

### **MASSES 4th to 11th April 2021**



Sun	04	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	05	9.30am	Mick & Rose Hogan (60th Wed Anni)
Tues	06	9.30am	Cadan Conconnon (Success in exams)
Wed	07	9.30am	Feliciana Teresa (RIP)
Thurs	08	9.30am	Joana Antao (RIP), Nurses (Spl int)
Fri	09	9.30am	Alan Dunmore (RIP)
Sat	10	9.30am	Cleta D'Costa , Leon Priestnall (RIP)
Sun	11	9.30am	S. Fernandes (Thanksgiving), Alice (Getwell)
		11.30am	Cecile Nzanda (RIP), James & Jane Gaturi (Anni) Catherine Kinyanju & family (Thanksgiving) Dr. Joseph Lukong Banadzen (Anni)
		3.00pm	Divine mercy prayers
		4.00pm	Holy Mass

### **MASSES 12th 18th April 2021**

Mon	12	9.30am	Cora Lanigan (B'day), Alin Jose (success in exam)
Tues	13	9.30am	Colarina Antao (RIP), Mick & Rose Hogan (Thanksgiving)
Wed	14	9.30am	Elija Haffernan (1st B'day)
Thurs	15	9.30am	Inacio Farias, Floinda Dias (RIP)
Fri	16	9.30am	Pedrinho Rodrigues (RIP)
Sat	17	9.30am	Arzilio D'Costa , Alan Dunmore (RIP)
Sun	18	9.30am	Paschal Osagie (B'day), Catherine Groogan (RIP)
		11.30am	William Flynn (Anni), Terry Kimani & family (Thanksgiving)

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** John Dunnion, Mary McSorley , Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark, Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting (baby) , Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson , Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Grace Maguire , Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan , Fiona Bernadette Logan, William (Bill) Flynn.

***Warm and sincere wishes to you and your family on the glorious day of Easter. May the risen Christ visit you and your families with peace. Wish you all a very Happy Easter!***



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter - Easter Sunday - 4th to 18th April 2021**

#### **WHICH PART DO YOU PLAY IN THIS DRAMA?**



Since Palm Sunday gospel narratives turned into some kind of drama. What we call the Good news that was first preached by the apostles and later by the Christians was the sad story about Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus which brought about the triumph of human redemption. The evangelists were very careful to tell the story in detail: who did what, when and why.

In that drama, the Pharisees and Scribes hated him, together with the high priest Caiaphas they decided to kill him.

Contrary to hate a woman called Mary of Bethany loved him so much, she poured very expensive perfume over his feet and wiped them with her hair.

For love of money, a man called Judas Iscariot sold Jesus for 30 silver pieces. At the Last Supper, the first Holy Mass ever, the same Judas walked out before it was ended. Night had fallen.

We enter the garden of Gethsemane while he agonised internally, his friends were enjoying their sleep, and at his arrest all of them fled. This is the first part of our drama.

A hasty trial, is held and all except Nicodemus condemned him to death. Did he really commit the crimes? Not really. His best friend Peter denied him three times.

The Roman Governor Pontius Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent but he was afraid of the truth and to please the people he compromised it by condemning Jesus to death to please the people .

On the way to Calvary a woman called Veronica defied public opinion, she stepped forward and cleaned the face of a condemned man covered in sweat and blood. A man from Cyrene called Simon helped him to carry his cross. As he hanged on it one criminal abused him, the other begged to be remembered when Jesus came to his kingdom. Then Jesus died, his body was quickly buried and the curtain of his life was closed.

This story reflects the part that we play everyday in the life of Jesus. The Jesus story is real in our life as it happened more than 2000 years ago. In one way or the other, we represent the different personalities mentioned. In your relationship with him and with the church which of these actors best describes you and which one would you wish to be?

Brothers and Sisters today we stand before an empty tomb. For those who believe in Jesus no explanation is necessary, for those who do not believe in him, no explanation is possible. We are called to proclaim the risen Lord just like the angel sited on the stone that had covered his tomb, or like Jesus himself mistakenly taken to be a gardener or like the women who ran to the Apostles to tell them that he was risen. As Christians let us remember this; an empty tomb proves the resurrection but an empty church denies it. By practicing our faith may our life be a constant proclamation of his resurrection. Jesus goes ahead of us to the Heavenly Galilee let us in haste to meet him there.

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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 : £ 174.00 SO (Feb) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 320.67 Total : £494.67**

*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](#)

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**Confessions:** By appointment only

"A man Named Jesus who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." – *Mahatma Gandhi*



**"The great gift of Easter is hope."**

### 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



**Novena to Divine Mercy** will start on Good Friday 2nd April. Divine Mercy Prayers will be held here on 11th April starting at 3:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 4.00pm.

### Easter programme 2021

04.04/2021 - Easter Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am  
11/04/2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday 3.00pm Prayers ; 4.00pm—Holy Mass

### Easter Readers Rota

03/04/2021 7.00pm Ashley, Frank K., Nicole & Desma  
**04/04/2021** 9.30am Anthonia A., Nicholas O. (R)  
11.30am Perpetua & Maame (R)

### Lectors

**11/04/2021** 9.30am Anthonia O., Elena A. (R)  
11.30am Clinton O. & Dan Almeida (R)

**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. I notice that children can take the whole attention of parents or God parents during the talks. I ask those with toddlers to leave them at home with a relative or a friend please. Remember that each session takes 1 hour, so there is not much time at hand.

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2021:** Tangney Tours operates these pilgrimages for groups of 15 up to 200 or more. Two pilgrimages are organised for autumn: join Fr. Dennis Touw for a 7 night pilgrimage 8th - 15th Nov. 2021 or Fr Paul McDermott for an 8 night pilgrimage 22nd - 30th Nov. 2021. Places to visit include: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, with visits to the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and walking the Via Dolorosa. The Holy Land in November 7 Nights | from £1499 8th - 15th Nov. 2021 by Air from London. For more details please contact [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com) (Tel. 01732886666)

**Hearty congratulations to Mick and Rose Hogan** who married in this church in on Easter Monday 5th April 1961 They are celebrating their diamond Jubilee, 60 years. As a parish we are very grateful to God for their exemplary life of faith, fidelity to God and to each. Let us keep them in our prayers asking God to grant them good health and happiness always.

**Dates for your Diary:** **Confirmation on 30th June at 6.00pm** and **First Holy Communion on 10th July at 10.30am** at St. Mary and Benedict's church.

**Red Missio Boxes:** Please bring your Missio boxes and leave them at the piety stall. We will send the money to Missio and return the red boxes to be collected at the foyer. Many thanks for your generosity. God bless You all.

**New Gift Aid** envelopes are available at the piety stall, kindly collect them as you leave.

**"Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens and earth reply." Wish you all a blessed EASTER.**

**This newsletter will serve for two weeks.**

