

**MASSES 9th to 16th Aug 2020**

Sun	09	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (Remembrance) Przemyslaw Rymarski (RIP), Joanne Stewart (Get well)0
		11.30am	Anthony Anaekwe family (Thanksgiving for God's protection) Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Ricardo De Vera (RIP)
Mon	10	9.30am	Mick & Rose Hogan (Spl int)
Tues	11	9.30am	Margaret & Douglas Tanner (RIP)
Wed	12	9.30am	Fr. Pat Downey (RIP), Mary Mangwa (RIP)
Thurs	13	9.30am	Joanne Stewart (Get Well)
Fri	14	9.30am	Gary Patterson & Fr. Dominic Round (RIP)
Sat	15	9.30am	John Costello (RIP), Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)
Sun	16	9.30am	Winifred Busby (RIP), Albert Hunt (Anni) Shawn Aikhionbare (Spl int).
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving)

**Lectors**

**09/08/2020**

9.30am Anthonia A. , Noah (R)  
11.30am Florence K., Cynthia (R)

**16/08/2020**

Caroline M., Naomi (R)  
Mary, Julie (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Anne Lee, Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulronee, 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:** Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson, Delia Bridget Shannon , Jim Jackson, Patrick Cosgrove, Angela Irene McGrane , Mary Foley, Patrick Vincent Cosgrove, Elizabeth Joan Caren, Thomas Whelan, Bridget O'Loughlin, Mathew Nugent, Jenny Connors, Dorothy Dewhurst.

**Short story :** Here's a true story reported by Don Morals as coming straight from the lips of Cardinal Jaime Sin (1928-2005) of the Philippines. A woman claimed to have not only visions but even conversations with the Virgin Mary. Since Cardinal Sin did not respond favourably to her persistent phone calls, she went to his residence and sought an audience.

Cardinal Sin though that he had better put an end to this foolishness and told her, "when you see the Virgin Mary again tonight, tell her to ask her son Jesus what my gravest sin was."

And so the woman left, happy that finally Cardinal Sin believed her. And Cardinal Sin was sure that now she would stop telling him about her visions. But the next day she came back and asked to see the Cardinal again. The Cardinal asked her, "Well, did you talk to the Virgin Mary last night?" And she said, "Yes, but..." "But what?" Cardinal Sin insisted. "Did the Lady ask Jesus about my sin?" "Yes, she did ask Him," was the reply.

"What did Jesus tell her then?" The woman reluctantly answered, "She said Jesus said that He had forgotten."

**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— 19th Sunday in Ordinary time—9th to 16th Aug 2020**

**COURAGE IT IS I, DO NOT BE AFRAID:**

Wonderful words of assurance from the Lord when we run into trouble. But not every trouble is willed by the Lord, some of the dangers we go through are caused by our fellow men and women. For this reason, like the disciples we cry out to the Lord for help.

When the disciples were in difficulties, Jesus was in the hills praying. It is likely that their boat was in his view all night. He knew their difficulty but he did not intervene. Sometimes God lets us to go through difficulties that we wonder whether he cares at all! It is because he knows, that the crosses we carry on our backs are not meant to kill us but to bring life.

The disciples had lived with Jesus for about two years when today's gospel incident happened. They could identify him even in the dark but when he came walking on the water they cried out in fear and they declared that it was a ghost!. Why were the disciples not able to recognise Jesus? It is because they wanted him to behave the way he always did. He did not walk on the water before, why should he this time! The framework in which he appeared transcended the acceptable.

We sometimes do not recognise God's actions in our life because we want to understand things the way we have known them to be. Jesus invites us to look at him with eyes of faith. Yes I may appear like a ghost, but it is I, do not be afraid. The troubled moments we have are not punishments from God, Jesus keeps us in view, all he asks us and to persevere rowing against the heavy wind, through prayer and in hope. God will continue continues to keep his eyes on us even if we do not seem to feel his presence.

In the first reading the Prophet Elijah seemed to be literally abandoned by God, in spite of speaking in his name and defending his holiness, God seemed to be nowhere! The cosmic powers that swept in the life of Elijah probably represent those forces within our life that sometimes tend to take us away from God. Some troubles in our life, in our families, in the church or in our countries come like a mighty wind, like strong earthquake, or like a blazing fire, but let us remember three important things.

**First the gentle breeze.** When we remain calm firmly trusting in God all these violent and mighty powers eventually pass away.

**Second God is not present** in those systems which use violence and oppression to achieve their end. God is not present in the life of a violent man, or someone who plans war, and sufferings. It was not the fire, the mighty wind or the earthquake that brought God but a peaceful breeze. Let us approach one another gently and talk to one another charitably.

**Third** remember those beautiful words from the Lord, "*It is I do not be afraid*" If these words ring in our ears so many times we shall have peace in our souls. Do not be taken up by the manner in which the Lord comes to us, he might come in the middle of the night walking on the water, or he might come to us with a cross in hand. Let us feel comforted when we hear him say: "*It is I, Do not be afraid*".

**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:** 337.20 **SO :** £ **Non-Gift Aid:**190.91 Total : 528.11

*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. 36 Fr. Jimmy

**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**

On 22nd August 1968, the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus was Founded in Uganda by two Comboni Missionaries Fr. John Marengoni and Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi. It is the first Missionary Institute to be founded on the African soil. Thanks to God that it has produced four priests ministering in our city, Fr. Pontius, Fr. Sunday, Fr. Moses and Fr. Jimmy. Please pray for our Institute always.

**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**

**Face coverings are now mandatory** in places of worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.

**Priests in the sanctuary** providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion. Other ministers in the sanctuary should wear face coverings and remain socially distant from the celebrant.

**Social Distancing - very important:** The Government maintains that the 2m social distancing requirement should be applied where possible. The Government has said it is now possible to go to "1m plus;" this means that people can be spaced more closely (with a minimum of 1m) providing a mitigation of risk is also applied. In the case of our churches, this would mean the compulsory wearing of a face covering for members of the congregation.

**Limit your interaction:** with anyone you are attending church with who is not from your family, i.e. if you are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible you should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.

**Altar Servers must** wear face coverings whilst in the Sanctuary. Deacons should wear face coverings apart from the proclamation of the Gospel when he should remove the face covering at the lectern and replace it before moving away from it (providing the lectern is sufficiently distant from the congregation).

**Readers should sanitise their hands** before and after reading and should avoid touching the microphones or the Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word, apart from page turning. They may remove their face coverings at the lectern to read and should replace them before stepping away from it providing the lectern is sufficiently distant from the congregation.

Receiving Holy Communion: some communicants have not yet understood how they need to do it, When you approach the priest, please put out your arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between the priest and the communicant. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Unloop your face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace it before moving back to your pews in an orderly manner.

**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.

**Job vacancy at Father Hudson's Care** for a Deputy Community Projects Manager. It is an exciting role which includes providing support and linking into a number of key projects across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Job Ref: P1365, 37 Hrs Per Week. Job Location: Coleshill, Warwickshire Salary: £30,668.00 - £33,952.00 per annum Closing Date: 16 August 2020

**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.