

MASSES 26th Apr to 3rd May 2020

Sun	26	9.30am	SSA, Miss Almeida (Thanksgiving) Deceased members of Ekobe, Niosas & Nzanda's family Mami Cecile Nzanda (Anni)
Mon	27	9.30am	Bernard Trill (RIP)
Tues	28	9.30am	Phil Kenney & family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	29	9.30am	Josephine Scholes (Get well)
		5:30pm	Memorial Mass of Ronny Ngunjiri RIP (Live streamed)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Sr. Maria Goretti (RIP)
Fri	01	9.30am	Anthony Braganza (RIP)
Sat	02	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Sun	03	9.30am	Derrick Braganza, Fr. Jimmy (B'day) Anthony Braganza (RIP)

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: Bridie Durkan, Mario Giampaglia, Minnie Noonan, Mary McCarron, Nada Stojanovic, Mary Margaret McGlynn, Eric Maurice Goulden, Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan.

Children's corner : Bible quiz for kids

1. Read 1Samuel 16:4-7 When Samuel picked David as king, God told him that while people look at the outward appearance what does God look at? A) attitude, B) our work done, C) the heart?

2. Check the books in your Bible: What is the last book of the Old Testament? A) Jeremiah B). Amos, C). Malachi? Read the last verse of the book of Malachi and tell your parents what it asks you to do.

3. Read 1 Samuel 3:3-10: How many times did God call out to young Samuel in the night as he was lying down in the house of the Lord? A) 4 times, B). 20 times, C). 3 times D) Once.

4. Read Matthew 3:17. After Jesus was baptized, God said, "This is my son, whom I _____." A) I love, B). will bless, C) respect D). have sent?

5. What instrument did David play? A) Harp/lyre, B) Guitar C) Flute D) Drums.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions forward that request by calling Tel. 07547242375 all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible. The intentions will be mentioned at the beginning of each Mass.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 3rd Sunday of Easter- 26th April to 3rd May 2020

GOD COMES ONLY TO THOSE WHO INVITE HIM

The narrative of the experience of the two discouraged and cowardly disciples on the Road to Emmaus became the final evidence that Jesus had truly risen. The testimony of the women, and the rush of Peter and John to the sight of an empty tomb, had not created that firm conviction that the initial evidences of the resurrection were true. When the first two disciples to be discouraged and to abandon the mission returned with new vigour and enthusiasm, yes he has appeared to the women, the tomb was empty, he has appeared to Cephas he has appeared to us as well on the Road to Emmaus, we recognised him at the breaking of bread and we have returned to proclaim this good news to you. From then on, the resurrection of Jesus became the official doctrine of the community. The Gospel tells us some fundamental truth:

1. That Jesus walks along with us during our troubled times. He shares in our conversations, in our fears and gives us new hope. As he walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to the disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening.
2. Jesus challenges us to faith and trust. You foolish men so slow to trust, so slow to believe the full message. Corona virus pandemic and subsequent lockdown has had a lot of interpretations but as believers in the power of God, we should not be slow to see this power at work in the world bringing the powerful and the weak the rich and the poor, someone with nuclear weapons and someone with empty hands to run into hiding.
3. Jesus does not impose himself on us, he can become master and guest in our life only when we invite him and let him in. When they reached the village, he pretended as if to go on, giving the disciples the chance either to invite him to stay with them or to let him go.
4. Jesus transforms our lives. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us? We cannot come out of this quarantine, or see a worldwide lockdown, God cannot save our lives after so many death of our brothers and sisters and we remain the same. Let us go back to God, let us go back to our faith in him, let us go back to the church.

In the Second reading St. Peter has said: "the ransom that was paid to free us from the useless way of life, our ancestors handed down, was paid in the precious blood of the lamb without spot or stain, namely Jesus Christ." It means that we are precious in the eyes of God if we invite him to take possession of our life, take charge of our worries and of our hopes.

God walking with us in our difficult moments will not always be clear or recognisable at once. If Jesus had revealed himself at the beginning of the journey, the two disciples would have continued to Emmaus never to return. It was at the climax of their disappointment that that he joined them. When we reach the cliff edge that is when God takes over, but we have to invite him first. It is nearly evening the day is almost over, come Lord and stay with us.

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 : £698.94 (Mar)

Non-Gift Aid: Total : £

Hall Hire:

Counters : Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : Second Collection :

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:

READ YOUR BIBLE: How can we find direction in life under this quarantine? Where can we turn for some words of wisdom to endure? ***“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. 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>

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF US:

Thank you for taking care of us in various ways, we have received several calls asking how we are and some food has been brought to us. We are so grateful for such great gestures of hospitality and friendship. While we remain separated from one another, we remain intimately united with each other. When the Lord brings us back into our church, let us return with new minds and hearts and with new strength. If we survive this pandemic and do not die from it, let us together make a solemn vow, namely to follow God and to walk in his path all the days of our life.

Pray for change of heart: today Sunday 26th April is the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel, which is the 52nd anniversary of the last day in Britain when it was illegal to perform abortions. It is also the 52nd anniversary of the Abortion Act coming in to effect. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please remember to pray for respect of life especially the life of helpless babies.

Importance of Rosary : Family Rosary helps us to know the mystery of Christ and brings the family together. Pope St. Pius X said: “If you want peace in your heart, in your home, in your country, assemble together every night and say the Rosary.”

The famous and charismatic preacher Archbishop Fulton Sheen said "Married couples ought to say the Rosary together each night, for their common prayer is more than the separate prayers of each. When the child comes, they should say it before the crib, as Joseph and Mary prayed there." Pope Pius XI, 1937 exhorted parents in families to give an example to their children, especially when, at sunset, they gather together after the day's work, within the domestic walls, and recite the Holy Rosary on bended knees before the image of the Virgin Mary. This is a beautiful and salutary custom, from which certainly there cannot but be derived tranquillity and abundance of heavenly gifts for the household."

Birthdays of the Week: Mr. Tommy John Gibbons turns 80 on Tuesday 5th May 2020. Mr. Derik Braganza turns 67 today Sunday 03/05/2020 together with Fr. Jimmy Lutwama who turns 54. Derick was the second baby to be born in Malindi Hospital in Kenya and the First to be baptised in the newly established Catholic Parish of Malindi town. Amazingly all three look much younger than you might have expected please keep them in your prayers.

Death announcements: I wish to announce the death of Mr. Bill Flynn which took place at his home on 18th April 2020. Bill was a member of the Parish Financial Committee, he is the man who used to stand at the door on our Christmas bazaar days to welcome us in. His funeral will be announced later.

I wish to announce the untimely death of Ronny Ngunjiri 27 through a road accident on Monday night 20/04/2020 in Arusha Tanzania. He was an architect working with a German Company. Ronny was son of Edward Ngunjiri, Step son to Nancy Kiiru and step brother to Joanne all members of our parish of St. Marys.

Answer to Bible Quiz 1. C= Heart. 2. C=Malachi 3. A= 4times 4. A= I love; 5. A =Harp.