

MASSES 28th June to 5th July 2020

Sun	28	9.30am	Joseph Agimenlen Iluobe & Grace Isoken Iluobe (Anni) Victoria Josephine Akunna Onye (1st B'day) Teresa Anastuanya (RIP)
Mon	29	9.30am	Mathias family (Spl int), Jarek (Good health)
Tues	30	9.30am	Consolatha Zvirikuzhe (RIP)
Wed	01	9.30am	Ferris & Haffernan Family (Spl int), Nduosa Dafikpaku & Chioma Dafikpaku (3rd Wed Anni)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Mark Mathias (RIP)
Fri	03	9.30am	Agnes Haffernan (Thanksgiving) Joanne Stewart (Good health)
Sat	04	9.30am	Negsti Habtezgi (RIP)
Sun	05	9.30am	Kamsi Xavier Mezue (10years B'day), Jerome Anyere (RIP)

LECTORS



28.06.2020	Mary De Vera, Nelson N.	Res: Perpetua
05.07.2020	Celia Almeida, Alex Tekel	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, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley.

Anniversaries during the week: Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Esther Kenny, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray.

Children's corner :

- A. How many books are in the Bible? (Old Testament?) (New Testament?)
- B. What was the name of the shepherd boy who became the second king in Israel?
- C. How many brothers did Joseph have?
- D. Who were the parents of Cain and Abel?
- E. Noah sent out 2 different kinds of birds from the Ark. What were they?
- F. What was the name of Joseph's baby brother?
- G. Who found baby Moses in the river?
- H. What was the name of the mountain where Moses was given the 10 Commandments?
- I. When Lot's wife turned around and looked at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah,
- J. What did she turn into?
- K. What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
- L. What river was Jesus baptized in?
- M. What was the first miracle of Jesus recorded in the Bible?
- N. What kind of work did Zacchaeus do?

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— Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul— 28th June to 5th July 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards. We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home.

We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me." We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4th July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation. Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing

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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.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

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:

REOPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCH FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP:

In view of reopening the parish church for celebration of public Holy Mass, Fr. Jimmy the Parish priest will speak to the parishioners of St. Mary's to let them know the regulations they have to follow when they come to Mass. The address will take place on Sunday 28th June 2020 at 6:00pm please go to www.ssmaryandbenedict.org . At the home age click on the Link 'Livestreaming of Mass.'

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

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requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.' We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass.

Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people. Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness. When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist.

We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church. "As I have loved you," said the Lord Jesus, "so you must love each other." (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church.

Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

- ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

Church opening times: Tuesdays, Thursdays **11:00-12noon** Saturday and Sundays **12:00-1: 00pm**. The toilets will be locked to all. Don't congregate in the carpark before or after your prayers. I want to see each one of you alive and healthy.

Santa Clause visited our parish during the lockdown: two friends from one of the parishes in Birmingham donated to our parish £600.00 to support our church during this hard time. The same donor gave us £500.00 when we were redecorating our church in 2009, they have no connection with the parish but they love it so much. We thank God for such an act of generosity showed towards his work.

Feasts during the week: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul the two princes among the apostles. Peter formed the church among the remnant of Israel while Paul preached the gospel to the pagans. Congratulations to all who bear their names. On 3rd July, it will be a feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle.