

MASSES 15th to 22nd Nov 2020

Sun	15	9.30am	Avery Jidenna Dlai (2nd B'day), Elias Godfrey Marime (Spl int) Arcanjela Almeida (Thanksgiving), Mr. & Mrs. Kasibante (50th Wed Anni) Celina Pereira (RIP), Antonio Doros D'Souza (RIP) Mr. Buwule Theophilus (RIP) Eedilberto Tiburcio, Bernie Daddy & Agnes Heffernan (speedy recovery).
Mon	16	9.30am	Deceased Sisters of St. Ann, Anthonia Aikhionbare (Spl int)
Tues	17	9.30am	Deceased members of Tanner & Canning families
Wed	18	9.30am	Kathleen Skelly (RIP) Deceased members of Tran family Alicja Kadluczka (13th B'day)
Thurs	19	9.30am	Mrs. Thi Tran (RIP), Angela Cook (RIP)
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass - Richard McCann
Fri	20	9.30am	Soulange Beckles, Francis Mathias (RIP)
Sat	21	9.30am	Fatima & Riyal (Thanksgiving)
Sun	22	9.30am	Jean Marshall , Anthony D. Dunleony (Getwell)

Lectors

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 : Sarah McFadden, Packie Meehan, Ellen Duffy, Nora Herbert, Ann Devaney, Joseph Costelloe, Kathleen Nicola Hayden, Larry Moroney, Lawrence Sequeira, Gwendoline Margaret rose Whittington , Pat Martin, Marion Glennon, Chris Glennon, Annie Shanley, Margaret & Joseph Hamill, William Greene, Robert Wood, Maria Patricia Murphy, John Ledwidge ,Thomas Dalton, Willie Docherty, James Cummings Johnston , Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry, Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson .

Two Apples

A lovely little girl was holding two apples with both hands. Her mom came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile: my sweetie, could you give your mom one of your two apples?

The girl looked up at her mom for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other. The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mom, and said: mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one. No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgment. Give others the privilege to explain themselves. ***What you see may not be the reality. Never conclude for others.***

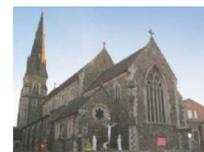
Church is open for private prayer on Saturdays from 12.00—3.00pm

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***



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—33rd Sunday - 15th to 22nd Nov 2020

TRY THE PATH OF HUMILITY YOU WILL BECOME GREAT:

Many people have been upset by the behaviour of President Trump in the way he handled his defeat in the recent American elections. American democracy was hailed for many centuries as model for all world leaders to follow; never could it be imagined that someone in the American White House could defy the will of the people to serve his ego.

The Catholic catechism talks about grave sins that men and women should fight at any cost. They are called cardinal sins: pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. These are contrary to the seven cardinal virtues: humility, kindness, abstinence, chastity, patience, liberality and diligence. Above all vices is **pride**, it makes a person to fail to see things as they are. A proud person does not see anything beyond himself and whatever is beyond himself does not concern him. Pride leads to all other sins, the exaltation of self above all authority, even above God's authority. Pride is cosmic arrogance.

Pride, at its core, is the belief, to some extent or other, that you are better than everyone else; that you have a special and more advanced knowledge of the truth of things than most others do. So, when everybody is telling you to do the right thing and quit, you might still be thinking that you are the best person to do the job.

While pride is the deadliest sin, its opposite - **humility**, comes top of all virtues. Pride is that part of us that says '*I already know, I'm right, it's okay whatever they say*'. We don't need to consider the pros and cons of the alternatives when we twist the truth. If someone disagrees with us, it's not because they might see a truth we are unaware of, it's because they are blind or stupid. Do you remember how President Trump belittled Joe Biden as he tried to wear face mask and called on Americans to do the same! That is pride!

Ironically, while pride is that part of us that makes us believe we know everything, it is the same thing that keeps us ignorant. If we already know something, there's no need to learn more. Proud people tend to compare themselves with others. They invent phrases that belittle the efforts of others such as *Make America Great Again*, to sound as if all the efforts of one's predecessors was a waste of time. A proud man does not consider himself good enough unless he thinks that he is better than others at something.

Contrast this with humility. Humility, at its core, is the belief that no matter how much you think you know, there's always something you don't know. It's the understanding that even your most cherished beliefs could be wrong, and it goes with the willingness to change those beliefs if it seems clear that they are wrong. The recent American elections and the resistance of Mr. Trump to concede defeat proves self seeking ambition at the heart of some people who aspire for leadership. Pride does not make one appear wiser instead it turns one into a laughingstock, unfortunately social media is quick at making fun of them.

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 : £ SO : £ 1372.52 (Oct) Non-Gift Aid: £ Total :£1372.52

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. 38 Ann Texiera **Counters** :

Mass Attendance for the week : **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:

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 For the foundation nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. On this foundation you can build in gold, silver and jewels, or in wood, grass and straw, but whatever the material, the work of each builder is going to be clearly revealed when the day comes. That day will begin with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If his structure stands up to it, he will get his wages; if it is burst down, he will be the loser.



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

Planning for Christmas 2020: As we all know that our capacity of Mass attendance here in Church is very limited and due to the ongoing pandemic, help us plan properly for Christmas, There will be Four Holy Masses over Christmas Vigil Mass at 6:00pm preferably families with children and; 8 30pm. Christmas day 9:30am and 11:30am I would be grateful if you can let me know what Christmas Mass you or your family would like to attend. There are only 57 places therefore first come first served.

Booking for Mass has already begun, the sisters will help you with booking. Please call to the Parish landline 024 76258901 and register your place. Would you also help us by passing on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us at St. Mary & St. Benedict! Thank you.

Diocesan Education Service: because of the lockdown guidelines, the DES offices at Don Bosco House have been closed. However, the DES IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL. All members of the DES team can be contacted by phone or e-mail and are available to support you and your school community. You will see on our website the list of phone numbers and e-mail addresses to contact staff who are currently working from home (<https://www.bdes.org.uk/the-des-team.html>). Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any advice or support. Tel: 01675 464755 Fax: 01675 465273 Website www.bdes.org.uk

National Youth Sunday takes place on Sunday 22 November 2020, the feast of Christ the King. It represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people as a gift in the Church and affirm their contribution in the life of the local and universal Church. National Youth Sunday usually provides parishes with an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in parish life. Whilst it is not possible to celebrate National Youth Sunday in the usual way, this year the archbishop encourage us as a parish to pray for young people. The theme is '**Together**'. In light of COVID-19, the theme recognises what it means to be 'together'; with ourselves, with others and with God; and the significance of being together. Pope Francis expresses this beautifully. "*To come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity*" Pope Francis, September 2020. More information on the theme and downloadable resources for National Youth Sunday are online at www.nationalyouthsunday.com, including Homily notes, Prayers of Intercession and Children's Liturgy resources.

Sunday offerings: I thank you for being very generous with our parish especially through your financial support to ensure that the parish can pay off its bills. Holy Mass has gone back on line through our parish webcam. Thanks to those who have set up standing orders with their banks to continue supporting the parish. For those who have not, I request you to put your offerings and gift aid envelopes through the presbytery letter box.

The International Eucharistic Congress for 2020 has been postponed until next year. Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest has asked that all parishes have a Holy Hour of prayer and adoration on Saturday 21 November – the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Here at St. Marys we shall have observe this vigil of prayer from 10:00am-11:00am. Please join us in this world wide adoration of Christ the Universal King.

Next Sunday we are celebrating the solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.