

MASSES 10th to 17th Jan 2021

Sun	10	9.30am	Sandra & Maureen (Spl int), Cissy & Jimmy Fitzgerald (RIP)
		11.30am	Yvonne Middleton & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	11	9.30am	Keeny Family (Spl int)
Tues	12	9.30am	Oliva Gregson (Spl int)
Wed	13	9.30am	Hannah Walsh (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Tony Smith (B'day), Steph Osagie (B'day) Lee & Marotto family (RIP)
Fri	15	9.30am	Requiem Mass - Paula Moore
Sat	16	9.30am	John Curristan (RIP), Josephine McCrove (Spl int)
Sun	17	9.30am	Sandra & Maureen (Spl int), Lee & Marotto family (RIP) Margaret Groogan (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

10/01/2021

9.30am Demisha, Clinton O. (R)
11.30am Patricia K., Julie (R)

17/01/2021

Nicholas O., Anthonia O. (R)
Florence K. & Florence E. (R)

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: Mary Ellen Healy, Thomas Earley, Mark Brennan, Rev Fr Richard Placid Rea, Winifred Browne, Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanaghan, Baby Vanessa Ferko, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh.

Inspirational story: The Butterfly (Struggles)

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Until it suddenly stopped making any progress and looked like it was stuck. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, although it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man didn't think anything of it and sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with tiny wings and a swollen body.

Despite the kind heart of the man, he didn't understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle needed by the butterfly to get itself through the small opening; were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings. To prepare itself for flying once it was out of the cocoon.

Moral: Our struggles in life develop our strengths. Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger, so it's important for us to tackle challenges on our own, and not be relying on help from others.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—Baptism of the Lord—10th to 17th January 2021

“SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE IS STILL TO BE FOUND, CALL ON HIM WHILE HE IS STILL NEAR”:

I welcome you all to the first parish newsletter of the year 2021. As I started composing this newsletter, a message popped up on my phone “*UK exceeds 60,000 new Covid cases in a day for the first time*”! I felt like freezing. Since the virus surfaced, every time when we hear of new cases, we feel threatened because you never know who is next in the que; could it be me or someone I love! We have been advised to strictly observe the guidelines that can help us to fight the virus, please respond to them in a spirit of Christian obedience.

All over the world, nations began the year with this thought in mind. Our being alive today reminds us of God's care and benevolence. The year 2020 had unprecedented challenges; people young and old, rich or poor, weak or powerful found themselves helpless in the face of the virus. It is a shame that those who were in position to speak truthfully about the virus did not do so, instead they criticised those who tried to do their best. I remember a president of a nation ridiculing his political opponent for wearing a face mask. “Look at him”, he said, “he is putting on the biggest face mask I have ever seen and he thinks he is ok!” These words did not go down well with the ordinary people, as a result, so many lives have been lost.

Every person has been affected even the dead. I remember bidding farewell to some of our parishioners who spent their whole life serving the parish but could not make their final journey from the church they loved! This is an experience I can hardly overcome until now. Well, this is a reminder that we should make use of the time and chances God gives us here and now because we do not know what is round the corner.

The words of the Prophet Isaiah that make the heading of this reflection, act as a warning to do the right thing at the right time since time will certainly come when what was in abundance becomes scarce. Isaiah is telling Israel to be practical. Use the temple while it is still here, listen to the prophets who communicate the Word of Yahweh while their voice is still available in the land. Give your burnt offering sacrifice to Yahweh because priests are still available in the temple.

As we begin a new year 2021, let each one translate the call of Isaiah into one's personal life. Make use of your time in a productive way; practice your faith because you still have sound mind to understand the mysteries of your faith. Go to church and pray because a time comes when though you would wish to go there, you cannot. Make your family happy now, so that you may comfortably settle down peacefully tomorrow. Concentrate on your studies now, because soon you become a former student. Eat some meat on the bone now, because tomorrow all the teeth will drop out. In other words, make use of the opportunities you have in life while you are still within age bracket to make use 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 : £ 211.00 SO (Dec) : £ 1003.10 Non-Gift Aid: 196.10 Total : £1628.70

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 : **2nd Collection :**

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Church Cleaning:

Confessions:

By appointment only

Be Hopeful

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

-Jeremiah 29:11

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

John Henry Newman

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

Live Masses on YouTube : Our parish has been benefiting the service from MCN.Media since 2016. we are grateful for live streaming the Mass for us which is our spiritual food specially for those who are sick and house bound. Now we have moved a step higher to broadcast our daily Masses on YouTube. Kindly login to YOUTUBE and type st mary and benedict church Coventry, will take you straight to the live Mass and if you want to play back the Masses click on the Icon of the altar in a Circle . Following are the views that can be viewed.

Altar view: <https://youtu.be/EHEpr5IMocc>

Lectern view: <https://youtu.be/yKfZqXBuKok>

Main view: https://youtu.be/RkjmDiMC_dA

Parish Website <https://www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk>



Click on these Links to show different areas of the sanctuary

Follow the guidelines as you come into the church : You are expected to strictly follow the regulations for safety. The Sunday obligation is still suspended, please choose any day in the week to come for Mass. All who come for Mass must wear face masks as it is compulsory and sanitise to keep ourselves and the other safe. My sincere call to you Parishners, youth and children to fight the virus which is spreading rapidly in our city.

Baptism of the Lord: This Sunday church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the River Jordan. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Death and Funeral announcements: Paula Moore died on 18th Dec 2020. Her requiem Mass will take place on 15th January 2021 at 9.30am.

I regret to announce the death of Mary Theresa Costello who died on 21st Dec 2020 and her requiem Mass will take place on 22nd January 2021 at 11.30am. Our condolences to both families.

Next Sunday 17th January will be 2nd Sunday in ordinary time.

Message from School Headteacher to parents: next week we will be distributing food parcels to all families with children eligible for Free School Meals; we are doing this as an interim measure whilst we await the government's decision on whether there will be a national voucher scheme. The parcels are likely to be ready for collection on Wednesday as delivery is Tuesday - we are keeping parents informed via text message.

Quote of the week: 'Do not try to excuse your faults try to correct them.' St. John Bosco