

MASSES 26th July to 2nd Aug 2020

Sun	26	9.30am	SSA. (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Aida Galvan & Carvin Howard Rankin (Thanksgiving) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)
Mon	27	9.30am	Joanne Stewart (Safe recovery), Nora Griffith (B'day) Nma Uche (B'day) Apostles of Jesus,
Tues	28	9.30am	Esperanca D'Costa & Roque Almeida (RIP)
Wed	29	9.30am	Sr. Rosaria (RIP)
Thurs	30	9.30am	Vera Dunnion & family (Spl int)
Fri	31	9.30am	Derek Marriott (RIP)
Sat	01	9.30am	Griffith family (Thanksgiving)
Sun	02	9.30am	Alan March (RIP) People of the parish
		11.30am	John Onye & Victor Onye (B'day), Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

26/07/2020

9.30am Desma, Sr. Leena (R)
11.30am Mary, Julie (R)

02/08/2020

Neetha, Nicholas (R)
Florence E. , Mary (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Anne Lee, Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week: Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett , Sally McGorman, John Walsh, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly.

Children's corner : EVERYONE HAS A STORY

A young man in his twenties was seeing out from the train's window shouted...
"Father, look at the trees! They are going behind!"
The young man's father smiled at the man and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the young man's childish comment with pity.
Suddenly, the young man exclaimed again.
"Father, look at the clouds! They are all running with us!"
The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man.
"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?"
The old man smiled and said, "We did and we are just coming from the hospital. My son was blind from birth and he just got his vision today."
Every person in the world has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

Return to the Sacraments: If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call Fr. Jimmy on 07906124756 any time. The Sacrament is received by appointment.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 17th Sunday in ordinary time— 26th July to 2nd Aug 2020

IT IS SOMETHING WE CAN NEVER LET GO:

In Greek tradition wisdom meant philosophical speculation but in Hebrew tradition it included practical know-how of various areas of life, the knowledge of God and the ability to discern good and evil. One night a young king Solomon had a dream in which God asked him to request for whatever he wanted to be granted him. Like so many young people these days, Solomon had so many options he could choose from, riches, beauty, power, long life on the throne, good health, crushing of all his enemies. He did not ask for any of these but he begged God to give him wisdom. And what would this wisdom entail? Just a heart to make difference between good and evil.

What an incredible thing to ask for! Young Solomon recognised that Wisdom is the Supreme value of human life. Many people us are so busy educating their children, buying them every toy or video games that comes on the market, they don't want them to miss a holiday or their favourite sport, but very few parents and teachers in schools teach children the knowledge of God and how to discern between good and evil. The emphasis on my rights, and on the rights of the child, has robbed the world of men and women who can discern between good and evil. The world has lost a future of people of integrity either in politics, in business or in religion. True wisdom cannot exclude ones' knowledge of God and what God demands or expects of him.

In the gospel, Jesus continues to teach us about the Kingdom of God through the parables . At the time of our Lord, it was a custom to put items of great value in a jug and bury them in the garden. One of such jugs was accidentally found by a peasant buried in his land. Judging from his behaviour, the land did not belong to him. The Rabbinic Law stated that any treasure found belonged to the owner of the land; so, the man was bound to hand it over to the land owner, instead he went home and sold whatever he possessed in order to buy the land. The finding was an accident the attaining and keeping required a decision.

In the two parables we notice that people found priceless treasures without specifically looking for them and they took advantage of unexpected opportunities.

God has given us so many treasures in our lives but alas, we do not recognise or appreciate them until they are taken away from us. Think of your parents think of your family, your spouse, the children God has given you! Think of your job, the friends you have in life. All these are treasures pearls of great value, treasures hidden in our lives. Let us learn to appreciate these gifts of God in our lives.

During the lockdown we came to learn how important our faith is to us, the importance of the sacraments and the nobility of our families. These are the very things for which most of us have sacrificed our lives, the very reason why we toil day and night. There is nothing more precious in your life, than what God has given you, Go home and treasure him, treasure her, treasure them this is something you can never let go.

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: 590.00 SO : £1555.21 (June) Non-Gift Aid: 475.00

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: **Bonus Ball:** No.

Counters : **Mass Attendance :** **Second Collection :**

Pious Devotions

APOSTLES OF JESUS MISSIONARIES

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:

The priests serving our three parishes in Coventry: St. Elizabeth, St. Marys and St. Osburg together with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, will on Monday 27th July celebrate the death anniversary of their Founders Very Revd. Father John Maregoni and Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi. Both men died on July 27th 1987 and 2007. Remember them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick up one or write your intention, place it in the box provided or request by calling Tel. **07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.**

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The Churches are open Over 200 churches across the Archdiocese have now reopened for individual prayer and/or public worship and it is a delight to see people coming through the doors. I wish to ask you return to public worship whichever parish you go to. Churches are opening at different times and on different days and you are advised to check the parish website, or call ahead, to ensure the church you want to go to is open before you travel. Some churches are operating a Booking Policy, others have what they call "private and public Masses. Here at St. Marys, the church is open for daily Mass at 9:30am. Please note that at 8:45am we have reading about the lives of Saints,. 9:00am we have daily Rosary and at 9:30am we have the daily Mass.

Parish Support: I'm very grateful for the Gift Aid donations and all other donations that you have made during the time of lockdown. As a parish we are now experiencing pressure on covering the cost of keeping the parish running. Thanks to those who have set up standing orders. If you would like more details about how to set up a Standing Order in place for your weekly collection, please email me at lutwajim@yahoo.com or irene_65@rediffmail.com or call 07906124756.

Safeguarding Volunteer Officer required: I'm sorry to let you know that Ms. Veronica Carol our parish safeguarding officer has requested to step down from the work. She helped me to establish this office and she has run it for several years. I greatly appreciate the work she has done in this role over the years. This is a sensitive role in the parish for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults in our community. I'm asking you if anyone could help to volunteer being a safeguarding representative officer for the parish to let me know. Training for this work will be offered by the parish and the diocese. Kindly let me know if you are willing to support the parish in this capacity.

Invocation of the Uganda Martyrs in our daily prayers: since the lockdown, you might have heard us adding the Uganda Martyrs among the Saints we invoke daily. Well when a virus disease called sleeping sickness caused by Tsetse flies swept through Uganda in 1900, the people turned to the Uganda Martyrs for their intercession. The pandemic stopped although it had killed so many people. During this Covid-19, we too invoke the Uganda Martyrs asking God through their intercession to take this pandemic away.

Post Advertised: the Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker or an alternatively qualified professional with significant multi-agency safeguarding experience, to its Safeguarding Team. As a Safeguarding Advisor you will, be responsible for providing effective safeguarding advice and training across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. You will be expected to promote excellent safeguarding practice, in line with local and national best practice, provide advice to Clergy and volunteer Parish Safeguarding Representatives on children and adults safeguarding practice and respond to safeguarding referrals. You will need to be able to liaise effectively with a variety of statutory agencies and represent the Archdiocese at safeguarding meetings as well as supporting victims and survivors of past abuse. This is a demanding and challenging role; therefore, we are looking for someone with: experience of working within a safeguarding setting. A strong advocate for children at risk of harm and vulnerable adults and a determination to promote as paramount the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Knowledge of both child and adult safeguarding legislation and guidance. For an informal discussion about this role please call Alan Hassall, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6275. Please email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org for a copy of the job description and details on how to apply for this role. Interviews for this role are likely to take place late August or early September. Closing date for receipt of applications: (noon) Monday 10th August2020.