

## MASSES 18th to 25th April 2021

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| Sun   | 18 | 9.30am  | Paschal Osagie (B'day), Catherine Groogan (RIP),<br>Samantha Aikhionbare, George Menezes & family (Spl int) |
|       |    | 11.30am | William Flynn (Anni), Terry Kimani & family (Thanksgiving)<br>Cecile Nzanda (RIP), Henry Ofordile (B'day)   |
| Mon   | 19 | 9.30am  | Walpoliana Pinto, Francis Mathias (RIP)   |
| Tues  | 20 | 9.30am  | Alan Dunmore, Janet Smith (RIP)   |
| Wed   | 21 | 9.30am  | Rony Ngunjiri (Anni), Josephine Lobo (B'day remembrance)  |
| Thurs | 22 | 9.30am  | Filizmina Carvalho, Bob & Kathleen Skelly (RIP)   |
| Fri   | 23 | 9.30am  | Florinda Dias (RIP)   |
| Sat   | 24 | 9.30am  | Carolina Carvalho (RIP)   |
| Sun   | 25 | 9.30am  | Peter Miranda (RIP)   |
|       |    | 11.30am | Maureen Stewart (Spl int), Rony Ngunjiri (RIP)<br>Cecile Nzanda (RIP),                                      |

### Lectors

18/04/2021

9.30am Clinton O. & Dan Almeida (R)

11.30am Geogina, Emmanuel (R)

25/04/2021

Creshhel, Anthonia O. (R)

Angela, Kisanet (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.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Fiona Bernadette Logan, William (Bill) Flynn, Jeanette Smith, Terence Peter Harte, Elizabeth Patricia Gamble, Sheila Byrne, Elizita Cabral, Meta Stretton, Michael Kavanagh.

### **Anecdote**

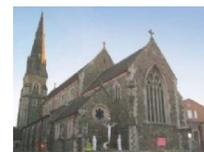
#### ***What do you know of Jesus?***

*A poor illiterate man wanted to be baptized. The parish priest asked him many questions to see whether he was fit for baptism. "Where was Jesus born? How many apostles did he have? How many years did he live? Where did he die? The poor man knew nothing of all these questions. Irritated, the priest then said, "At least you know prayers like the Our Father and the I Believe"? The man again shook his head. "What do you know then?" asked the priest flabbergasted. The man explained, "Before I met Jesus I was a drunkard who beat up my wife and children; I lost my job and was wasting my life." Then he continued, "But after encountering Jesus, I've quit drinking. I work hard and have begun to love my family. For me Jesus is my personal Saviour!"*

#### ***Who is Jesus for me?***



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter - 3rd Sunday of Easter- 18th to 25th April 2021**

### **TRY TO CONNECT EVENTS TO DISCOVER GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL PLAN**

Every moment of our life is a fulfilment of God's plan. In God's infinite providence, nothing is really new and nobody will take away another person's opportunity if God has not planned it so. Most of us eat either yellow or green bananas. A banana is planted in Uganda, the crop is harvested and shipped all over the world because that is where God planned to find its consumer. Whatever takes place between planting and consumption is leading towards the fulfilment, you or I eating the banana here and now.

Today's gospel talks about God's providential plan about everything that had been written in the scriptures and all the oracles that had been uttered by the prophets concerning the Christ. The experience of his betrayal and arrest and above all the agony of the Cross had caused incredible disappointment in their hearts. In the Gospel today Jesus opens their minds to understand the plan of God that led to what they had heard and seen about him. .

When Jesus rose from the dead, although many of them had seen him like Simon Peter and the few disciples fishing, and others had even touched him like Thomas and still others had sat at table with him like the disciples at Emmaus, believing that it was him was not so easy. Why did they find it so difficult to believe in the resurrection? The reason was that 'resurrection' is not part of our human experience. It is something that Jesus himself had to teach the church.

At this encounter Jesus tells them "look at my hands and my feet, touch me and see for yourselves, I'm not a ghost it is I indeed" he went further to show them the marks of crucifixion in his hands and on his feet. Jesus himself teaches the Church the resurrection.

My brothers and sisters, faith is a journey. Jesus does not expect us to know all the mysteries of God or of his plan in our life in a day. Yet he expects us to walk this journey of faith. When he was trying to prove his resurrection it was just few days since the tomb was found empty. Stories of his resurrection were circulating and the official position of the Jewish leaders was that his body had been stolen while guards were sleeping. It is more than 2000 years since it all happened, and it is more than 2000 years since Jesus has been asking us to recognise his presence among us. There are so many people in the world who do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus or even in our own resurrection through him. We who are gathered here today and all of us who believe in Jesus, he tells us "You are witnesses to this!" This is a new title that Jesus gives to his disciples and to all of us who believe.

To be a Christian is to be a witness. If Christ had not risen from the dead, there would be no Christianity in the world but because Jesus died for us and rose from the dead, every Christian you see is a witness and proclaimer of the empty tomb.

The gospel acclamation is our petition "Lord Jesus explain the scriptures to us, make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us." As you return home take two points: **One:** that by being a believer you are a witness to the resurrection, **Two:** whatever happens in your life including the cross is a fulfilment of God's plan let us connect events to discover it in our life.

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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 : £364.00 SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 449.90 Total : £813.90**

*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.*

**Bonus Ball :** **2nd Collection :** 25/04/21- Clergy Training **Mass Attendance for the week :** 213

### 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

#### Pope Francis speaks on Mercy of God...

“Let us be renewed by the peace, forgiveness, and wounds of the merciful Jesus. Let us ask for the grace to become *witnesses of mercy*. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy.” Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Pope concluded, urging all not to remain indifferent. “Having received mercy, let us now become merciful,” he said.

### 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

**Thanks for your participation:** Lenten season is very heavy with pastoral activities and elaborate liturgy. I wish to thank you all for your active participation. The Stations of the Cross were well attended on line. I thank you for your request for the Sacrament of during Lenten season. As you have heard me say several times, the holiness of the church is showed by the zeal of parishioners to seek reconciliation. I thank you for showing the holiness of our parish through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**60 Years of Marriage:** On Easter Monday 5th April, Rose and Michael Hogan celebrated their wedding anniversary it took place here in our church in Easter Monday of 1961 witnessed by then parish priest Fr. McCabe. . As a parish we thank God for the fidelity of this couple and we continue to pray for them. They are an inspiration to all of us in our daily struggles in our vocations.

**Talk on Church Finances in a time of Pandemic.** Rev. David Palmer former Treasurer of the Archdiocese of Birmingham will conduct a talk on Church Finances on 18th April 2021 starting from 1.45pm kick off at 2pm. Every organisation needs money including the Church. However, in recent years income to parishes has been steadily reducing and costs continue to increase. The pandemic has and will have a significant impact on that situation. So, what better time for us to understand our financial situation and the issues we face. To register for the Zoom Meeting, Email: [actabham@gmail.com](mailto:actabham@gmail.com)"

<https://redcliffe.zoom.us/j/84083946770?pwd=YkNNb0lPM0RCbjJMajh0SmJBUUV2QT09>  
Meeting ID: 840 8394 6770 Passcode: 130608

**Employment opportunity** at Princethorpe Foundation- there are number of exciting teaching posts that are currently recruiting starting from September 2021. Vacancies available are IT infrastructure and Network Manger, IT Engineer, Carpenter, Events Assistants, invigilators, Teacher of Art, Teaching assistant Etc. For more details and application form for all posts are available on the Foundation website- [www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us](http://www.theprincethorpefoundation.co.uk/join-us)

**From the Headteacher's Desk:** I hope that you have all had a lovely break and are ready to return refreshed and energised. We shall be celebrating the Risen Lord on Monday with Mass online at 9.30am and an Easter Egg treat afterwards for the children (and the staff ). All risk assessment measures that we had in place before Easter remain in place for now, but we hope to be able to review soon as numbers locally remain low and the LA allow it. So please remember to wear masks in communal areas, keep your distance, On Monday can we please ensure that we have a positive start by checking that all pupils have reading books, diaries and reading packets, and sending home phase learning leaflets communicating high expectations for learning at home and school.

**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.

**Baptismal preparation sessions** will be on **19th April** at 6.00pm—7:00pm in the parish hall. I request parents and God parents to be present.

**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.

**Feasts during the week:** 21st April- St. Anselm, the Father of Scholastic Theology; 23rd - Solemnity of St. George, martyr and patron of England; 24th—St. Fidelis born in Germany known as the advocate of the poor.