

## **MASSES 10th to 17th May 2020**

Sun	10	9.30am	Cath Muldoon (94th B'day) People of the parish
Mon	11	9.30am	Emmanuel Chukudi (B'day)
Tues	12	9.30am	Vera Dunnion, Betty Osagie (B'day) Mami Mary Mangwa (RIP)
Wed	13	9.00am	Lucy Godfrey—Getwell)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Wladyslawa Zapotoczny (RIP)
Fri	15	9.30am	Maria Drabik (B'day), William Flynn ( 76th B'day remembrance)
Sat	16	9.30am	Robert Dunham & family (Spl int)
Sun	17	9.30am	Ezban (B'day), Augustina Nwosu & family (Spl int)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Lectors** : 10.05.2020 : Florence E. & Demisha Res:  
17.05.2020: Helena Wood & Mogan Kimani

**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:** Patrick Lanaghan, Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle , Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy , Mary Dunnion , Sean Anthony Logan .

### **Children's corner : Bible quiz**



1. Read Ephesians 6:1-3 *Children be obedient to your parents..... Give five ways in which we can show that we are obedient to parents*
2. John 19: 17-42 after crucifying Jesus the Romans offered him a drink. What was he given?
3. In the Gospel of Matthew 27: 27-38, ..... Helped Jesus to carry the cross. Give three ways how you can be like him.
4. In the Gospel of Mark 15:40-47, who is given the body of Jesus to go and bury it?
5. According to John 19:12-24, who was the only person that wrote annoying words on the cross?
- 6 . In Luke 7: 36-50 what was the name of the pharisee who invited Jesus for a meal? Why did he doubt whether Jesus was a prophet?

Please write your answers on a paper take photo of it and send it to **Fr. Jimmy or Sr. Leena.**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter— 5th Sunday of Easter- 10th to 17th May 2020**

### **THE FAILURE OF YOUR PRIEST TO FULFIL HIS DUTY MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF YOU**

Since the lockdown, you might not have an idea how families have rediscovered the gift of faith. I mentioned sometime ago, that by closing churches, the Devil thought that the battle was won not knowing that God was instead opening a church in every house where every person would become a preacher, or a leader of prayer or a biblical commentator. It is not unusual after reading the Bible in the home, to hear a child making such good comment about what he/she has understood. This is something we should feel proud of and which we should carry with us into the parish church when God calls us to congregate again.

The First Reading has had a challenging question for us: what would you consider as what should be the priority of your parish priest? Probably as a priest I should also ask, what should I consider to be the priority of my bishop or of my Religious Superior? The other question is why is he not able to fulfil that duty? The Apostles addressed the early Christians: *brothers it would not be right for us to neglect the preaching of the word of God and become distributors of food.* They were calling on the Christians to realise that important as it was, the distribution of food was not their duty. They called on them to choose amongst themselves men of good reputation to take on all those temporal duties so that the Apostles could devote themselves entirely to *prayer and to the preaching of the Word of God.*

Let us go back to our question: what do you consider to be what should be the priority of your parish priest? Sometimes Christians complain that their priest is not doing this or that. They complain to the bishop ooh the father has ruined our parish, the church roof is licking, the floor is broken the church compound is all but a bush! They forget that the parish priest is not a roofer, is not a builder he is not a gardener. The parish priest is not a banker, he is not ordained or trained to count the Sunday collection or to take it to the bank. *“You brothers must select from amongst yourselves people of good reputation to do these duties so that your priests may devote themselves to prayer and to the preaching of the Word of God”* That is the duty of the priest. When you find your priest doing something outside the preaching of the word of God, when the priest has little time for prayer or for the celebration of the sacraments, you should examine yourself to see how much time you devote to the carrying out of those duties that have taken over his ministry.

In the second reading St. Peter reminds us that Christians no matter where they live, what jobs they do or what social status they find themselves in, they are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation a people set apart. If this is the case, it means that God has distributed different tasks. The duty of every priest is to devote himself to prayer and to the preaching of the word. After Corona virus pandemic we want to hear Christians telling their bishops that their priests are not praying enough, or preaching enough instead of ooh the priest has not fixed the roof, has not cut the grass or covered the potholes in the compound.

Anyhow, let us keep in mind that assisting your priests in the daily running of the parish gives him time to devote himself to prayer and to the preaching of the Word of God. Going to Mass is not enough we need to get involved in other practical way.

**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.

**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.

**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** 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.

**2020 Pilgrimage - Join us Online!** Every year some 700+ people from across the Diocese join together on this wonderful pilgrimage. Lourdes is a place where praying is natural, a place of Eucharistic devotion where the scripture comes to life. Here, pilgrims young and old find those things which are eternal and essential to faith and life. Although the decision has been made to cancel the forthcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2020, we instead invite you to the opening Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm- this time from St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is available to anybody, but especially for those who would have been making the pilgrimage this year. We aim to provide a daily programme of reflection for the week that we would have spent in Lourdes so, like Bernadette, we will make a spiritual pilgrimage: “Every day I go in spirit to the Grotto. I make a pilgrimage there.” Please continue to join us in prayer via the Diocesan webpage, as we pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes at this difficult time. We very much look forward to joining together in Lourdes on our 2021 pilgrimage. Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. Saint Bernadette, Pray for us.

**Gift Aid envelopes:** If you would like to do the standing order for Gift Aid the preferred option is by downloading and using the standing order form on the diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources>. The new Tax year envelopes can be picked up at the re-opening of the church.

**Prayer for those affected by coronavirus:** God our Father, we pray for those who are suffering, for those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, and for those who are working tirelessly to care for the sick. God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ came into our world to heal us of all division and bring us life in abundance. By the power of your Spirit help us strive together as one family of many nations to help those in greatest need during this crisis. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

**Say the Rosary during this month of May:** In this month of May, I encourage you to rediscover the power of the Rosary in your families. Please join me and the Sisters in praying the Rosary before daily Mass at 9:00am. As a parish family we pray the Rosary for the people of the world suffering from Covid-19. Pope Francis says: “Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial”.

**Prayer to our Lady of Fatima whose feast we celebrate on 13th May:** O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen



**Congratulations to the winners of the Bible cross word :**

*N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; D & D Miranda; J. Socretis; C. Obanore; R. Ndungu, P & M Sam; K& K Kado,; N & S Ihionu; Ella & Joe. Thank you for your answers and may God bless you all.*