

## MASSES 24th to 31st Jan 2021

Sun	24	9.30am	John Curristan (RIP), Neil McHugh (Anni) Henry & Buchi (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	25	9.30am	John & Valana, Henry & Buchi (Thanksgiving),
Tues	26	9.30am	Mable Braganza (Anni) Peter Kendrick (RIP) SSA (Thanksgiving)
Wed	27	9.30am	Mariam Osagie (B'day), Hannah Walsh (RIP)
Thurs	28	9.30am	Beatrice Njoki Kamau (10th Anni)
Fri	29	9.30am	Woods family (spl int)
Sat	30	9.30am	John Curristan (RIP), Frank Coughlan (RIP)
Sun	31	9.30am	Groogan family (Spl int), Patrick O'Neil (RIP)
		11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors

24/01/2021

9.30am Naomi & Noah (R)  
11.30am Maame, Mary (R)

31/01/2021

Bakhita, Anthonia A. (R)  
Perpetua,

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** Denis McGrath, Caroline Alexandra Gorman, Felich Goucher, Alice & Michael Moran, Lynn Hand, Terrence Reily, Fame (Mabel ) Braganza, Neil McHugh, John Ferry, Harold Rixon, William Michael Redmond, Bridget Teresa Chapman.

### **MORAL STORY : THE DOG AT THE WELL**

A dog and her pups lived on a farm, where there was a well. The mother dog told the pups, do not go near the well or play around it. One of the pups wondered why they shouldn't go to the well and decided to explore it. He went to the well. Climbed up the wall and peeked inside.

In there, he saw his reflection and thought it was another dog. The pup saw that the other dog in the well (his reflection) was doing whatever he was doing, and got angry for imitating him. He decided to fight with the dog and jumped into the well, only to find no dog there. He barked and barked and swam until the farmer came and rescued him. The pup had learned his lesson.

MORAL

*Always listen to what the elders say. Question them, but do not defy them.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—3rd Sunday in ordinary time - 24th to 31st January 2021**

### **IT MUST COST YOU OTHERWISE IT HAS NO VALUE:**

The first reading and the gospel over simplify the struggle that Jonah went through before he finally accepted his call.

If you remember the story of Jonah, you know that he had refused to take God's message of salvation to the Ninevites, he ran away from God and when he was found out, he opted to be thrown into the sea other than to go to Nineveh. The gospel also simplifies the call of the first disciples; Jesus, is walking along by the Sea of Galilee and catches sight of Simon and his brother Andrew, he calls them and they leave their boat and their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he catches sight of Zebedee with his two sons James and John, he calls them too and like Peter and Andrew, they left their father and the men he employed, the nets and the boat and they too followed him. It sounds so simple but this is not the case. All of us know that leaving what we consider as normal (for example daily fishing for the four disciples) is not necessarily easy to change to something new. We like our routine!

But the readings have a wonderful message for us. The first reading reminds us that God has the final say, that we must let his will prevail over our human calculations. Surely Jonah wanted the people of Nineveh to be destroyed, instead God wanted them to be saved!

The gospel teaches us that we must be willing to leave what we consider dear and follow the Lord. Peter and Andrew were self employed men with a boat and fishing nets. Zebedee had a family fishing industry, he worked with his two sons James and John and employed labour. This was a rich fishing family of the first century Palestine. Zebedee and his sons surrendered themselves to the Will of Jesus leaving behind what was dear to them. Zebedee would have liked to continue working with his sons. James and John would also have liked to continue supporting their father, but they let the will of God prevail.

But why should we let the will of God prevail over our personal inclinations? The answer is found in the second reading: "*Our time is growing short*" we do not have much time left such that we can pursue our own things. Beside, when we put our hearts wholly in earthly things; it might be in a family, in material goods or when we are taken up by difficulties of life we tend to lose touch with God. So, St. Paul teaches us in the second reading today that *those with wives should live as though they had none, those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for and those who deal with worldly things, should not become engrossed in it.* In other words, we should ask for the gift of wisdom to discern the prevailing power of the Will of God over our personal convenience and self seeking ambitions. Remember that when something does not cost you anything, it is a sure sign that it has no value.

**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 : £ 108.00 SO (Dec) : £ 157.25 Non-Gift Aid: Total : £265.25**

*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:

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**Confessions:**

By appointment only

**Year of St. Joseph—Prayer**  
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**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**

**Online Marriage Enrichment Experience** Worldwide Marriage Encounter, January 30 - 31. Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans. An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021: 20 - 21 March and 15 - 16 May. More information can be found on the Marriage page of the Archdiocese website.

**Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic:** the priest will bless the ashes and sprinkle them with holy water, without saying anything. Then he will say only once the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything since he has already said it. This has been issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

**29th World Day of the Sick** on 11 February, Pope Francis urges a path of healing grounded in a trusting and interpersonal relationship between the sick and those who care for them. The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992, the first World Day of the Sick was marked the following year. The theme of this year's observance is, "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8), which calls for "a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick". As we care for the sick let us pray for the healing.

**Priests celebrating their Jubilees 2021:** please pray for the priests celebrating a special jubilee of their ordination this year: Fr Patrick Armstrong, Fr David Barry, Fr Denis McGillycuddy celebrate 50 years of ordination. Fr Michael Bonaccorsi, Fr Christopher Draycott, Fr Bruce Dutson, Fr Michael Gamble, Fr Julian Green, Fr John Hancock, Fr Philip Harrop, Fr Stephen Pimlott, Fr David Standen, Fr Zbigniew Zieba celebrate their silver jubilee. Please keep these priests in your prayers.

**Racial Justice Sunday, 31 January 2021:** This year Racial Justice Sunday (31 January) is more important than ever. The effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. We are all children of God.

**Feasts during the week:** 25th January - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul—The Road to Damascus event was, according to the New Testament, an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus. ; 26th Jan. - Ss. Timothy & Titus Bishops; 28th Jan.—St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & Doctor of the church.

**Follow the Covid-19 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.

*Next Sunday 31st January—4th Sunday in ordinary time.*