

## MASSES 14th to 21st Feb 2021

Sun	14	9.30am	Kathleen Skelly , Anna Krawzyk (RIP)
		11.30am	Cyril Nwakaeme (RIP)
Mon	15	9.30am	Josephine & Ignatius Lobo (RIP)
Tues	16	9.30am	Catherine Lutwama (Anni) Josephine Scoles (months mind)
Wed	17	9.30am	People of the parish
		6.00pm	People of the parish
Thurs	18	11.30am	Requiem Mass— Patrick G. McNamee
Fri	19	6.30pm	Stations of the cross— <b>ONLINE</b>
		7.00pm	George Dunnion, Thi Tran (RIP) - <b>ONLINE</b>
Sat	20	9.30am	Philip Mascarenes (RIP), Curristan family (Thanksgiving)
Sun	21	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving) Janie Patalong (1st Anni)
		11.30am	Rose Mary Owen (60th B'day)

### Lectors

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9.30am	Neetha, Desma (R)	Anthonia O., Demisha (R)
11.30am	Maame, Perpetua (R)	Morgan, Georgina (R)

**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 :** Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama , Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash , George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan, Francis Quilter, Jimmy Allen, Joseph Corcoran .

**Reflect on for Lent :** *Let all bitterness and anger and indignation and clamour and blasphemy be put away from you, with all malice.*

*And be kind to one another; merciful, forgiving one another, even as God hath forgiven you in Christ. 'Saint Paul apostle.*

### Feasts for the month of February

- 14. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
- 21. First Sunday of Lent, Sunday
- 22. Chair of St. Peter, Feast
- 28. Second Sunday of Lent, Sunday



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter—6th Sunday in ordinary time - 14th to 21st Feb 2021**

### **WE ARE LEPERS**

Why do we fear to let people know that we are sick? In many cultures it is known that sickness is caused by evil minded people, therefore publicising one's sickness would be like playing on the tune of the perpetrator . We fear to let people know that we are sick because not everybody will be sympathetic therefore you just decide to carry your sickness silently.

The first reading talks about the experience of being sick. But the gospel talks about the experience of meeting the healer.

Let us begin with the experience of being sick. In the ancient world, leprosy was a terminal sickness. A person with the disease was literally cut off from the support of the family and community. A leper had to publicise his fate by wearing torn clothes, keeping disorderly hair and if a healthy person accidentally stumbled into his way he was supposed to place his hand over his upper lip and shout unclean, unclean. For fear of contamination, no one came to the assistance of a leper. A leper was an outcast. Only a priest could certify that a person was rid of his leprosy.

The gospel gives us the encounter between a leper and Jesus. It is likely that the leper warned Jesus of his uncleanness but Jesus let him approach. Jesus knew the rejection lepers suffered yet, he not only welcomed him but he also touched him. This act would also make Jesus unclean.

All human beings suffer from leprosy, a leprosy that affects us in different ways. For people who are power hungry, they can even kill others for it, for those who suffer from body leprosy, their bodies have unsatisfied desire for food clothing and money. Those who suffer from self image leprosy, pride makes them think that they are the only creatures on planet earth. Those who suffer from spiritual leprosy, they do not want to be preached to, for them anything to do with God is utter nonsense. This leprosy separates them from God because avarice, greed and pride are deadly vices despised by sound minded people.

The second reading has disciplinary call to us and takes us back to the golden rule “*Do not do to others what you would not wish to be done to you*”. St Paul tells us “never do anything offensive to anyone. No matter who he/she is. Instead be helpful to everyone at all times. We know that segregation, preference of some people before others, or treating people unequally is a fact of life, but as Christians, this is not the way to behave. A true parent has no preference of one child against another; they are all his children. In the same way God has no favourites, we are all his children

Remember that Lent is on the horizon a time to get rid of our spiritual leprosy. As you return home today, I ask you to take the last sentence of today's second reading as your homework. Go and live a holy life, be kind and respect others so that other people may take us for their model as we have taken Christ.

**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.

### **St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid : £ 620.00 SO (Jan) : £ 1633.45 Non-Gift Aid: 94.92 Total : £2348.37**

*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: 2nd Collection**

**Mass Attendance for the week: 167 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

### **Listen to Jesus...**

**'As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent?**

**Our indifference, our hardness of heart.**

**What are we to believe?**

**Jesus thirsts even now,**

**In your heart and in the poor**

**He knows your weakness.**

**He wants only your love,**

**Wants only the chance to love you.'**

(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



### **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**

**The season of Lent** begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 17th Feb 2021. There will be 2 Masses - 9.30am and 6.00pm. It is a time to return to God with all our hearts and an opportunity to renew our friendship with him. On Ash Wednesday Holy Church calls for a day of fasting and abstinence when everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and those between 18-60 should also fast, taking only one meal and two lighter snacks.



**Stations of the cross:** Every year during lent we have the holy practice of meditating on the passion and death of our Lord as we do the Stations of the Cross. This year the Stations of the Cross will be attended through the live stream starting from 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. These are unprecedented time. Please come together as families every Friday in your homes and let us join our parish priest who will lead the parish in recalling the passion of the Lord.



**Baptisms:** *Due to Covid-19 baptismal preparation classes have been put on halt. Parents with children who need christening are asked to be patient until when the lock down situation is improved.*

**Information from Marriage Care:** it is now a great time to prepare for married life together! Marriage Care is still here and our dedicated relationship support services can be accessed online. Our live, facilitated, marriage preparation courses continue to be popular with couples who can now easily join these interactive workshops via Zoom. We provide group courses called "Preparing Together" which have received an Imprimatur from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and FOCCUS – a tailored questionnaire-based marriage preparation service for couples who wish to explore their own unique relationship in more depth. Both courses are approved for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. You can find out more and book a course here.

For couples who need counselling and support if they are experiencing relationship distress, can get this service too. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions here.

**Catechism for First Holy communion:** I wish to ask parents with children who attend non catholic schools and have reached the age of receiving Holy Communion to start preparing them at home. If you need books to help you in catechising your children at home, they are available at the piety stall. For further information you can contact Sr. Leena



**I wish to thank the parishioners** who join us for daily Mass and Rosary using electronic media such as MCN Media and You tube. Thank you for creating a sacred place in your home. Please be reminded that we start with reading the Life of Saints daily at 08:45am, Rosary starts at 09:00am and Mass follows at 09:30am. I encourage you to join with your parish priest from your homes in offering these prayers to God.