

MASSES 23rd to 30th Aug 2020

Sun	23	9.30am	Samantha Aikhionbare (Spl int), People of the parish
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Florence Ekobe & family (Spl Int), Mama Cecile Nzanda , Cletus Okoye (RIP)
Mon	24	9.30am	Jacintha Wangechi (B'day)
Tues	25	9.30am	Sean Osagie (Biday), Michael Gamble (RIP)
Wed	26	9.30am	Sisters of St. Ann (Spl int)
Thurs	27	9.30am	Christine Mullen (RIP)
Fri	28	9.30am	Maria Scott (Good health)
Sat	29	9.30am	Brendan Noel Gilroy (RIP)
Sun	30	9.30am	Tosh Aikhionbare (Spl int), People of the parish
		11.30am	Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Mama Cecile Nzanda (RIP)

Lectors

23/08/2020

9.30am Veronica C. , Elena A., (R)
11.30am Frank K., Florence E. (R)

30/08/2020

Nicholas O., Creshel (R)
Julie, Ashley (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Anne Lee, Patrick Tracey, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, 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: Mamie Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Michael Joseph Gamble, Catherine Elliott, Frances Smyth, John Sheehan, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Bridget Mulrooney .

Bible Quiz: Ans for the quiz - 16/08/2020

1. Luminous Mysteries 2. Descent of the Holy Spirit. 3. Damascus. 4. Mary 5. Adam 6. Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Simeon 7. Cain 8. Seth 9. Melchizedek. 10. Psalms 11. David 12. Simeon.

Bible Quiz:

- Psalm _____ foretells the crucifixion of Jesus and that lots would be cast for his clothes.
- Bethlehem means _____ of _____.
- The prophet _____ foretold that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.
- The prophet _____ foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin.
- The prophet _____ foretold that Jesus would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.
- _____ chopped off the head of General Holofernes, saving Israel. She is a biblical type of Mary, who crushes the head of the serpent, saving the Church.
- _____ was caught up to heaven in a whirlwind. Just prior to that, _____ asked for and received a double portion of his spirit.
- _____ went to the Witch of Endor to get her to conjure up Samuel from the dead.
- True or False - Witchcraft, sorcery, and divination are not condemned by the Bible.
- _____ & _____ asked Jesus if he should rain fire down on a Samaritan village.
- Jesus appeared to his unknowing disciples after the Resurrection on the road to _____ .
- In _____ chapter 6, Jesus told his disciples that if they eat _____ and drink _____ they would abide in him, and he in them.

Please send your answers to Fr. Jimmy or to Sr. Leena. God bless you children.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— 21st Sunday in ordinary time— 23rd to 30th Aug 2020

OPINION POLLS:

Opinion polls are conducted everywhere in politics to test the political strength of individuals before the electorate. The popularity of someone gives him reason to push on but lack of it can be an indicator that it is time to come out of the race. Honest opinion polls are good indicators for contesters to make sensible decisions. It is only in my country where opinion polls do not work since the winner is decided before the polling.

Today Jesus looks as if he was conducting an opinion poll “*who do people say I’m*” Was he trying out his popularity? By no means but the public opinion reported by the apostles reveals two important things:

First: there is some confusion among the people about who you are, some say you are Elijah, others Jeremiah, some say you are John the Baptist or one of the prophets.

Second: those who closely observe your ministry hold you in high regard, they do not consider you to be a lunatic or a religious fanatic instead they associated you with great historical figures in their history. They know you have authority.

The answers given by the public reported by the disciples to Christ were good, then he turned to them: “*But you who do you say I’m*”? Their answer would reveal the kind of relationship they maintained with him, and the place he occupied in their lives. It was a reply they could not give so lightly.

Imagine standing before the Lord and he asks you “what do you say I’m” what answer would you give? This answer is asked by the Lord to us in time of happiness or in times of sorrow, in time when we are anxious or in time when we are confident, in time of plenty or in time of poverty, the Lord asks us “who do you say I’m”?

Simon Peter spoke for the group what they thought Jesus was. Of course the disciples must have spoken among themselves about the significance of the things they had seen and heard. They spoke of the changeless nature of the Lord and of his position in their life they had reached a conclusion that *he was the Son of the living God*”

Jesus called Peter a blessed man and he calls us all believers blessed too because his insight did not come through careful analysis or elaborate process of logic but it was a revelation of God himself. Faith in Jesus, is God’s personal gift to us, it does not come out of our own grasp of things but out of God’s revelation.

The powers of the underworld spoken about by Jesus exists in many forms; try to imagine the evil that is orchestrated against good people, the prosperity of bad men and the sufferings of the innocent. But Jesus gives us the assurance that these powers might persecute us, they might scandalise us or become obstacles in our way but as a church we shall stand until the end. Jesus is the rock on which Peter’s faith is founded and of course the faith of everyone of us. Let us keep steadfast in faith with this promise in view because Jesus has given the church the grace to endure whatever will come and amazing authority.

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: 184.00 **SO : (July) £ Non-Gift Aid:** 276.85 **Total : 460.85**

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. 5 Phil

Counters : **Mass Attendance for the week :** 235 **2nd 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:

FOUNDATION DAY:

The Institute of the Apostles of Jesus to which our Parish Priest Fr. Jimmy belongs, celebrated 52 years since its foundation in Uganda on 22nd August 1968. Although foreign religious groups had recruited Africans into their communities, never was it heard that Africans could become missionaries until that date. Our Parish has supported the Apostles of Jesus missionaries in so many ways for which they're grateful.

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

Statement from the Headteacher concerning the reopening of School:

St Mary and St Benedict School will be re-opening to all pupils starting from Thursday 3rd September - we have all control measures for COVID-19 transmission management in place and our risk assessment has been assured by Coventry City Council officers as safe to open. Pupils in Years 1-6 will return on the 3rd, and Nursery and Reception the next week - please contact the school if you are unsure of your child's starting date.

The playground gates will be open from 8.30am, with pupils able to go straight into classrooms from that time. Breakfast Club will be running for pupils needing to arrive earlier than that - please make sure that you are booked in. Pupils can arrive up to 8.55am when the gates will close - we are doing it like this to reduce the numbers at the gates at any one time whilst allowing for siblings to come to school at the same time. Please maintain social distancing at the school gates and leave once you have dropped your child.

Parents may collect pupils from classroom doors from 2.45pm onwards; pupils who walk home alone (only permissible in Year 5/6) will need a note provided and will be dismissed at 3pm via the side gate. Again, we ask that parents socially distance at gates or doors, and leave the school site and surrounding area as soon as pupils are collected. All pupils should be collected by 3pm.

There will not be any After School Clubs to begin with, but Stay-late will be running until 5.30pm for pre-booked pupils - ask at the Office for details and to book.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me - email headteacher@stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk

Catholic Women Association Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Friday 28th August 2020 in honour of their patron St. Monica in our parish church. The Mass will be on-line through our webcam. All CWA countrywide will join us for the Mass through the same medium. We wish them a blessed day.

When one of us goes to eternal rest: The Government has allowed public funerals to be held again. The Government guidance on the Opening of Churches for Public Worship requires that the number of people attending Funerals is capped at 30 people. Parishes are encouraged to live-stream Funeral Services and Requiem Masses so that those who cannot attend may unite themselves to the worship in Church and pray for the deceased and the consolation of the mourners. Before the Service There should be good collaboration between the family of the deceased, the funeral director and the clergy to ensure that the numbers of people assembling in the church is limited to the immediate family and those very close to the deceased. Any interaction with the family should be done safely – this may mean by telephone, Skype, Zoom etc. It is important to consider the following issues before the service: 1. Who can attend? As a principle, numbers should be minimised as far as possible and no more than 30 people. Alongside the member of clergy, Funeral Director and staff, the government advises that only the following should attend: • members of the person's household • close family members • or if the above are unable to attend, close friends It is important that anyone attending should not exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or place themselves at risk. See the Government guidance (footnote 4). 2. The usual guidance on hygiene, hand sanitising and people with symptoms not attending church, as set out in the guidelines for opening for individual prayer, applies.

Feasts during the week: 24th Aug. St. Bartholomew, Apostle; 26th - Feast of Bl. Dominic Barberi; 27th - St. Monica; 28th - St. Augustine; 29th Beheading of St. John the Baptist. As we remember these saints let us aspire to walk in the path of holiness to reach our goal— GOD.