

MASSES 27th Sept to 4th Oct 2020

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| Sun | 27 | 9.30am | Mary McCarron , Peter Kenny, Neil McHugh (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Emmanuel Eguogwu, Mercy & Elizabeth (Thanksgiving) Lucy Drabik (95th B'day) |
| Mon | 28 | 9.30am | Gillian Kerr (RIP) |
| Tues | 29 | 9.30am | Elizabeth Nyaruai (B'day) |
| Wed | 30 | 9.30am | Rose & Mick Hogan (Spl int) |
| Thurs | 01 | 9.30am | Requiem Mass - Michael Joseph Bannon |
| Fri | 02 | 9.30am | Sr. Giustina Vicari (RIP) |
| | | 11.00am | Requiem Mass - Patrick Joseph Treacy |
| Sat | 03 | 10.30am | FHC - St. Mary & St. Benedict School |
| Sun | 04 | 9.30am | Eileen & Pau Fahy (50th Wed Anni) |
| | | 11.30am | Neil McHugh (RIP) |

Lectors

27/09/2020

04/10/2020

9.30am Nicholas O. & Clinton O. (R)
11.30am

Desma, Elena A. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: 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: T. O'Driscoll, Peter Kenneth Kenny , Fredrick R W Quinney , Anne Travers, John Joseph McSweeney , Alan Conlon, Patrick Benson, Mary Shepherd , Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane.

Feast during the week: 28th Sept Memorial of Ss. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz and companions, Martyrs; 29th, Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,, Archangels; 30th - Memorial of St. Jerome; 1st October - Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church; 2nd Oct Memorial of the Guardian Angels.

A Tale of Tradition :

A hard working Chinese rice farmer was supporting his children, wife, and his aging father. He worked long and hard each day, and still, he was barely making enough to feed his children and wife.

One day, he stopped working for the entire day. Instead he built a small cart out of wood he had. The next day he went to his aging father, and insisted that the old man was no longer able to help the family. He was only eating and taking up precious resources. So, he loaded him into the newly built cart, and headed up a nearby mountain.

When he got to the top, he stopped, and aimed the cart facing down the mountain, but before he could roll the cart, his father stopped him saying, "wait, son, I can understand what you are doing, and even why you are doing it, but please save the cart, your son will need it."



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—26th Sunday in ordinary time— 27th Sept to 4th Oct 2020

MAY BE CHRISTIANS PAID TOO MUCH LIP-SERVICE:

Jesus has been teaching us in the previous Sundays through parables. In the parable of the unforgiving debtor, he taught us that forgiving others is a duty if we want to be forgiven ourselves. Last Sunday in the parable of the vineyard labourers, he taught us about the generosity of God who offers himself to us, early or late comers as that single denarii that we shall receive when our work is done.

On this Sunday Jesus speaks about *lip service*. It is such a bad game we play against God and with one another. The attitude of two sons has a lot to teach us. The first son behaved badly to the request of his Father. For the children who are here today, remember that it is very painful when a parent asks you to do something and you refuse. So with pain at heart the father approached the other son, may be this one will accept. Immediately the boy said 'yes dad, yes dad' but as soon as the dad went away, the boy did not go. He paid *lip service* to his dad.

This parable has a lot to teach us because our behaviour is sometimes not different from that of the two brothers. Before Covid19, churches, mosques and temples were open but many people, like the first son said *we don't go to church*. Thanks to God that though before Covid 19 these people did not feel the need for God in their life and families, slowly by slowly they began to feel the need to return to him, to seek him in their life. Many of us came to appreciate the gift of faith in our families in a way we had not done before. The church once more became our spiritual home where we desired to return.

There are also those people who before Covid19 never left the churches, temples and mosques, every day was prayer time, yes, yes like the second son they cried but after these places were opened, the same people are now so afraid to go because they see the virus everywhere in the church. The devil will use every chance to make us not do what God asks us to do.

Let us wake up to the reality that as Christians we are at the crossroads in our response to our heavenly Father. At a time like this when God wants a response from each one of us, let us dig deep into our life and see those moments when we use God for personal gain other than interior conversion for the eternal salvation of our souls.

Let us deeply reflect on the way we respond to God's requests upon us. If you are a son or a daughter, how do you respond to the directives of your parents; do you say no to them or you say yes but then you do your own things! For my brothers and sisters in marriage life lip service can become even more evident. When you first came together every word spoken by her meant so much and every desire was fulfilled. What is happening now! Someone said the other day that more women use hearing aids not because they have hearing problem but because they don't want to hear any more from this man. When they don't want to do what their spouse requested, they say "I did not hear that sweetheart!"

In the second reading St. Paul is teaching us to put ourselves in the shoes of others in order to understand their feelings. This is what Jesus did, his state was divine, but he emptied himself and became like anyone of us. As you return home, go and truthfully follow Jesus. Let us do what God asks us to do. We must never give lip service either to God, or to anyone.

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 : 142.00 SO: £ Non-Gift Aid: 260.77 Total : 402.77

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. 52 S. Darrock **Counters :**

Mass Attendance for the week : 203 2nd Collection : 27th Sept : Fr. Hudson's Society

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:

UTTER CONFIDENCE IN GOD:

Even though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit grow in the land, even though the grapes fail and the olive crop produce no harvest even though flocks vanish from the fold and stalls stand empty of cattle, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

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 with minimum £5 for each Mass 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

Updated guidance on singing in Church: The Government has updated the Guidance on the Safe Use of places of worship during the pandemic on 14 August with the following additions to include singing in church: Small groups of professional or non-professional singers will be able to sing in front of worshippers both outdoors and indoors from 15 August. Singing in groups should be limited to a small, set group of people and should not include audience participation.. There is still a ban on congregational singing, but not on choirs .

Parish Finance committee member needed Following the death of Mr. Bill Flynn, who was a valuable member of the Parish Finance Committee, I wish to ask you to suggest to the Parish Priest someone you think can assist the parish as a Finance Committee member. He must be a member of the parish community and a practicing Catholic. You can call the Parish Priest on 07906124756 or send an email to lutwajim@yahoo.com.

Celebration of the Sacraments: Due to Covid - 19 cases rising up again in the country, the attendance of Holy Communion and Confirmation will be limited to two family members per child. There are 19 pews available therefore only 19 children can receive the sacrament at any particular time. Nine of our parish school children will be receiving FHC on Saturday 3rd Oct . Let us keep them in our prayers.

Faithful Stewardship: Have you ever wondered how the biblical teachings about money translate to your day-today living? Do you know if your handling of finances is in line with God? If this is something that you are interested in, we have an information session planned on Saturday 24/10/2020 from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Marys Parish Hall. It will open your eyes. Please contact Laetitia on 07971496220. Learn something new today for your money.

Church Mission Appeals: 2021 The Catholic Missionary Union (CMU) are planning their appeals for 2021 and we have been advised by the CMU that the mission appeals authorised in the Archdiocese for 2021 are to be made by The Combined Missionary Societies, MSP, Marist, Salesian, Vincentian, De la Salle, Sacred Heart Betharram. The mission appeal is a mandatory appeal directly from a missionary – Religious or lay – about the nature of the church as both universal and missionary.

Fr Stephen Day – Parish Priest, St Joseph the Worker, Coventry, in addition to St Thomas More, Coventry Fr Peter Conley – Assistant Priest, St Joseph the Worker, Coventry

Marriage preparation: if you are planning to get married this year 2020, you are informed to contact the Parish Priest to book for marriage preparation course. Contact him this week on his mobile 07906124756.

On 27 September 2020 Walsingham will offer a virtual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aJG5juz0>) or at the Basilica live stream <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12 noon. Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: <https://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/> .

Today's second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need help, advice, and support at times of adversity. Please give generously to this worthy cause.