

MASSES 21st to 28th June 2020

Sun	21	9.30am	Lolo Josephine Onye (Anni) Serso & Loveness Nyilawila (17th Wed Anni)
Mon	22	9.30am	Catherine Coughlan (Spl int)
Tues	23	9.30am	Sick of the parish
Wed	24	9.30am	Holy souls
Thurs	25	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (B'day)
Fri	26	9.30am	Caithan Joachim Menezes (Anni) Fr. Jimmy (27th Ordination Anni)
Sat	27	9.30am	SSA
Sun	28	9.30am	Joseph Agimenlen Iluobe & Grace Isoken Iluobe (Anni)



LECTORS

21.06.2020	Julia Hunt, Anthonia A.	Res: Maame Sam
28.06.2020	Mary De Vera, Nelson N.	Res:

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Anne Lee, 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: Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward, Minnie Byrne, Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan.

Children's corner :



Moral Story

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

The moral: *Never judge anyone by the way they look.*

Quote for the week: *"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal." (Is. 26:3-4)*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 12th Sunday in ordinary time— 21st to 28th June 2020

WHO DO YOU FEAR?

One of the greatest saints of this country St. Thomas More who was beheaded on July 6th 1535, told his killers shortly before his death that he— Thomas, *was the kings good servant but God first*. This is an excellent example that he left us, that we ought to put God first in everything and above everything. All these other powers and sovereignties will pass away, beyond this world they have no influence. We must be humble and merciful to others.

The gospel today sends shockwaves in our life. From the start Jesus tells us not to be afraid then he goes to warn us that those things we do in the dark, those plans and schemes we make against others in hidden places, and those unjust condemnations people make against others costing them their reputation, their jobs and even sometimes life itself, will one day be revealed! In other words to God nothing will remain hidden forever. You know that human judicial system some times puts an innocent man to death and blames the poor for inflicting poverty on himself. But with God nothing can be hidden, no excuse can be presented, no explanation can remind him or correct him. God knows the truth no matter how much we may try to hide it. For example God knows why Gonorrhoea and syphilis killed a certain group of people in USA. Why HIV Aids affected especially some people and why corona virus has killed more people from particular groups than others. No matter the explanations man may give, God knows the truth and motive. One day all these will be revealed.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. What a powerful message that this statement contains! As a young boy I remember an old woman who was accused of witchcraft. I can assure you that apart from being old, poor and in dirty cloths, the woman was none of that. Because she looked different, she was blamed for everything. One day the people in the village put her to death which she courageously faced. After she died, what else could her accusers and killers do? Nothing. Jesus tells us not to fear those men and women who think that they have power over the life of others. They may kill us using whichever means they have, but apart from becoming fearful for their own life, they cannot do anymore.

God is not ignorant of what is going on in the world or of what is going on in my life. Jesus talks about the most common bird at his time the sparrow. It is a very tiny bird slightly bigger than a robin. At the time of the Lord sparrows had the least value among things that could be bought or sold such that for a penny you could buy two. Yet God knew everything about them, what they had to eat and which ground they would perch on safely.

The word of God today gives us confidence and calls on us to be courageous. We are worth hundreds of sparrows. We should never feel ashamed of our faith in God, of our faith in Jesus Christ or of our being active members of the church. What we profess about Jesus privately and publicly here on earth is what he will in turn profess publicly about us before his Father. Yes, let us be genuine and sincere, let us take heart with those who do us harm, God knows everything about us and about them. That is exactly the message we get from the First reading. Jeremiah was persecuted on every side, every body denounced him, even his very friends watched for his down fall. There was no one left to turn to or to trust but God. Something similar can happen to anyone of us but who should we fear— only God.

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:

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic.

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 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

St. Mary's Church is open for private prayer: the process is now completed. Thanks to those who volunteered to come and clean it and for the stewards and volunteers who will make sure that we can pray again in our church following all the guidelines we have to observe. The church will open only twice a week starting tomorrow Sunday 21st as follows:

On Saturday 12:00-3:00pm and on Sunday 12:00 noon—3:00pm.

Please be informed that the toilets will be Locked to all. You must follow the guidelines in the church and the instructions that stewards and volunteers will give. You should not stay in the church more than 15 minutes in order to give chance to others. If you need to light candles, someone will help you to do so. Observe the signs and respect them. It is advisable that families coming together for prayer use the same pew. Instruct the children what they are expected to do when they come to church. This is a time when all of us must act with caution, put on your masks, take your sanitiser liquid (although we have plenty of it at church). Don't congregate in carpark before or after your prayers. As your parish priest, I want to see each one of you alive.

For my parishioners who are 70 and above or those who have other underlying medical condition I wish to ask them to continue staying at home until the situation improves.

Back to School: this week the Head teacher of our school and her staff welcomed back pupils in Years R, 1 and 6 whose parents chose for them to return. Everything went well for a start. The children were brilliant, and the feedback from all was that they are happy to be back. The staff made sure it was a positive start with welcoming spaces, and they managed to engage children back into their studies and to think creatively. Tomorrow, Monday the school will be welcoming back more children, but again only in a slow and steady way with pre-agreed children so that everyone stays safe. The school authorities will constantly reviewing provision and expand them when able to. The school authorities have concluded that class sizes of 6-8 pupils is the way forward!

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: St. John Fisher & Thomas More, Birth of St. John the Baptist, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Important information from the government you need to know: The Government has announced significant changes to its Job Retention (furlough leave) scheme over the last few weeks. Here is a summary of these changes and the impact they will have on you:

From 1 July employers can reinstate employees that have previously been furloughed to work on a part time basis – i.e. they work for less hours than they would usually work. We can still claim the HMRC rebate for the normal hours not worked, but obviously we will have to cover in full their wages for the hours they *do* work. Part time working can be for any amount of time and any shift pattern. If you are intending to bring any of your workers back on a part time basis you must also send them a letter or email, prior to their return to work. The 80% rebate will continue throughout June and July.

The 80% rebate will still be available in August; however, employers will be required to pay pension and National Insurance costs for furloughed employees.

In September, the value of the rebate reduces from 80% to 70%; employers are required to top up furloughed employee's salaries by a minimum of 10%.

In October, the rebate reduces again (this time to 60%); therefore, the employers top up becomes a minimum of 20%.