

**MASSES 5th to 12th Apr 2020**

Sun	05	9.30am	People of the parish
Mon	06	9.30am	Janie Patalong (RIP) Vera Dunnion (Spl int)
Tues	07	9.30am	Fr. Bob Wright (RIP)
Wed	08	9.30am	Tal Osagie (B'day),
Thurs	09	1.00pm	Requiem Mass—Jane Patalong
		6.00pm	Lord's Supper
Fri	10	2.30pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Celebration of Passion of our Lord
Sat	11	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	12	9.30am	People of the Mass
		11.30am	People of the Parish

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting, Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle.

**Prayer for healing:** O Lord, may we find the joy of the Lord even in the midst of our trials. We pray that You would teach us what it means to see beyond our troubles, knowing that You are with us. Even so, Lord God, we see the challenges those around us are facing. We ask You to intervene, to be with those who are in need, to prompt us to participate with You as You care for your people, and, most of all, to restore creation and to make all things new. We pray that we would not be anxious, but that You would give us Your peace. Let us live differently in the midst of trial so that the world might see You in us. Amen.

***May the blessings of the Lord be with you on Palm Sunday and always.***



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter— Palm Sunday - 5th to 12th April 2020**

**HOSANNA SON OF DAVID:**

It must be disheartening that we are celebrating Easter Festival in such a way that none of us has never experienced before. When news broke out that Jesus of Nazareth had been taken into custody, those who hated him (the Pharisees, Sadducees the scribes and other leaders of the people) hurried to the court of Caiaphas the High Priest to see him judged and sentenced according to the Jewish Law. When Caiaphas found the Jewish Law inadequate to condemn a man to death, he sent him to Pontius Pilate the Roman Governor to condemn him to death instead. The Roman soldiers, the leaders of the people, the Pharisees and Sadducees were also there in great numbers. Where were the followers of Jesus? Some were part of the crowds that gathered at two courts, their voices were silenced. Others were locked behind their houses, full of fear, with no hope, every knock at their houses could easily mean the end of their lives. Three things united the followers of Jesus who had the courage to go out to see what would happen to him, with those who locked themselves inside their houses: **Faith** in Jesus **Hope** in Jesus and **Love** of Jesus. They believed in him, they had placed all their hope in him and they continued to love him. For reasons we do not know God decided to cause this pandemic to happen during Lenten Season a time when we reflect on our relationship with God and with one another. Above all at this time we are faced with the gravity of sin which can lead man to lose humanity. As Christians we must never lose the sense of the presence of sin in our hearts, in our families, in our countries and indeed in the world. Just as we believe in the presence of God everywhere, we should never think that sin and evil are far from us. It is for sin and evil in the world that we celebrate Palm Sunday in this way for the first time and please God for the last time.

This is indeed a providential time of conversion. God is using it to remind us that he and he alone matters in our life. *“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be given to you.”*

We have entered into Holy week starting with the solemn entry of Christ into the Holy City. We have heard the story of what happened. We start this week our heads downcast due to Corona virus pandemic that has claimed and continues to claim the lives of our brothers and sisters. But let us not forget that after every trial, after every crucifixion, after every burial there comes the day of resurrection. God will raise us up, God will bind our wounds, God will wipe the tears on our cheeks.

Let us focus our attention on the mercy of God. Jesus has won victory for us through his passion death and resurrection. Let us walk with him, through this pandemic God has exposed our weakness and foolishness. Whatever we thought mattered in our life is useless, only God remains. May his passion and death bring us to the Glory of his resurrection. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage for I have conquered the world. May God bless you this week and always.

**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:**

**SO : Monthly : £**

**Counters :**

**Mass Attendance :**

**Non-Gift Aid: Total : £**

**Hall Hire:**

**Bonus Ball : No.**

**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:**

*“You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: Remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures— from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.....this is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work” 2 Tim 3:14-17.*



**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**

Below are some resources you can use during the time of no public congregations at Mass.

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

**“They have Moses and the Prophets Let them listen to them”:**

One of the gospel stories told by Jesus that leaves us shaken whenever it is proclaimed, is that of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19–31) The rich man had spent his life making his own money, he was also generous to himself, he dressed in purple and feasted everyday magnificently. He was not a thief but a hard worker and a decent earner. By the gate of his house there was also a very poor man called Lazarus the only effort he could make was to walk everyday from his village and camp at the rich man's gate. He competed with the house dogs to get the scraps of food that dropped from the rich man's table. The rich man was not that bad, he allowed Lazarus to pick up the scraps just as his dogs did. Once circumstances changed, the rich man found himself at the losing end and turned to Abraham for help through the mediation of Lazarus. When Abraham tells the man how it would be impossible either for him or for Lazarus to be of help, the rich man decided to plead for his brothers who were still on earth to make sure that they did not end in the same place.

The answer given by Abraham is interesting “They have Moses and the Prophets let them listen to them” Well who are the Moses and Prophets that Abraham refers to? These are the priests and Bishops of the Church. Let us listen and obey the teaching of Jesus as taught by the Catholic Church. The voice of the Church is indeed the voice of Moses and the prophets. If we do not listen and believe what the church teaches us to amend our lives, how shall we believe even if someone was to rise from the dead?

**Make an Act of Spiritual Communion:** 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)

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is postponed:** the planned thanksgiving Masses for Marriage due to take place in May 9th & 16th 2020 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham have been postponed . It is very much hoped to rearrange these for later in the year, but as you can appreciate dates cannot be confirmed at this time.

**Easter Programme**

Sunday	5th Apr	9.30am	ONE Palm Sunday Mass
Monday	6th Apr	9.30am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	7th Apr	9.30am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	8th Apr	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thursday	9th Apr	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Jane Patalong
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Sunday	12th Apr	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday	19th Apr	9.30am	ONE Mass
Sunday	19th Apr	3:00pm	Divine Mercy prayers & Holy Mass.

