

MASSES 18th to 25th Oct 2020

Sun	18	9.30am	Neil McHugh (RIP) Jimmy & Cissie FitzGerald (RIP) Roque Xavier Almeida & Esperance D'Costa (Anni)
		11.30am	Mama Victoria Nwakaeme (B'day) People of the parish
Mon	19	9.30am	Mrs. Tran (RIP), Felix & Arcanjela Almeida (Wed Anni)
Tues	20	9.30am	Douglas Tanner (RIP)
Wed	21	9.30am	John Brady (RIP)
Thurs	22	9.30am	Carmel Murray (B'day)
Fri	23	9.30am	Jane Mbugua (Thanksgiving)
Sat	24	9.30am	Norah Curristan (3rd Anni) First Holy Communion
Sun	25	9.30am	Vivian Texiera (RIP)
		11.30am	Teresa & Frank Coughlan (Good health)

Lectors

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9.30am Neetha, Filomena (R)
11.30am Perpetua, Florence E. (R)

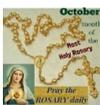
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Veronica C., Naomi (R)
Maame, Perpetua (R)

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 : Eve Jones, Ellen O'Brien, Martin King, Matthew Murray, Margaret McDonagh, Catherine Mulvaney, Thomas Burke, Michael Jerome Walsh, Mary Higgins, John Ferry, Patrick Flynn, Raymond Anthony Day, Dorothy Rixon, Brian Kenney, Eugene Devlin, Michael McHugh, Josephine Maher, Norah Curristan, Vivian Texeira, Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker, William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara.

Feasts during the week : **19th Oct: St. John of the Cross** born in Italy, and following a spiritual conversion, founded a congregation of missionaries with a special devotion to the Lord's passion and death. He had a special interest in England and regularly prayed for its conversion. **22nd Oct - Memorial of St. John Paul II :** Charles Joseph Wojtyla was born in Poland. After his ordination to priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to Poland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. On 16th Oct 1978 he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world.



Prayer - O Queen of Peace: It is you who have placed the Rosary in our hands. It is you who bid us to recite it daily. By the power of the Family Rosary we beseech you to obtain peace for us peace within our hearts, our homes, our country and throughout the world. Through the daily recitation of the Family Rosary we beg you to keep sin from our souls, enmities from our hearts and war from our shores. By the graces received from the devotion of the Family Rosary we pray to be made helpful to one another in following the paths of virtue so that we may be found worthy to be called children of your family, children of your home. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—29th Sunday in ordinary time 18th to 25th Oct 2020

DO NOT CHEAT GOD AND YOU CALL IT BUSINESS!

“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” The gospel of this Sunday is one of the easiest to understand because it talks about ownership. When something belongs to us, we feel that we have rights over it. It belongs to us but not to anyone else. When we steal or take things from others, no matter how much we justify our rights over them, we know deep down that they don't belong to us but to the person from whom they were confiscated.

Much in the colonial movement was evil. Among those evils was institutional robbery from the natives conquered by colonial powers. The dignity of the people and everything that defined who they were was taken away. People were forbidden to speak their native languages, their medicine men were called witchdoctors, the means by which they diagnosed sickness was called witchcraft, they were told that their spiritual world was founded on worship of demons!

Today, a number of things that attract thousands of visitors into museums around the world are stolen property. But this is where the wisdom of the natives lay. Those who are holding them claim to be protecting them, but as we all know, there is no body who can protect something much better than its rightful owner.

The gospel has reminded us of God's claims over us, his due, his rights and of our human duty to give to God what belongs to him. Christian teaching encourages Christians to do their duties to God and to the State but forbids those who have power to exaggerate their demands. For example tax collectors should not collect more than what is legal. Christianity sees taxes as a contribution of the people to the State which in turn takes responsibility of the welfare of all. In Romans 13:6-7, St. Paul writes, "this is the reason why you must pay taxes, since all government officials are God's officers. They serve by collecting taxes. Pay every government official what he has a right to ask— whether it be direct tax or indirect." In other words it is our duty as Christians to render to Caesar what he has a right to ask for.

Taxation is a serious issue which governments should use to meet the needs of their citizens other than making themselves rich and the people should be generous in paying what the State has a right to ask for. When we are born into this world, we bring nothing into it and when we die we take nothing out of it. The sad thing is that in that interval between life and death we fight for what we did not bring and for what we will not take away with us.

Giving 10% of our annual income to God or to the advancement of his name in the world is a Christian duty. We call it **Tithe**. Unfortunately very few, extremely few people pay tithe these days. Some Christians take even what they should give to God for themselves! But Jesus is clear “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” It is as if he is telling us that tithe is an important theme for Christians because by it God calls us to live our lives as stewards rather than as owners.

As you return home, go and do your duty to God as God is doing his duty to you. Go and give to God as he has given to you and he will make sure that he provides for you. There are 60 minutes in an hour, 1440 minutes in a day, 10,080 in a week. The Sunday Mass takes only 60 you remain with 10,080. “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

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 : £70.00 **SO** : £ () **Non-Gift Aid**: £439.88 **Total** :£509.88

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 : 210 **2nd Collection** : 18th Oct: World Mission Sunday

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.

“You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy scriptures from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. (2Tim 3:15-17)

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Test and Trace Covid 19 Poster: it is now required by Law for premises like ours where people congregate to display an NHS QR CODE POSTER to help the NHS to fight the disease. So when you come, check in by scanning the code with your mobile telephone instead of providing your contacts details manually. This will help the NHS to fight the disease. The *NHS* QR Code is now available at every entry point of this church. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2020: Sunday 1st November, 12noon, Celebrant Bishop David Evans. Livestream via St Chad's Cathedral website (<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>) Couples are asked to join the Mass at home which will include the renewal of commitment. If you are celebrating a milestone (1st or every 5th year up to 60 years and every year over 60). Please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with the following information to be included in the booklet. Full name of the couple and the anniversary being celebrated in 2020. You are also encouraged to email photos of your wedding day and a current one. Please include the parish you were married in as well as the name of current parish. For more information please contact Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator Lianne Pap Tel 0121 360 8118 ex 166 Mobile 07814 736564 lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org

Faithful Stewardship: session is planned on Saturday 24/10/2020 from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Marys Parish Hall. Please come and attend, it will open your eyes.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated today in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event,

National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 22nd 2020 Solemnity of Christ the King. It is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the church, encourage youth ministry and to affirm their contribution to the life of the church. I invite young people of our parish not to be downcast due to the prevailing situation. Please use your energy and creativity to fight the Covid -19 pandemic.

The Parish Youth Leader Award This award recognises individuals who have demonstrated their passion and commitment to the ministry of the Kenelm Youth Trust within the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Who is over 18 years of age and worked with young people in your parish between Sept 2019 - July 2020? Who has supported and encouraged young people in their personal and spiritual development? Please take just two minutes to complete the application form and help that person to be recognised and appreciated! Please email Maria Bracken

Ventilation in Church We are required to ensure that there is plenty of ventilation during Mass. The Church could therefore be cold, so it is essential that you wear warm clothing for Mass.

The GIFT AID office is unable to send out certificates of donation and letters to individual donors this year. Those parishioners who are GA donors if you are unsure about how much you have donated you can contact Sr Leera for information. Thank you for your generosity.

Death announcement of Gerrard (Ged) Dewhurst who lived on 10 Glencoe Road, Stoke Coventry died on 14th October 2020. We extend our hearty condolences to his dear family and pray that he be received into the presence of the Lord. His funeral will take place on 29th October at 10.00am at Ss. Mary and Benedict church and he will be buried at Canley Gardens there after.