

MASSES 4th to 11th Oct 2020

Sun	04	9.30am	Eileen & Pau Fahy (50th Wed Anni), Neil McHugh (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	05	9.30am	Melvis (B'day)
Tues	06	9.30am	Sr. Dominica & Community (Thanksgiving)
Wed	07	9.30am	Nora Healy (11yrs Anni)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Michael Joseph Bannon (RIP)
Fri	09	9.30am	Sr. Gesualda (Rip0)
Sat	10	9.30am	Nathalie (16th B'day)
Sun	11	9.30am	Neil McHugh (RIP) Graham Sparks (RIP)
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP), Taylor Florez family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

04/10/2020

11/09/2020

9.30am Desma, Elena A. (R)
11.30am Florence K.

Anthonia, Filomena (R)
Florence K., Maame (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: 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: Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Tim Boylan, Dan Dun-ion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy, Bridget Noonan, Kathleen Ward, Eddie Martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon, Maureen Bridget Delargy, Margaret Flek.

Feast during the week: **6th Oct**, St. Bruno, Priest - following his studies in Paris and priestly ordination, he wanted to live a life of solitude and founded the monastery of La Grande Chartreuse & the Carthusian order of absolute contemplative life. **7th Oct** - Our Lady of the Rosary, encourages us to know the mysteries of Christ's life and the life of our Lady reciting the Holy Rosary, which is a powerful tool in the light against evil.

Take a moment ...

Let Go...

The following is a very meaningful story which is called "Let Go", and written by Dr. Billy Graham.

A little child was playing one day with a very valuable vase. He put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father too, tried his best, but all in vain. They were thinking of breaking the vase when the father said, "Now, my son, make one more try. Open your hand and hold your fingers out straight as you see me doing, and then pull."

To their astonishment the little fellow said, "O no, father. I couldn't put my fingers out like that, because if I did I would drop my penny."

Smile, if you will--but thousands of us are like that little boy, so busy holding on to the world's worthless penny that we cannot accept liberation. I beg you to drop the trifle in your heart. Surrender! Let go, and let God have His way in your life.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—27th Sunday in ordinary time 4th—11th Oct 2020

WHAT MORE WOULD YOU WANT GOD TO DO?

Both the first reading and the Gospel speak to us about the length that God has to travel to prove his love for us. In ancient Israel just like many of our farming communities today, it took a lot of time to produce food. In the Western society, where many families simply go to the supermarket and pick up the foods they want, they may not have an idea of how it has come to the shelves. I'm sure a good number of people do not know where chocolates come from or that yoghurt is obtained from animals. The point is that too much labour and sacrifice go into the food we eat before it lands on our plate.

The first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful song of the vineyard, it talks about the hard work that had gone into that vineyard. That vineyard is not the one we know but the people of God, the house of Israel, the Church. In that allegorical language, the prophet speaks in the place of God, how God had taken care of his people, he had provided them with everything they needed to be his holy people but as we have heard the people went from good to worse! *So what could I have done for my vineyard, that I have not done?* The Lord asks. In ordinary language we could say that the energy of the vineyard owner went to waste because in spite of the lavish care he showed to his vineyard, all that came out was not sweet but sour grapes!

Let us place this story into our own lives. We human beings and more so as Christians, we are that precious vineyard of God. He has given us life, family and friends. He has given us people to care for and people to care for us. What else would you need to know that God loves you?

It is unfortunate that although God loves us, many people are cynical about God. The 70 years of peace on European soil has not brought an increase of faith in God, the growth of world economy has not eradicated poverty and destitution, the advancement of medical science has not eliminated disease, instead more and more people take pride in being none believers, more people are becoming greedy, and diseases are manufactured in laboratories. With all the blessings and care God has showed us like the vineyard in the first reading, there are a lot of sour grapes around the world.

In the second reading St. Paul gives us the means through which we can bear good fruits that God desires to see in us and which can bring harmony among us: *"fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing this and the peace of God will be with you"* What a difference it could make if politicians spoke the truth! What a difference it could make if world leaders worked for peace and did not practice warfare! What a difference it could make if religious men and women preached God and lived for God? What a difference it could make if parents were parents and not childminders? God has given us so much that we owe him a debt of gratitude by our fidelity.

As I said earlier, the readings are talking about us and the cynical attitude that we sometimes have towards God and towards people who do us good. Let us learn to return good for good and not evil for good. Reflecting on who and what you are and what you have ask yourself "what more would I need to know that God loves me and cares for me?"

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 : £226.00 SO : £1775.15 (Aug) Non-Gift Aid: £181.67 Total : 2182.82

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: 166 **2nd Collection:** 4th Oct: Peter's Pence

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.

Call on to Him

We congratulate 9 pupils from our school who received First Holy Communion yesterday (Saturday) morning. I ask the parents to practice the faith so that the children may follow their example.

“Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. (Is. 58:8-11)

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Thank you for your generosity: by supporting the parish. These are very difficult times for you and for your families. It is even more difficult for an institution like a parish with so many other things demanding money to keep them to the required standards. May God bless you all in all your undertakings. Please do not give up hope.

Four Ordinations to the priesthood: The Archdiocese of Birmingham is delighted to announce the ordination of four new priests, which took place this September. Fr Alex Taylor and Fr Clive Dytor were ordained by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 12 September. Fr Sean Gough and Fr Benedict Skipper were ordained by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 20th September. Four might sound too many, but given the vastness of the diocese and the needs of the church, this is a tiny drop in the ocean. Who among us would not be delighted to have a priest at any time he is needed! I invite you to pray for them and for their holy ministry. Recorded videos of their ordinations can be found on the diocesan website.

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 .

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.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: every year about this time there is pilgrimage to the shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall in Worcester. In the past our pilgrimage has been blessed with fine weather but it has also been hampered by pouring rain, but the pilgrimage has always taken place. This year is different. Current circumstances of Covid 19 prevented us coming together in person, but it did not stop us from coming together online as the People of God to commemorate the martyrs. This year's pilgrimage Mass had great poignancy because it was celebrated by the parish priest of St Mary's Harvington, the Right Reverend Monsignor Canon John Moran in the Great Chapel at the top of the Hall with five people in attendance. This is where Mass would have been said in the recusant period. It gave those in attendance an opportunity to properly appreciate what it was like to attend Mass in times of persecution. This took place on Sunday 6 September 2020 at 3:00pm.

Prisoners' Sunday : On 11th October we mark the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. Prisoners' Sunday provides an important opportunity to reflect on the ways we can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. Therefore, let us pray for those affected by the criminal justice system and the volunteers to help those affected by imprisonment.

St. John Henry Newman: He was born in London in 1801. as an Anglican clergyman he was influential in the Oxford Movement. He was received into full communion with the Church by Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England. Through his writings, sermons and pastoral care he brought Christian instruction and encouragement to many people. He was Beatified on 19th September 2010 & Canonised by Pope Francis on 13th Oct 2019.