families were united in conversations as children gathered round their parents and grandparents to listen to those stories that never left our imagination. That time society valued the family, It was unimaginable to think of living a fulfilled life outside the family. The current trend is that the television, mobile phones, the computer and computer games have divided family life. You no longer find parents engaging in conversations and story telling as it used to be. One gadget or the other has to be tuned on in order to keep the peace. The dummy is no longer enough to make a child quiet, you need a mobile phone too!

Family bonding is in difficulties these days. The time restricted conversation between spouses as there is some work to complete at home on return from the office contributes to this problem. Children have to do their home work or they are busy watching their favourite movies and computer games. The art of conversation has disappeared among young people. It is not uncommon to visit a home where children do not even recognise that there is a visitor in the house. When there is no communication between visitors and the people of the house they part from each other as strangers!

The other thing that has robbed children of having bonding relationship with their parents is the pram. It is important that the cognitive part of the child's brain realises from the beginning that she or he has to depend on someone else if what s/he wants is to happen. Constantly pushing the baby around in the pram instead of in a mother's arms undermines the bonding that would have developed if the child was to know that mom's arms or back was a means of transport. I remember as a child that when babies were afraid of someone unfamiliar, they ran to mom's back. It was the fortress of security. Feeding the baby with a bottle undermines the bonding that would develop if the child was to be fed at the breast. The latter would make the child to see mom as a source of food.

The Fourth Commandment teaches us "*Honour your father and mother*" (Dt. 5:16) It is good to remember that such respect develops in an environment where the child grows up with some kind of dependence on a parent. The milk bottle, the pram and baby car seat, takes these away.

I wish to advise young families to go back to the basics by creating real physical contacts with their babies, let them smell mom's perfume and dad's sweat. The bonding relationship that will develop between child and parent will then never be broken.

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: 265.64 **Non-Gift Aid:** 378.81 **Total :** £644.45

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

Counters : Agnes H. & Sr. Leena **Bonus Ball :**

Mass Attendance : 525 **Second Collection :** Pax Christi

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 25.01.202 Group C. Thank you for your co-operation.

Gift Aid : Tax payers who make your contribution through GIFT AID advice you to pay by Standing Order instead of paying through weekly envelopes for the coming tax year2020. For further information please contact Sr. Leera today.

Rev Fr. Patrick Henry Farrelly retired Priest of the Archdiocese died on Sat. 11th January 2020 in Ireland. **Rev Fr. Brian James Doolan** Retired Priest of the Archdiocese died on Monday, 23rd December 2019 at Horton Hospital, Banbury. Please remember these faithful servants of the Lord in your prayers. May they Rest In Peace.

Matters of Importance

Today is Peace Sunday. a day of special prayer for peace throughout the world.

There will be a second collection for the work of Pax Christi.

Octave Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th - 25th January. It will be kept on Sunday January 19th at 2.00pm in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral. The Service will be based on the theme of 'Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28:2), chosen by the Christians of Malta. The Sermon will be given by Revd Neil Le Tissier, Regional Baptist Minister.

Meal for the Homeless and elderly members of the city: 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.

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward facing Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: www.bishopwalsh.net

Friday Rosary : In this year, 'The Year of the Word' there are three themes; celebrating, living and sharing God's word. Let us join in prayer with Mary, the perfect disciple of the Lord, listening to God's Word and putting into Action what we have heard. The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers. Therefore I invite you to join us in praying the rosary every Friday at 6.00pm in the Lady's chapel. Let us rededicate our lives to the Lord through Mary the Mother of God.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

FOUR seminarians were kidnapped in Nigeria by armed men. Aid to the Church in Need can at last reveal that the four men are Pius Kanwai, 19, Peter Umenkor, 23, Stephen Amos, 23, and 18-year-old Michael Nnadi. They were taken on Wednesday (8th January) evening from the Good Shepherd Major Seminary in Kaduna city, northern Nigeria. Please pray for their safety and return to their families.

Increase in Parish Levies: The parish levy is the amount of money transferred each year from a parish to the Archdiocese, in order to fund the wide range of services it provides. These include the Kenelm Youth Trust, Maryvale Institute, the Diocesan Education Service supporting the Diocese's 237 Catholic schools, poor parishes, Fr Hudson's Society, chaplaincies in prisons, hospitals, ethnic and disability groups, and universities, commissions for ecumenism, interfaith, justice and peace, and overseas development, the offices of the Vicar General, Safeguarding Team, Marriage Tribunal, Property, Fund-raising, Finance (including Gift Aid), Communications, Diocesan Archives and Historic Churches Committee. That's a lot, and it's not even a complete list, and they cost a lot. There has been a change in the way the levy for each parish is calculated, and this has meant that every parish, including us, is now expected to contribute considerably more from now on. The quarterly levies have increased by 28% for example in 2018, the parish paid £11,344.76, in 2019, £12,123.20 and in 2020 the parish will be charged £30,937.48. This is an increase of £18,814.28 from what was levied last year! In all this I thank you all for your generous heart towards the church.