

MASSES 22nd to 29th Mar 2020

Sun	22	9.30am	Stephanie & Greg (Thanksgiving), Esperanza Delima Fernandes (B'day)
		11.30am	Irene O'Reilly (B'day), Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)
Mon	23	9.30am	Greg Osagie (B'day), Fr. Bob Wright (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	James Ferry (RIP)
Wed	25	9.30am	Brian Jordan (RIP)
Thurs	26	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (B'day remembrance), SSA (Spl. Int)
Fri	27	9.30am	Wendy Trill (Spl int)
Sat	28	9.30am	Roque & Esperanza Almeida (RIP)
Sun	29	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP)
		11.30am	Julie & family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne.

Anniversaries during the week : John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan, Mary Josephine Axworthy, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner.,,

Pope's prayer for protection from Corona virus: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 4th Sunday of LENT 22nd to 29th March 2020

IN EVERY CRISIS GOD HAS A MESSAGE :

This morning for the first time I celebrate Holy Sunday Mass without your presence. I know that you will be tuning in our webcam at www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk ; at the Home Page click on "[Link to Live Streaming for Mass.](#)"

This situation is unprecedented it comes to us with a message namely to turn to God. The Holy Bible remind us that to call people back to himself, God creates a situation. For example, God to create a people of his own possession and to discipline them, he brought about a situation of great famine in Canaan that forced the family of Jacob to immigrate into Egypt, from there he would gather them as one people and through wonders and with mighty power formed them into a nation (Ex.26:5-10) To make the disciples to realise that Jesus had power over moments of turmoil, he had to make the sea rough. Lord do you not care, we are going down! Once Jesus calmed the sea, the terrified disciples could only say :who could this be that he commands the sea and wind and they obey him" (Mk 4:35-41).

Brothers and sisters, we have been advised to lock ourselves behind our doors. It is right to do so. In our incarceration let us open the doors of our lives to God. Mankind has gone so astray such that he thought that there is no God. His commandments were seen as man-made colonial inventions. Some people thought that God had got it wrong by creating us male and female, everything has to submit to the will of man not to the will of God.

In this crisis God is calling us back to himself. It is time for government leaders to realise that God is the leader of his people, he is the sole master of life and death. It is time that preachers and pastors stop turning religion into a business just to make money! It is time to respect life in the womb and to give it a chance. It is time to take care of the stranger, the widow and the orphans. It is time not to build walls of separation but bridges of togetherness. In summary it is time to turn back to God!

As your parish priest, I want to ask you to join me in the daily and in the Sunday Masses which I will celebrate at the altar. The church will be empty, yes, but I know that we are united electronically in our purpose to spend that time in prayer to God. Those who ask for Masses to be celebrated for their intentions, they will. Gather the children together and make them aware that as you are following the Mass online you are indeed praying with your parish priest. I will try as much as possible to give you a word of encouragement.

May God bless you and keep you safe. Even when separated we shall keep on praying asking God that our time of trial may be shortened.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ—Your Parish Priest.

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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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: 204.90

Non-Gift Aid: 305.77

Total : £510.67

SO : Monthly : £520.02

Hall Hire:

Counters :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Second Collection : 10th April : Holy places

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Confessions :

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Gift Aid envelopes: Some parishioners had not got time to pick up their envelopes, you can pick them from the parish office any time. Please make sure that you call before hand. Since we are advised to keep ourselves inside our houses, I will try to have the gift Aid envelopes delivered through your letter box. Thank you again for your generosity towards the Church.

Matters of Importance

Supporting the church: the Corona pandemic has made life a bit difficult for everyone. I wish to ask you to think of the new ways by which you can continue supporting the parish to meet those inevitable expenses of day today maintenance and upkeep of the parish. For our parishioners who make their Sunday donations through Gift Aid it will be good to continue putting your donation in the envelopes. For those who are not in G. Aid scheme you can put aside your Sunday donations in an envelope seal it properly and drop it through the office letter box, if you cannot do so, please keep it safe until when you get time to come to church.

The best way is to go to your bank and set up a Standing Order Mandate, if you would like to do so please give me a call on 07906124756 to give you the parish bank details. The donations you give to the church will be recorded and appear in the parish bulletin as usual. This situation is unprecedented, surely God is testing us in a personal way, let us remain steadfast in building his Kingdom in our life.

Below are some resources for during the time of no public congregations at Mass.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion as we are now entering a time when we cannot attend Mass for a valid reason and are therefore exempt from our Sunday obligation. During this time, we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered. There are 2 options of prayer you can say - as an act of Spiritual Communion by saying the following prayer:

1. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (From St Alphonsus Liguori)

Or

2. I wish, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervour of the saints. Come Lord Jesus. Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You, give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your very blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. (From St Thomas More) What some of the saints have said about Spiritual Communion: St Teresa of the Child Jesus said "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."—The Way of Perfection. St John Vianney said "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again." St Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him". How to develop your own domestic Church in your home. One of the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium ("Light of the Nations"), describes the family as the 'domestic Church' because it is the first place where young, baptized Christians learn about their faith. During this time when families will be spending more time in the home following the school closures it presents more opportunities for our domestic Churches to be nurtured. Let us take the opportunity when we are still able, to be united through the wonders of digital technology. Praying together as a family –and through our WhatsApp groups and you put aside a time each day where you all join for prayer.