

**MASSES 27th Dec 2020 to 10th Jan 2021**

Sun	27	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Cora Lanigan (Spl int)
Mon	28	9.30am	Christina Hovlihan & family (Thanksgiving), Mrs. McDonald ( Spl int), John Long (RIP)
Tues	29	9.30am	Owen & Irene Donnelly & Gibson (Spl int)
Wed	30	9.30am	Obinna Osuagwu (thanksgiving), Ms. Bannon ( Spl int)
Thurs	31	9.30am	Patsy (Spl int), John Curristan (RIP)
		8.00pm	Thanksgiving Adoration
		9.10pm	Holy Mass
Fri	01	9.30am	Thomas Clear (RIP), Tommy Griffith (Anni) Obi family (Thanksgiving)
Sat	02	9.30am	Susan & Catherine Skelly (Spl int), Patricia Ayres (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	McMorrow & Corcoran Families (Spl int), Periera family & Braganza family (Spl int)
		11.30am	Florence Ekobe (Spl int)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bridgit Clear (RIP), Rose Trill (Thanksgiving)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Curristan (RIP), Maureen Gregson (spl int)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Hannah Walsh (RIP)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Will Green (RIP), Owen & Irene Donnelly (Spl int)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Rose Godwin & James Stubbs (Spl int)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Roger & Christina Lanigan & family (Thanksgiving)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Sandra & Maureen (Spl int)
		11.30am	Yvonne Middleton & family (Thanksgiving)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Norah Griffith Laetitia Matemadumbo Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatirisa. Josephine Scoles.

**Anniversaries during the week:** John Ferry, Patrick McLaughlin, Margaret Moore, D. Stafford, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott, Michael Murphy, Eddie Branfield, Myra Scott, Sammy Dowling, Thomas Griffith, Francis Jack Beaufay, Denis George, Josephine Armstrong, Vittoria Giampaglia, Carmel Ryan, George Pilkington, Peter Byrne, Caroline Balcarres, Bernard Joseph Doran, Philomena Mulvey, Tom Dunleavy, Dymphnah Glennon, Elizabeth Benson, Hugh Matthew O'Neill, Sean Costelloe, Thomas Patrick Joyce, Patrick Gannon, Nora O'Brien, Michael Hogan, Jim Davis, Con O'Driscoll, Eileen Helen Teresa Coleman, Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea (founder of our Parish 1893).

**WISH YOU ALL A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2021**



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary &amp; Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter 4th 27th Dec 2020 to 10th January 2021****"IF WE HAVE WON YOUR FAVOUR LET MY LORD COME WITH US" EXODUS 34:9**

As we stand at the fringes of the year 2020 and the frontiers of 2021, this is our last newsletter. I thank the readers of our parish newsletter in which I communicate to you all that I consider important for our spiritual growth and social wellbeing. As someone that composes the contents of our newsletter, you will bear me witness that its focus is not flattery or story telling, it is not reproduction of homilies or announcements but every weekly newsletter has a message; that, as your parish priest, I try to communicate for individual good and for the good of our spiritual growth.

In this newsletter, I thank you all for the support you have given the parish. Our parish is founded and built on a classless philosophy, where the existence of one is the reason for the existence of others. Here, the big contribution of the strong has the same recognition as the smallest contribution of the weakest. This philosophy has enabled our parish to be a place where every person feels at home to participate in the building up of the church. I thank you all for the initiatives you undertake for the good of the parish. It goes without saying that almost every parishioner here is involved in some kind of voluntary work. I would not have managed to spend even a day if it were not your involvement in the upkeep of the parish.

St. Marys is located in the most deprived part of the city. We know what deprivation means and how stressful it is when you have to live on the margins of society; but I must mention that our parish has the most generous of the people you can find in the city. In you is found the fulfilment of the words of Saint Pope John Paul II when on visit to Kenya in 1985 said " *A church that gives from limited resources will be blessed by God; for, someone can find somebody poorer than oneself*". For this reason, I thank you for sharing your time by getting involved in church activity. Thank you for sharing your wisdom with the parish by being creative and by advising the parish priest on what ought to be done. Thank you for sharing your financial income with the church by looking for jobs, working hard, faithfully supporting through Standing Orders and Gift Aid Scheme.

What else would make a parish priest happier than to see his people always in church! Although some churches had not recovered after the first national lockdown, our parish has slowly recovered amidst new fears. Lectors, Choristers are still willing to exercise their ministries, not to forget my altar servers who are desperately waiting for the moment when we can again do our ministry at the altar. This enthusiasm is an indication of the Spirit of God at work in each one of us.

As we start this New Year please remember Covid 19 and do your best to eliminate it by following strictly the guidelines that common sense and scientific advisers give us. Remember the chances God gives you such as the family, the job, the food you eat, the health you enjoy or the people that care about you. These are signs of God's goodness and care.

Let us now join our hands, close our eyes, lift up our voices and say the prayer Moses said before starting the final journey to the Promised Land " *If we have won your favour Lord our God, come along with us*" (Exodus 34:9). In this New Year, heal us, forgive us and give us your peace".



**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 : £ 110.60 SO (Nov) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 182.55 Total : £293.15**

*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. 21 Tony Byrne

**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:**

**Bible verses for the New year**  
**God's Plans for our future are good, For I know the plans that I have for you,' says the LORD, 'plans for your welfare, and not for calamity, to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11,**  
**God's compassion is new every morning Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:22-24**

**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**



**Welcome the New year 2021:** The great thing about having a friendship with God is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

**New year Prayer:** *Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen*

**Feast of Holy Innocents is celebrated on** Monday 28th Dec. During this octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. The Holy Innocents saved the Child Jesus from death by King Herod by the shedding of their own blood. The Holy Innocents are the special patrons of small children, who can please the Christ Child by being obedient and helpful to parents, and by sharing their toys and loving their siblings and playmates. The feast of the Holy Innocents is an excellent time for parents to inaugurate the custom of blessing their children. Therefore, parents make a sign a cross on your child's forehead with the right thumb dipped in holy water and say: May God bless you, and may He be the Guardian of your heart and mind—the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Feast of Epiphany of the Lord:** is celebrated on 6th January It's Holyday of obligation where in every faithful are obliged to attend the Eucharist. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

**Lectors**

	<b><u>27/12/2020</u></b>	<b><u>03/01/2021</u></b>
9.30am	Anthonia A., Noah A (R)	Creshel, Desma (R)
11.30am	Maame, Kisaneth (R)	Perpetua, Georgina (R)
	<b><u>10/01/2021</u></b>	
9.30am	Demisha, Clinton O. (R)	11.30am Patricia K., Julie (R)

**Feasts During the Week:** 1st January Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God; 6th January Epiphany of the Lord; 10th January Baptism of the Lord.

**Do not be afraid about the future - instead, give everything over to God in prayer:- Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart (Phil.4:6)**

