

MASSES 5th to 12th July 2020

Sun	05	9.30am	Kamsi Xavier Mezue (10years B'day), Jerome Anyere (RIP) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Spl int)
Mon	06	9.30am	Ray & Sam family (Thanksgiving)
Tues	07	9.30am	Thomas Joseph Cosgrove (Anni)
Wed	08	9.30am	Zoey Iranian (B'day), Una Anderson (Anni)
Thurs	09	9.30am	Patrick Tanner & Family (Spl int)
Fri	10	9.30am	School Mass Theresa Chokuwamba (Good health)
Sat	11	9.30am	Agnes Haffernan (Thanksgiving)
Sun	12	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (Spl int), James Byrne(7th Anni) Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)

LECTORS



05.07.2020	Selia Almeida, Alex Tekel	Res:
12.07.2020	9.30am	Anthonia A. , Nicholas
	11.30am	Florence K. & Florence E.

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: Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Sheila McLeany, Thomas Joseph Mee, Joyce Heffernan, Samuel Kennedy, Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Brian, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler.

Children's corner : Inspirational story— MONEY CAN'T BUY EVERYTHING

Nick was a 10 year old boy. He was the only son to his parents. Nick's father was a very busy businessman who could not spend time with his son. He came home after Nick slept, and was off to office before Nick woke up in the morning. Nick yearned for his father's attention. He wanted to go outdoors and play with his father just like his friends did.

One day, Nick was surprised to see his father at home in the evening.

"Dad, it is a big surprise to see you at home," Nick said.

"Yes son, my meeting was cancelled. So I'm at home. But after two hours I have to catch a flight," his father replied.

"When will you be back?"

"Tomorrow noon."

Nick was in deep thought for a while. Then he asked, "Dad, how much do you earn in a year?"

Nick's father was taken aback. He said, "My dear son, it's a very big amount and you won't be able to understand it."

"Ok dad, are you happy with the amount you earn?"

"Yes my dear. I'm very happy, and in fact I'm planning to launch our new branch and a new business in a few months. Isn't that great?"

"Yes, dad. I'm happy to hear that. Can I ask you one more question?"

"Yes, dear."

"Dad, can you tell me how much you earn in a day or even half a day?"

"Nick, why are you asking this question?" Nick's father was perplexed.

But Nick was persistent. "Please answer me. Can you please tell me how much you earn in an hour?"

Nick's father gave in and replied, "It will be around \$ 25/- per hour."

Nick ran to his room upstairs, and came down with his piggy bank that contained his savings.

"Dad, I have \$50 in my piggy bank. Can you spare two hours for me? I want to go to the beach and have dinner with you tomorrow evening. Can you please mark this in your schedule?"

Nick's father was speechless! ***The greatest gift a parent can give his child is time. Money can't buy everything!***



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 14th Sunday in ordinary time— 5th to 12th July 2020

GOD REVEALS HIS KINGDOM THROUGH YOU:

The Twelve apostles were simple fishermen most of whom lived in Capernaum and did their fishing at the Sea of Galilee. Fish is caught in the night, therefore these men hardly slept in the night just like many of us on night shifts. Jesus also sent out the 72, these were so ordinary and insignificant men and women that we hardly know the names of a single of them. They were sent into a world that was hostile to do a work whose results were uncertain. When they returned, they told Jesus stories whose results they could hardly take in themselves. Jesus did not praise himself but turned to his Father and thanked him for revealing the secrets of the kingdom to simple people.

Every Sunday when I stand at the Altar to celebrate Mass with my people, I see clearly how these words of Jesus are fulfilled. Our parish in in one of the deprived places of the city. Most people who come to church come walking, not driving but walking Yet it is these poor people who keep alive in their souls the need to praise God and to keep his Sabbath Holy.

"Come to me all who labour and are overburdened " Jesus is not referring to those who are busy doing this or that but he is calling all of us who feel that life is too burdensome to bear. He wants us just to be with him, to place our worries and burdens onto him. True, when we come to the Lord we are not suddenly cured, it is a journey, a shared burden which brings about shared glory. Like the first disciples we have to learn by apprenticeship

"I will give you rest." Only God can make meaning out of the daily struggles, pain and anxieties of life that we go through. Whatever is going on in our life at this difficult time can only be placed in the hands of God because rest comes from the hands of God. Wearied as we may be, Jesus is not offering solutions to our problems although this is often what we want instead he offers to work in our inner lives how to cooperate with the grace of God at work in us. The storm may continue with the same intensity but Jesus will offer us the necessary inner strength to face it. This is what gives us inner peace.

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me: the imagery of a yoke was common for those who worked on the land. That wooden instrument kept oxen or mules together. By using this imagery Jesus calls on us not to share in his burden but rather to learn from him; "shoulder my yoke and learn from me" he says, for I'm meek and humble of heart" . Meekness and humility are attitudes we acquire over a long period of time if we stay close to Jesus. So let us always stay close to Jesus by living a holy life and dedicated service.

The Corona virus pandemic has challenged our society but it has also revitalised the way we look at others. Now we realise that we are one people, what happens and affects other affects me as well. We are just one small village on planet earth, human beings are tiny ants crawling on the surface of the earth. Let us be humble.

Since we are retuning to public worship in church allow me to say some few wordspg. 3

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:

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

Resuming our daily & Sunday Masses : On the weekend of 11th & 12th July parishes within Coventry deanery will resume Sunday Masses keeping the existing Sunday time tables. Due to the number of people that might be expected to return to the Sunday Mass we are advised and encouraged to attend Mass other than the Sunday Mass since the Sunday as a day of obligation has been lifted for the moment.

Here at St. Mary's our first Masses will be on Sunday 12th July at 9.30am and 11.30am respectively. Everybody coming to Mass must wear a **FACE MASK** , this is mandatory except for small children. Families that live together must sit together on a designated pew. The sitting capacity of the church with the new social distancing required is only 57 people. Therefore I encourage you to make sure that you spread your Mass attendance across the week other than concentrating it on a Sunday. When you come into church please make sure that you take your seat only at the pews marked with yellow stickers. Unmarked pews are not safe to use. Keep to the same pew.

If you are coming to church allow me to say again, please wear a face mask. Remain 1m plus apart, sanitise your hands, follow the signs, obey what the stewards will tell you to do. **During Mass:** no altar servers, no children liturgy, no eucharistic ministers and no offertory procession. There will be no physical sign of peace.

At **Holy Communion** only one line will be formed, Sacred Host is to be received in silence by hand only. The church will be sanitized after each Mass, thus I need many volunteers to help in this. Don't congregate in the foyer or outside in the car park.

Please stay at home if you may have a pre-existing condition or are immunocompromised. If you are feeling ill, or you suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19 or if you have a sick family member at home.

Let us be vigilant. The virus has not gone away, it has resurfaced in other cities calling for a second lockdown. We must all fight this by keeping the infections at bay. Each Mass should last no more than 40minutes to keep our congregating as short as possible. Exit from the church will begin with those seated at the back, do not leave the church until the stewards tell you to do so. The same applies to going to receive Holy Communion. These are unprecedented time and very stressful for each one of us. Let us co-operate to stay safe and keep others safe.

I NEED YOUR HELP to carry out some important duties as we open the church for public worship. If you would be able and willing to help either as a steward, volunteer or a cleaner at either the 9.30am or the 11.30 Mass, please contact me or the Sisters during THIS WEEK, identifying which job and which Mass you would be available for. I invite all volunteers, stewards and cleaners for a meeting and training on Saturday 11th July at 4:00pm.

Feasts during the week: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr; Ss. Augustine Zbao Rong, priest & companions, Martyrs.

Feast of our patron saint Benedict is celebrated on 11th July 2020. As we celebrate his feast let us pray : *O glorious St. Benedict, sublime model of all virtues, pure vessel of God's grace! Graciously obtain for us from God those favours and graces of which we stand so much in need, in the trials, miseries and afflictions of life. Help us, O great St. Benedict, to live and die as faithful children of God, to be ever submissive to His holy will, and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven. Amen.* The Mass will be livestreamed to the children in our school. God bless all our children in St. Benedict School.