

MASSSES 1st to 8th Nov 2020

Sun	01	9.30am	All Saints Day
		11.30am	All Saints Day
Mon	02	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP)
		6.00pm	All Souls
Tues	03	9.30am	Deceased members of Ferris family
Wed	04	9.30am	Departed parents of SSA
Thurs	05	9.30am	Deceased members of Dunleavy & Murphy family Victoria Uche (Thanksgiving)
Fri	06	9.30am	Delores Connolly (Spl int)
Sat	07	9.30am	Mogan Stephen (Spl int)
Sun	08	9.30am	Anthonia Aikhionbare (Spl int)
		11.30am	Mogan Stephen (Spl int), Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)

Lectors

01/11/2020

08/11/2020

9.30am Creshel, Selia (R)
11.30am Julie, Mary (R)

Elena A., Anthonia Obanore (R)
Perpetua,

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: 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 : Maureen Thornton, Ellen Roe, Danny Prosser, John Joseph Carey, Martin Muldoon, Mary Kavanagh, Pat Sheehan, Jim Maguire, John Lawrence O'Sullivan, Patricia Buxter, Kevin Dunne, Margaret Scully, Eva Tierney, James Patrick McLaughlin, Mrs M. Glennon, Vincent McKeown, Johanna Mary McCoy, John Griffin, P. Prewitt, Anthony Edward Luke Mullarkey.

All Saints day: Solemnity of All saints day is celebrated on 1st Nov. "We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land, and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination.

All souls day : All souls day is celebrated on 2nd Nov to pray for all who in the purification of purgatory await the day when they will join the company of the Saints. Let us offer the Holy sacrifice of the Mass for them and prayers and suffrages. There will be two Masses at **9.30am and 6.00pm.**

Prayer for the month of November:

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.—St. Gertrude

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—All Saints - 1st to 8th Nov 2020

A PROMISE IS A DEBT:

When you make a promise to someone, you become obliged to fulfil it. It is like owing someone a debt, you have the obligation to pay back. The beatitudes are promises given by Jesus to those who live that kind of life he described. It is as if Jesus is saying: if you are poor in spirit, I promise you that you will have heaven as your inheritance. If you are gentle, you will have the earth for your heritage. For those who mourn the injustices and hate perpetuated by the mighty and powerful, I promise you that you will one day be comforted. Those who hunger and thirst for justice, just wages, for someone to understand your pain, one day you shall be satisfied. For those who show mercy to others, those who do not seek revenge, those who forgive, when that time comes, you will also be showed mercy. For those who keep sin away from their hearts, who are pure in their attitude towards others, I promise you that you will see God. For those who make peace, work for peace I promise that you will become sons and daughters of God. By peacemakers Jesus is not talking about the so called allied forces or national superiority that has made a country like the United States to appoint itself the world's policeman. He is not talking about our national soldiers or the police. Nations have tried to impose peace using their own means but this ends up as an act of aggression towards others. Peacemakers are those who desire the fulness of God's blessings to reach everyone around them so that people may live in harmony and trust of one another without fear or conflict.

Brothers and sisters, to live according to the teaching of Jesus, is not accepted by the world around us. When you choose to live a holy life the world's reigning attitude will oppose you. Children who go to church are sometimes laughed at in school, teenagers who have no girlfriends or boyfriends are isolated by others. The persecution of Christians, just and honest men and women around the world is so common that some times it goes unreported. The Saints we honour today some were mocked, others were chained, imprisoned and starved to death. When you are persecuted, you should not be surprised, it is rather a confirmation that you are on the right course. Persecution seems to put people in a position in which they seem lose everything but remember the promise "Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."

As you return home, remember that Jesus has given us a prescription. There are certain doses we have to take. Go and produce within your life, the kind of life Jesus has defined for us. If the sermon on the mount were our only portion in the Bible, it would still serve as a guideline for our Christian spiritual life.

Let us recognise our spiritual poverty and the wisdom in finding means to satisfy it. The things we cherish as valuable, sometimes reveal how bankrupt we are spiritually and morally. The Prodigal Son recognised his emptiness without his father. The days of glory, a bulging wallet and endless list of admirers were a distant memory. Sitting among pigs, eating their food he became aware of the need to return to his father. No one can go to heaven if he has never suffered from spiritual poverty. It is this poverty that made the saints to go in search of God and to do his will. Do not go away discouraged because of the prescription the Lord has given us but be happy that he has given the assurance that when we accept it, then a great reward is awaiting us in heaven. This Solemnity reminds of what we shall be, let us carry on trusting in the Lord.

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 : £117.10 **SO : £ () Non-Gift Aid:** £ 380.37 **Total :**£497.47

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 for the week : 263 **2nd Collection :**

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Confessions: by appointment only

Mass Intentions

Please if you have requests for Mass for your intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, 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.

Colossians 1:11-13 "May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The Sacrament of Confirmation of 18 school and parish children will take place on Saturday 14th November between two Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am. Due to the pandemic Bishop William Kenney will not minister the sacrament instead he has delegated Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ to confirm the children. Only **FOUR PERSONS** will be allowed to attend, namely the two parents, the candidate and the Sponsor. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Be physically present at Mass, despite world being "shrouded in gloom" Bishop Mark O'Toole of Plymouth, encouraged those who can, to return to Mass, to be physically present in church. Recognising that the world is in many ways "shrouded in gloom" at this time because of the "deadly virus", he asked parishioners who were not vulnerable and not having to shield, "to be present once more at the holy sacrifice of the Mass." He stressed that they could do so, "safely, whilst observing all the necessary protocols".

Coventry Pioneers' Association: the Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan is arranged for Friday 11th December at Christ the King at 7.00pm. This will be his 50th Anniversary Mass. If you wish to attend, please contact Deacon Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881. For those unable to attend you can join us on the webcam. **ST PIO PRAYER GROUP** will be held on the first Thursday of every month at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road starting on Thursday 5th November at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Baptism preparation sessions for parents who desire to baptise their children in the Catholic church, are scheduled from Tuesday 3rd Nov, 9th Nov and 16th Nov at 5.00pm in parish hall. You are requested to be present for all the three sessions.

Covid-19 precaution measures in Coventry is now at Tier 2 level the highest being Tier 3. We need to be extra vigilant by respecting social distancing and making sure we use the Track and Trace system and ensure proper sanitisation. We now have the QR code available as our preferred method of track and trace. Please download the NHS App. You can still sign in on the forms if you do not have this facility. Please use the hand gel provided and if you are able to help after Mass we can always do with extra help cleaning down the benches. ***It's my humble request to all of you not to access the toilets except in emergency.*** This is to avoid the spread of virus amongst us and take this advice seriously to save lives.

Three deacons to be ordained: the long-awaited ordination of three new permanent deacons in the Diocesan family will take place today Sunday 1st November. Please join the ceremony virtually as it will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 3pm. John Garvey is from St Nicholas, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield; Dirk Hermans is from St Edward, Selly Park and Dominic Kerr is from St Catherine of Siena, Birmingham.

The word deacon derives from the Greek *diakonia*, meaning "service," thereby indicating that a deacon is called, like Christ, to be a servant. The Order of Deacons has three essential functions: the proclamation of the Gospel, the service of the liturgy, and the administration of charitable works. There are currently 76 deacons in service across the Archdiocese and 17 retired, with a further 14 in formation. Please pray for our new Permanent Deacons.

Month of November invites us to pray for the Dead. If you wish offer Masses for your dear ones, envelopes are available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November perhaps members of your family, or people who have helped you. Put your donation in the envelopes, place it in the box provided at the piety stall.

Corona Virus Pandemic will not end unless you stop it. Please wear your face mask, sanitise your hands and keep social distance. Be your neighbours keeper today.