

MASSES 14th to 21st June 2020

Sun	14	9.30am	Kenneth Ferris , Lolo Josephine Onye, Mami Cecile Nzanda (RIP), Maureen (Get well)
Mon	15	9.30am	Brian Ferris (RIP) Irianan & Osagies family (Thanksgiving)
Tues	16	9.00am	Rosary— No Holy Mass.
Wed	17	9.30am	Holy souls
Thurs	18	9.30am	Intentions of Apostles of Jesus
Fri	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran
Sat	20	9.30am	Parish benefactors
Sun	21	9.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (Anni)



14.06.2020: Ashley, Asipita Res: Papa Sam

21.06.2020 Julia Hunt, Anthonia A. Res:

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

Anniversaries during the week: Jack Dunne, Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan, Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward.

Children's corner : Bible quiz- (Ref: Genesis)

1. God was ___ that he had made men (6:6)
2. His name means "laughter" (21:1-6)
3. She gave birth to two nations___ twin boys (25:19-28)
4. His brothers mockingly called him "the dreamer". (37:12-19)
5. God destroyed the wicked cities of Sodom & Gomorrah with this (19:23-25)
6. This was the symbol of God's promise after the flood (9:12-13)
7. God was pleased with his offering. (4:2-5)
8. He was Abraham's nephew (12:4-5)
9. He saw these going up and down a stairway to heaven (28:10-17)
10. He tricked his brother Esau out of his birth right (27:11)
11. Pharaoh's dreams were a warning from God about a great — (41:28-32)
12. Jacob married these two sisters, Leah and — (29:14-30)
13. "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for — (50:20)
14. He tricked Eve in the Garden of Eden (3:1)



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

Congratulations to the winners of the Bible quiz :

Ella & Joe, N & N Menezes; E & D Almeida; D & D Miranda; J. Soretis; C. Obanore; Z. Umeh; N & S Ihionu; A&A Tekel Rafael, K&K Kardo. Shawn A. Thank you for your clearly thought-through answers.

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master."
—St. John Mary Vianney



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ 14th to 21st June 2020

WHAT KEPT YOU ALIVE DURING THE LOCKDOWN?

Shortly before the lockdown almost all of us went on shopping spree purchasing those things we considered essential for our survival. The government told us that there was enough goods for everybody therefore there was no need for panic. We were not convinced, people went on buying and buying until some limit was imposed on how much of an item you could buy from the store.



It is good to listen to the advice of experts but we should not fail to use our personal judgement. I remember rushing to the stores myself much later only to be faced with the spectacle of empty shelves in the supermarket!. It was extremely unsettling to return to the presbytery empty handed even though I had money in the pocket. Most purchased of the goods was food items. The reason is clear without food in our bodies— we die.

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi the presence of Jesus Christ his body and blood, soul and divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. This is yet another mystery that Jesus himself revealed to us just as he revealed the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity last Sunday.

"I'm the living bread which has come down from heaven.....if you do not eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you." Jn 6:34-58. What does Jesus mean by these words?

Well we know that when we eat food, it enters into our system, nourishes our bodies and keeps us alive. If we do not eat food or drink water, we die. When a sick person stops to eat food the family gets worried but when the same sick person starts to take food, the family is encouraged that he/she is on the course to recovery. Jesus knew how important food is to us that he offered himself as our bread of life. Without being in communion with him, we are dead. In the mystery of the Eucharist, we Catholics recognise and celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus, his body and blood, soul and divinity. Jesus wanted us to use our physical senses to taste the sweetness of God.

The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas, to Pope Urban IV; in order to create within the church a celebration focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy we draw by participating at the banquet of the Lord who tells us, *"take this and eat, this is my body; take this and drink, this is my blood do it always in memory of me."* How can this be Jesus when all I see is a piece of bread or some wine in a chalice? Well the human eye can only see what is material, the spiritual eye of faith can clearly see that in the species of bread and wine Jesus enters my life, he becomes me and I become him.

For three months all of you my parishioners have not received Holy Communion, this is something that weighs heavily on my heart, but I know that you too realise from now on how important the sacraments of the church are in our life. We have reached the cliff edge we want to return to Holy Communion, to Confession etc. This longing is the sign of the life of God in our souls, if your soul was dead, this desire would not be there at all. Do not stay without receiving Holy Communion. This mystery prepares us for the heavenly banquet. Lord give us this bread 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 : £1300.73 (May) Non-Gift Aid:

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Hall Hire: Bonus Ball : No.

Counters : 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](tel:07547242375) all the Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

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. Thank you for such acts of generosity.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Churches planning to reopen A number of churches across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are intending to reopen for individual prayer from Monday 15 June (or on the following days). You are advised to check your local church's website, or call, for opening details before making a journey. More churches are likely to open in the coming weeks. Before any church can open it must undertake a thorough Risk Assessment, following guidance from guidelines issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, agreed with the government. Parishioners will still not be able to come to Mass at this stage and this must still be accessed via live stream.

Opening St. Mary's Church for private prayer: the process of opening our parish church building for private prayer is underway. Not every church will open at the same time since there are a number of conditions that have to be met during this time of easing the lockdown. Some churches might not open at all until the pandemic has gone. However the measures we are taking have been sent to the Risk Assessment Team in Birmingham who will advise us if we have other things we have to put into place. If we are allowed to open, the church will open only twice in a week On Saturday 12:00-3:00pm and on Sunday 12:00 noon—3:00pm. We hope to open on Saturday 4th July and 5th July 2020 for only 3 hours each time



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: This feast calls on us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others. Therefore, at the end of the Mass, we shall have Benediction, stay kneeling & praying as we adore the Lord.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 19th June : The feast to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday, in the third week after Pentecost. The devotion around this feast includes honouring the image and consecrating oneself and family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is marked as a special Day of Prayer for the sanctification of Priests. It is also important for every disciple of Jesus to ponder and meditate on the hidden meanings of the HEART of Jesus. Let the consecration of our life and those of our family and community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus become a daily practice. Let us draw mercy, compassion and forgiveness from the font of love that never stops flowing. Let us ponder on the words said during the mass of the Sacred Heart: “Lifted high on the Cross, Christ gave His life for us, so much did He love us...”. Sacred Heart of Jesus, during this covid-19 pandemic, we surrender the world, to the mercy and compassion of your heart. Have mercy on us.

New Vicar General: His Grace the Archbishop has appointed Fr Richard Walker to take up the appointment of Vicar General from 1 September 2020. Fr Richard will bring his valuable experience as a Parish Priest in recent years, together with his experience as a formation tutor and Vice Rector at St Mary's College, Oscott and more recently as Director of Ongoing Formation of clergy, to his new responsibility. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to take up this important task. We are grateful to the Christians of St John the Evangelist and St Joseph the Worker in Banbury who supported Fr. Richard Walker in his work among them. A new Parish Priest to take care of them will be appointed in due course.

Gift Aid standing orders: Dear parishners for your Gift aid envelopes or to set the standing order please contact the office , Tel. 02476258901

Feasts during the week: June 18th— Solemnity of Dedication Cathedral, 19th June, solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 20th June, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.