

MASSES 25th Oct to 1st Nov 2020

Sun	25	9.30am	Vivian Texiera (RIP)
		11.30am	Teresa & Frank Coughlan (Good health)
Mon	26	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving), Mama Cecile Nzanda (RIP)
Tues	27	9.30am	Kathleen Skelly (Get well)
Wed	28	9.30am	Jean Flannigan (B'day), Angela (Get well)
Thurs	29	10.00am	Requiem Mass - Gerard Dewhurst
Fri	30	9.30am	Sammy A. (Spl int)
Sat	31	9.30am	Edith Taylor (B'day), Joseph Anatuanya family (Spl int)
Sun	01	9.30am	All Saints Day
		11.30am	All Saints Day

Lectors

25/10/2020

01/11/2020

9.30am Veronica C. , Naomi (R)
11.30am Maame, Perpetua (R)

Creshel, Selia (R)

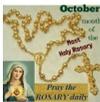
Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week : Vivian Texeira, Angelina McHugh, Patrick Goucher, John Joseph Mulligan, Sam McCosker , William McSorley, Hughie McCabe, Joseph Ryan, Anna Mara , Eileen Ward, Patricia Bennis, Thomas Lyons , Ellen Floyd, Bridget Prosser, John Lucid, Thomas James Byrne, Maureen Thornton.

Feasts during the week : 28th Oct : Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles– St. Simon was from Cana in Galilee and known as the Zealot. St. Jude, also known in the gospels as Thaddeus, is the author of a short epistle in the New Testament. They preached in Mesopotamia and Persia and were martyred.

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.” Pope John Paul II, All Saints' Day 2003 . It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church.

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—30th Sunday in ordinary time 25th Oct to 1st Nov 2020

GOD TAKES SIDES TOO

God chose Israel as a people of his own to carry out his plan of salvation. They were a people of his own possession. But God had some other people who were truly beloved, a people who had a direct telephone contact with him, a people who if they raised their voice to him, he would certainly not ignore them. These are: the stranger, the widow, the elderly and the orphan. Jesus added the children. Because their angels are constantly in the presence of God.

The first reading has reminded us that the weakest person among us must be given our greatest care. In this reading God is telling the Israelites not to have short memory, you were strangers in other people's lands, some of you were orphaned and others widowed. In situations of this kind you sought to be understood, to be offered shelter, you did not want to be molested or to be called names, or to be denied the opportunities to survive. For that reason, now that you have the upper hand, you must not molest the stranger or oppress him. As human beings all of us need to recognise that we are strangers on the land we occupy and in the countries we prevent other people to occupy. No one is a native to the place he lives, we are all products of immigration. So when a new immigrant comes in our midst with good intention, when such a person seeks refuge among us, it is sinful in the sight of God to molest such a person, to call him names or to make his life even much harder. You were strangers yourselves in the land of Egypt and you know how painful it is, so be sympathetic to the weak. A famous quote from Mahatma Gandhi springs to mind here: 'the true measure of the greatness of a nation is not measured by how many millionaires it has, or how many nuclear war heads it can dispatch, or how many wars it can fight and win or how arrogant its leaders can be, but the true greatness of any society is judged by the way how it treats its weakest members its , its most vulnerable members of the society.

Every country has a people that are taken as vulnerable: the baby in the womb, the elderly people, the physically disabled, the poor people among others. The way how society, governments or political systems treat these people tells whether they are civilized or not. Therefore the way we understand civilization as Christians is in terms of how we treat other people.

This is the message Christ gives us in the gospel, you must love your neighbour as you love yourself, you must treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. You must not molest others because you do not want to be molested yourself, you should not make someone a widow or an orphan because you do not want to become widowed or your children to become orphaned. What a wonderful message God gives to us today!

In the second reading, Paul commends the Thessalonians for the witness of their lives which had caused a revolution in the lives of the unbelievers they were living among. This made them the great example in Macedonia and Achaia since it was by their example that the gospel spread so quickly. So, during these difficult times, what is the best way to preach the gospel? The first reading and the gospel give us that answer: “Go and treat others as you would like to be treated yourself”. Don't go to multiply your prayers but go and love God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind. Go and love your neighbour as you love yourself. Remember God takes sides and he is on the side of the oppressed not of the oppressor.

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 : £281.00 SO : £ () Non-Gift Aid: £ 305.27 Total :£586.27

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:

God's love is the only love that never falters and never fails. Take comfort in your faith and knows that God truly loves you, now and forever. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another " (1Jn. 4: 8-9, 11)

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.

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.

Thank you for this donation: the parish received a new thurible last Saturday donated by the Polish speaking children who received their First Holy Communion. I wish to thank their families for the sacrifice they made to obtain it for the parish. Thanks to Jarek who taught catechism to the children.

Be physically present at Mass, despite world being “shrouded in gloom” The Bishop of Plymouth, Mark O’Toole, has 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”, Bishop Mark, 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”.

Today, 25 October, the Catholic Church marks the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St Cuthbert and the thirty-nine other Martyrs, who died during a dark chapter of English history, when it was illegal to practise the Catholic faith. Quoting from the homily of Pope Paul VI, at the Canonisation ceremony, the Bishop highlighted that among the forty holy martyrs were “secular and regular priests, religious of various orders, and of different rank, lay people of very noble descent, as well as of modest condition……women who were married, mothers with a family”.

He drew attention to the witness and example of St Cuthbert, who was born in Devon and ministered as a priest in Cornwall. He was captured there in 1577 before being hung, drawn and quartered in the Market Square on 29 November 1577. He is known as “the first, of the “Martyrs of Douai”, some 158 priests who, over a period of a hundred years, were formed for the priesthood at the College of Douai, in France, and who under cover returned to this country, to minister to the Catholic faithful in secret. When caught, they ended up on the scaffold, many of them inspiring testimony to the truth of their faith, and at the same time, pledging their loyalty to the King or Queen.

Bishop Mark highlighted that what united these martyrs of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was their witness to “two truths, love for the Mass and communion with the Holy Father.” He commented that these two traits have, “for many centuries, been the hallmarks of the Catholic Faith in these islands”. “the Church and the world today have the greatest need of such men and women, of every state of life: priests, religious and laity, because only people of such stature and holiness will be able to change our tormented world and to give that spiritual and truly Christian orientation to which every person intimately yearns – even sometimes without being aware of it – and of which we all so much need”.

COVENTRY PIONEER 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.