

MASSES 2nd to 9th Feb 2020

Sun	02	9.30am	Sandra (Spl int), Thi Tran, Caroline (Get well), 11.30am Frank Kasibante (Thanksgiving) Florence K. (B'day) Ekenna & Loretta (Thanksgiving), Hyscinth Sarausos (Good health)
Mon	03	12.00noon	Monike Stankiewicz & deceased members of the family
Tues	04	9.30am	Tom Forde (RIP)
Wed	05	9.30am	Sr. Veronica (RIP)
Thurs	06	9.30am	Sr. Felicia (Good health)
Fri	07	6.00pm	Prayer for priests
		7.00pm	Sick of the parish
Sat	08	9.30am	Mable Braganza (RIP)
Sun	09	9.30am	Thi Tran, Ganet & John (Thanksgiving), Hyscinth Sarausos (Get well)
		11.30am	Celine & Pat Monaghan (spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

02/02/2020

9.30am	Celia, Alex (R) Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Morgan and Georgina (R) Frank & Lilian (E)

09/02/2020

Helena W. , Anthonia A. (R) Elizabeth P. (E)
Patrick, Florence K. (R) Vera, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Patrick Tracey, 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 : Marie Macken, Teresa McSharry, Josephine Robertson, John Nash, Elizabeth Hoey, William, Antony Braganza , Peter Montague, Elizabeth Hugh , Frank & Maura Corrigan , William Mulroney, Leslie Burke, Bridget Agnes Clisham.

Presentation of the Lord:

Lord Jesus, as an infant You were brought to the temple by Your parents out of religious duty. Help all parents to take their duties to God seriously, to inculcate their faith in the next generation by their words and by their actions, so that the faith will be handed on where the faith is first learned—in the family and in the home.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—4th Sunday—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 2nd - 9th Feb

CAN WE REALLY SAVE THE PLANET?

Thanks to Sir David Attenborough the famous British natural science commentator who has through his study of nature, helped us to realise that no matter how great human beings think they are, for their survival on planet earth, they depend on other tiny creatures such as the bees, the earthworms, the ants, the butterflies, the slugs etc. In all his natural science documentaries, David makes a wonderful interconnection and interdependence of creatures on our planet; each one is very important for the survival of the other except the mosquito. The mosquito is unique, it is the only creature David has never mentioned to be important for the survival of the planet.

The fires in Australia, the hurricanes in great seas, the unpredictable weather patterns are evidence of a changing climate. Poor people are greatly affected. Scientists say that it is the irresponsible exploitation of natural resources particularly by the rich to keep enriching themselves, that is leading our planet to a catastrophe. Climate change is blamed on carbon dioxide or green house emissions that are released into the atmosphere.

I'm not sure of how the simple life of the Aboriginal people of Australia has contributed so massively to global temperatures. I cannot see how the indigenous people of the Amazon Forest have contributed to the massive destruction of the Amazon, I cannot also see how the poor people who cling to life on small Islands in world great oceans have polluted ocean surface with spilt petroleum and the ocean floors with plastics!

The Masai people of East Africa live side by side with wild animals. It sounds mythical but in Masai land it is common for Masai herdsman to graze a herd of cattle with zebras, giraffes, antelopes, wildebeests together and lions a short distance away! They protect nature with taboos that teach every Masai to respect and value wildlife; they are never trophy hunters. But I have met people who fly over continents every week for sporting activities, for commercial speeches, or just to get away from the routine of life. I have heard of people who sail to the bottom of the sea to catch the biggest fish, people who penetrate dense forests to shoot the biggest animal, or to cut down the oldest tree! As if that is not enough, countries and people who have a history of massive carbon footprints are the ones calling on the victims, the poor people to change their behaviour: they should walk to work instead of driving, use less electricity, cut back on holidays, stop eating beef and opt for the vegetables.

Hypocrisy and lips service while doing the contrary does not do good to anyone. Planet earth is our common home we have no other. It is in this home that our bodies will be laid to rest and it is from this home that God will raise them up. It is our Christian duty to protect it now and for the future. God entrusted creation to Adam and Eve to take care of it not to destroy it. With so much hypocrisy surrounding the causes of global warming, can we really save the planet?

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: 309.42 **Non-Gift Aid:** 349.85 **Total :** £659.27

SO : Weekly/Monthly : £380.00 **Hall Hire:**

Counters : Pat & William Edwards **Bonus Ball :** No.

Mass Attendance : 595 **Second Collection :** 16th Feb. - Pro life

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 08.02.2020 Group B. 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 year 2020. For further information please contact Sr. Leera today.

Annual Collection for Life: next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the national charity Life on Sunday 16 February. Life upholds the Gospel of Life by providing positive alternatives to abortion for 70 people every day. Thank you for your support.

Matters of Importance

Archbishop Bernard Longley to lead Catholic Ethnic Communities Pilgrimage to Knock: This first ever Pilgrimage led by Archbishop Bernard will take place in September 2021.

Jubilee Priests 2020: We Congratulate Mgr David Cousins (60th); Bishop David McGough; Fr Brendan Carrick, Mgr John Moran (50th); Fr Eddie Clare, Fr Eamonn Corduff, Fr Giles Goward, Fr Kevin Lennon, Mgr Timothy Menezes, Fr Anthony Talbot (25th) who celebrate jubilees of their ordinations. We know a good number of these priests personally. Please keep our jubilarians in your prayers.

Altar Servers will visit St. Chad Cathedral for their annual thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 7th March 2020. It will be led by Bishop David McGough at 12 noon. There will be refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. Aim to arrive in plenty of time to vest in the crypt and to process into the cathedral.

You are invited to Holy Mass for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David Oakley as the 13th Bishop of Northampton at 11am on Thursday 19th March 2020 in Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury, Barrack Road, Northampton NN2 6AG followed by a reception at the Park Inn Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton NN1 2TA

Baptism classes families that have been blessed with babies during this time and wish them to be baptised are reminded that the next baptism preparation classes will take place on **3rd, 10th 17th** February in the Lady's chapel. Starting at 6:00 to 7:00pm These classes are mandatory for parents and Godparents. You are expected to keep the time please.

Death announcement: I regret to announce the death of Mrs **Mable Braganza** which occurred on Sunday 26th Jan. 2020. She is the elderly who used to sit at the single chair at the left hand corner near Divine Mercy Chapel. She was a faithful member of the Church. Death is announced also of **Mr. Neil McHugh** of Humber Avenue which occurred on the same day. Reception of his body on Tues 11th Feb at 6:00pm, funeral Mass will be on Wed. 12th at 11:00am.

FLAME 2021 – to take place on Saturday 6 March 2021 at The SSE Arena, Wembley will be the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK. Flame gathers over 8000 young Catholics from across England and Wales for a day of prayer, adoration, catechesis and praise. Passes go on sale on Friday 6 March 2020. Young people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend this event. If you would like to take part please liaise with the Diocesan Youth Service for more information on the event and passes.

Marriage Matters reflection - 4th Sunday: *We reflect God's love* :Through marriage husband and wife become living flesh and blood Sacrament of the Church! Saint Paul says 'be ambitious for the higher gifts'. Our love isn't just a warm feeling but an action; it flourishes in being given attention to and nurtured. In this way we become a sacramental 'sign' of God's love for our children, family, friends and Church.