

**MASSES 2nd to 9th Aug 2020**

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)
Mon	03	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection) Sick of the parish
Tues	04	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection)
Wed	05	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection)
Thurs	06	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection)
Fri	07	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection)
Sat	08	9.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection)
Sun	09	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (Remembrance) Przemyslaw Rymarski (RIP), Joanne Stewart (Get well)
		11.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

**Lectors**

**02/08/2020**

9.30am Neetha, Nicholas (R)  
11.30am Florence E. , Mary (R)

**09/08/2020**

Anthonia A. , Noah (R)  
Florence K., Cynthia (R)

**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:** Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose roac, Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan, William Skarwenko, Patricia Ann Mathews, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Thomas Alexander Bell, Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson .

**Short story : The Journey**

There were two friends on a long journey. While walking by the beach one of the friends offended the other. The offended friend was both hurt and angry. He responded by writing "Today my friend has offended me." Soon the waves washed the words away and the two continued on their journey. While crossing a dangerous mountain pass the offended friend slipped and almost fell to his death, but his friend caught him and saved him. He took a stone and carved in the mountain "Today my Friend Saved My Life" Confused his companion asked why he wrote his offence in the sand and this comment was etched in stone? The friend replied, " Your offence was written in sand because it would soon be forgotten, your kindness was written in stone and on my heart so it will never be forgotten" Moral: Choose wisely the things you plan remember.

**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— 18th Sunday in ordinary time— 2nd to 9th Aug 2020**

**WHAT CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?**

The place where Jesus fed 5000 men without counting women and children is deserted even today. It overlooks the Sea of Galilee also called Sea of Tiberias. All that you see there, are the huge millstones. It was here that Jesus corrected the attitude of his disciples when a good time keeper among the Apostles told him: ' *Wind-up your teaching, it is getting late, people have nowhere to sleep and there is no food for them here, please send them away so that they can go and take care of themselves.*' This was the attitude of the apostles and possibly ours too, but what did he say? Don't send them away, provide these things yourselves!

Jesus corrects a tendency that we have as well, namely to find other people to solve the problems that we have met. If the bathroom light is not working some people go to the priest and say: oh the light is not working. If the grass grows everywhere they tell the priest, oh the grass needs cutting! When someone dumps litter in the compound, they go and say, oh father, that litter needs to be taken away. When someone shows interest in the church, they say to the priest, oh so and so is interested in the faith could you visit him? What about when someone is sick? They don't go to see the person but they go and say please so and so needs a visit!

Jesus tells us; go and do something yourself. Why should you expect others to do it, yes you can do it, you can feed these people, you can keep them safe through the night, there is no need for them to go away. In other words we should not be observers because God knows that we can do something to make the situation better.

The 2nd reading deals with the perennial pastoral problem of suffering among the early Christians. They faced so many problems some of which are mentioned by St. Paul. The common ones at that time being threats, persecutions and death. Sometimes we tend to think that faith serves as an insurance policy against suffering, but there is no justification for this because Jesus tells us to take up our crosses and follow him.

The call to respond to situations of need that Jesus addresses to us today in the statement '*Give them something to eat yourselves*' will always be challenging. But St. Paul reflecting on the love of Jesus manifested on the cross, the redemptive act of the Father wondered what could separate us from the love of Christ!

Paul enumerates 10 cosmic powers death, life, angel, prince, things that exist, things still to come, powers or heights or depths, or any created thing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. Paul does not say that we are immune to the onslaught of these, but for the love of Jesus what can separate us from him?

Some people have left the church or rejected the faith for love of this world, I know also of some political and religious leaders who suffocate the truth for fear of their positions but the question is: Who and what can separate us from the Love of Christ?

**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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**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** 625.00 **SO : £** **Non-Gift Aid:** 377.27 Total : 1002.27

*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**

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:

**APOSTLES OF JESUS MISSIONARIES**

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 celebrated the death anniversary of their Founders Very Revd. Father John Marengoni and Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi. Both men died on July 27th 1987 and 2007. Thanks to the Christians of our three parishes in Coventry who joined us in praying for their souls.

**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**

**Daily Reflection on the lives of the Saints:** during the lockdown our life was tested in different ways and our call to witness was much in demand. As your parish priest, I started an initiative to read to you the life of at least one saint everyday with the hope that reflecting on their life, we could get some inspiration to persevere in our own challenges of life. Please note that everyday at 8:45am except on Sunday, I read out through the webcam the life of a saint normally randomly chosen. Thanks to the parishioners who tune in to listen to that reading which they have described as truly inspirational. The reading of the Life of Saints is followed by Holy Rosary at 9:00am and Holy Mass at 9:30am. Please join us if you can.

**The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be celebrated on **27 September 2020** under the theme chosen by the Holy Father: **“Forced like Jesus Christ to flee”**. The message will focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs), who currently number over 41 million worldwide. The theme originates in the experience of the young Jesus and his family as displaced persons and refugees. This experience provides a specific Christological grounding for the Christian action of welcome or hospitality. Over the coming months, the theme will be developed in six sub-themes expressed in six pairs of verbs: *to know in order to understand; to draw near so as to serve; to listen in order to reconcile; to share and thus to grow; to involve in order to promote; and finally, to collaborate and therefore to build*. Please let us remember the refugees in our prayers who like Jesus Christ are Forced to flee.

**Safeguarding Volunteer Officer required:** 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.

**Feasts of the week: St. John Mary Vianney 4th Aug,** was born near Lyons, France. As a priest he was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Froman where he spent forty two years. He was outstanding for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of praver and mortification, but above all, for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his lie in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist.

**6th Aug. Transfiguration of the Lord :** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. Therefore, feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ is a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

**A Road to be named after Fr. Bob Wright** at a time when commemorative statues and plaques are under intense scrutiny, we have learned that Coventry City Council has decided to name a new road close to St John Fisher Church in memory of Fr Bob Wright, recognising the outstanding service he made over the years within and beyond the parish and its schools.

**Canons David Evans and Stephen Wright** will be ordained as Bishops at 12 noon on Friday 9 October in St Chad's Cathedral. Due to the coronavirus admission will be by ticket only.