

MASSES 21st to 28th Mar 2021

Sun	21	9.30am	I. Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Josie Axworthy, Janie Patalong Anni)
		11.30am	James Nganga Njoroge (RIP) Florinda Dias (RIP), Elvidia Galban (5th Anni)
Mon	22	9.30am	Eudociana Rodrigues, Rose Sommerville (RIP)
Tues	23	9.30am	Osato Osagie (B'day)
Wed	24	9.30am	Herculano Fernandes, Sr. Serapia Bartholomew (RIP)
Thurs	25	9.30am	Domingas P. Farias (RIP)
Fri	26	6.30pm	Stations of the cross— ONLINE
		7.00pm	SSA, Jim Dunleavy (B'day remembrance) ONLINE
Sat	27	9.30am	Jack McCrove (Anni)
Sun	28	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

21/03/2021

28/03/2021

9.30am	Sr. Leera, Creshel (R)	Alex & Naomi (R)
11.30am	Florence K., Georgina (R)	Florence K. & Mary (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 Gwatirisa.

Anniversaries during the week: Maureen Doyle, Janie Patalong, John McHugh, Fr Eugene Mooney, OFM. Cap, Frank Keobhan, Alice Benson, Philomena Harris, Marian Christina Harte, Jane Plunkett, Mary Alice Canterbury, J O'Sullivan, Mary Josephine Axworthy, Bernard Kelly, Mary O'Mara, Mary Whiting, Aloysius Patalong, Emma O'Brien, Marie Concepta Garner.

Holy Week Readers Rota

Palm Sunday	9.30am	Alex & Naomi
	11.30am	Florence K. & Mary
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Pilomena & Kisaneth
Good Friday	10.00am	Stations of the cross
	3.00pm	Frank K. & Laetitia Wamala
Easter Vigil	7.00pm	Ashley, Florence E., Nicole & Desma
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Anthonia A., Nicholas O.
	11.30am	Perpetua & Maame

Please prepare yourself to proclaim the Word of God. Readings will be sent to you in advance.

Dates for your Diary: Confirmation on 30th June at 7.00pm and First Holy Communion on 10th July at 10.30am at St. Mary and Benedict's church.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 5th Sunday of Lent - 21s to 28th Mar 2021

HOW MUCH ATTENTION DO YOU GIVE TO YOUR CONSCIENCE?

Our parents spoke to us about our guardian angel that heavenly friend who is always with us. Christian painters depicted guardian angels with large wings, walking by our side sometimes behind us protecting us from dangerous creatures such as snakes. My mother and grandma were champions at speaking to me about my guardian angel. They insisted on my duty to follow the guardian angel and never to disobey him. However I have never seen him or her.

When we reach the age of reason, our guardian angel became more pronounced. We discover that there is within us an inner voice that approves of our actions when we do good but reprimands us when we do wrong. This inner voice cannot be bribed, cannot be silenced. We may try to suppress it but it still points either to our guilt or to our righteousness. This is the authority of our conscience, let us call him our guardian angel.

The first reading has spoken about the law of God written deep in our hearts. This Law is not written in some hearts but in every human heart. This Law enables us to discern right from wrong, to distinguish good from evil, justice from injustice, to separate love from hatred. This Law written in our hearts reminds us of our duty to God and to our neighbours. This inner Law reprimands us when we do not do our duty to God or when we mistreat our brothers and sisters. If God's law is written deep in our hearts, how much respect and obedience do you give to it?

In the gospel we have heard of the Greeks who like the magi following their conscience went to Philip and said: "we should like to see Jesus" This request was not like visiting a hospital and you want to see a sick person or visiting a prison and you want to see an inmate. The Greeks were asking to be given access to listen to Jesus, to be accepted in his company. The Law of God written deep in their hearts, that guardian angel, told them that that was the right thing to go, to come to Jesus.

The Law of God, his voice, that guardian angel is imbedded in our hearts. We shall hear on Good Friday the centurion who crucified Jesus saying: *Indeed this was a Son of God.* We shall hear of Pontius Pilate the Roman governor struggling with his conscience either to free Jesus an innocent man or to condemn him to please the people! We shall hear of Simon Peter crying bitterly because he had denied his master three times. And we shall also hear of Judas Iscariot throwing back the 30 silver pieces to the chief priests because his conscience had made him realise that he had betrayed innocent blood.

Brothers and Sisters Jesus Christ has given us a highway code I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Law of God within our hearts tells us to look for him and to follow him. Many people resist this voice.

"Deep within them I will plant my law writing it on their hearts, then I will be their God and they shall be my people" As you return home and as our Lenten observance moves to its climax let us obey the voice of God. Pay attention to what your conscience tells you. Ooh people say this or that but what does your conscience say to you? This is very important for your salvation

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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.

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid : £ 127.00 **SO (Feb) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 174.97 Total : £301.97**

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: Counters: 2nd Collection Mass Attendance for the week:

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

Lenten Prayer:

Lord God, With all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

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

Confessions for Easter: if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation please call Fr. Jimmy on 07906124756 to fix the time. In the present circumstances it is difficult to get priests to help out, therefore we shall not have common Penitential Service. However your Parish Priest is available for Confessions on request.

Fighting the Corona Virus pandemic, unlike last year, this year the celebrations of Holy Week will be attended by the faithful. Specific guidance is to be followed, please sanitise your hands upon entry into church, wear your facemask covering your mouth and nose, and keep social distance. Holy Week program is as follows:

Palm Sunday: The commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem will be celebrated next Sunday. No procession will take place. The palm branches blessed during the celebration of the liturgy will be distributed by the stewards, as you leave the church after Mass.

Maundy Thursday: commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. This year the Washing of the Feet will be omitted and there is no procession to the Altar of Repose. The Reserved Sacrament will be kept in the Tabernacle of the church. The altar will not be stripped in the usual manner, most certainly because the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the main Tabernacle. For reasons of safety, watching in lieu of the Altar of Repose is not possible this year, after the Service please go home.

Good Friday: This year the liturgy of Good Friday, the Stations of the cross will be at 10:00am The celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00pm You need to book this.

Easter Vigil: No blessing of the fire, lighting the Paschal candle and procession will be omitted instead Paschal candle will be lit at the beginning of the celebration. Faithful will not be given votive candles. Baptismal water in the font will be blessed but will not be sprinkled on the faithful.

Let us continue fight the virus as we strictly follow the general guidance for the safety of those participating in acts of worship.

Baptisms of infants: families with babies to be baptised are advised to contact the office to arrange catechetical instructions and fixing of the date for baptisms. Baptisms will be held from July onwards. Baptismal preparation sessions will be on **12th and 19th April** at 6.00pm—7:00pm in the parish hall. I request parents and God parents to be present, if possible leave the children at home .

Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Leamington Spa (part of the Our Lady of Lourdes MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward-facing Headteacher for September 2021. Full details can be found on the website: <https://www.lourdesmac.org.uk/vacancies/>. The deadline for applications is 26th March 2021.

Easter programme 2021

28/03/2021	- Palm Sunday	9.30am/11.30am
01/04/2021	- Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Booking)
02/04/2021	- Good Friday	10.00am - Stations of the cross in the morning 3.00pm the Passion of the Lord (Booking)
03/04/2021	- Easter Vigil	7.00pm (Booking)
04/04/2021	- Easter Sunday	9.30am & 11.30am (Booking at both Masses)
11/04/2021	- Divine Mercy Sunday	3.00pm Prayers ; 4.00pm—Holy Mass

Note: Please observe those services whereby entry will be by booking only. Kindly call the office number 024 76258901 or you can send an email at stmaryandbenedictch@yahoo.com Thank you for your cooperation.