

## MASSES 2nd to 9th May 2021

Sun	02	9.30am	Filomena D'Costa, Kieran Amphlett (RIP)
		11.30am	Fr. Arul Swami (Spl int), Cecile Nzanda (RIP) Maame McSam (13th B'day), James Mapuranga (Good health)
Mon	03	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy Lutwama (B'day)
Tues	04	9.30am	Joshua & Valentina Kassem (2nd Wed Anni), Sr. Antonina Terrinoni (RIP)
Wed	05	9.30am	Valerian D'Costa (RIP), Maureen Gregsan (RIP)
Thurs	06	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP), Shinoy, Giji, Pritty, Kripa & Akshara (Success in exam)
Fri	07	9.30am	Sr. Slavina (RIP)
Sat	08	9.30am	Maria Drabik (60th B'day), William D'Costa (RIP), Mathew Tanner (10th Anni)
Sun	09	9.30am	Anitha D'Souza (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani & family (Thanksgiving),

### Lectors

#### 02/05/2021

9.30am Anthonia O., Noah M. (R)  
11.30am Maame, Perpetua (R)

#### 09/05/2021

Pilomena, Anthonia A. (R)  
Morgan & Georgina (R)

**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 Gwatarisa.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Roseleen Killen, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Mary Greene, Jistus St John, Frank Seaman, P. Caroleen, Ellen Carolan, John Carolan, Kathleen Carolan, Michael Carolan, Howard Moles, Paddy Kelly, John Montague, John T Bella Curristan, Patrick McIntyre, Theresa Annie Parsons, Anne Philomena Rodgers, John Maher, Michael John McCarthy, Gerald Byrne, Harry McGorman, Patrick Owen Murray, Edward James Kavanagh, Matthew Tanner, Martin Duffy, William Clisham.

#### *Prayer for the month of May*

*Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.*

*Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Parish Newsletter - 5th Sunday of Easter- 2nd to 9th May 2021**

#### **MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME**

We should all feel petrified to be separated from Jesus. We should feel shaken to the core to live a life that does not have God as its foundation. In the animal world, the principle of togetherness is very important as it is the source of survival. On the plain savannah of East Africa, wild animals know that if you want to make an easy kill, you must separate the prey. The hunted animals also know that if you want to survive, you must keep together with the others. Today's Gospel is lived in practice in the animal world.

Let us translate this into our human experience. All of us associate with people, we depend on each other in so many ways; but let us remember that the future of each one of us is entirely dependent on the people you call friend. The people you see determine who sees you. The person that you have allowed to enter into your innermost being would determine the kind of person you will become tomorrow. If a drug dealer is your friend, you will become one, if a hard working student is your friend, you will improve your own study, if a lazy person is your friend, you will eventually become one. If your child makes children who disobey their parents or their teachers his friends he/she will end up disobeying you parents and teachers. A person becomes great because of the persons he has chosen to associate with. In the same way, a person becomes a failure in life because of the people he associates with. In the Book of Proverbs 13:20 we read: *He who walks with wise men will himself be wise but the companion of fools will also himself become foolish as well.*

In today's gospel Jesus speaks to us about the principle of association, *"I'm the vine, my Father is the vine dresser, I'm the vine you are the branches, remain in me so that you bear much fruit, be separated from me and you wither away and die. Let us make home in each other, make your home in me as I make mine in you."* These are powerful statements from the Lord. They serve as warnings of the consequences of living a godless life. All of us know that when you take a branch from a tree, it withers and die away. How can we expect to have eternal life, if we are separated from the giver of life! In my earlier description I said that the people we associate with define the kind of persons we are ourselves. What do you think can become of a person who does not believe in God or in Jesus Christ? God is merciful, God is love; how can someone who does not believe in love or in mercy be merciful?

Jesus has given us a mission to replicate his life in this world, that is why we must remain in union with him, attached to him through the practice of our faith in him so as to have life.

Brothers and sisters with families, there is nothing more dangerous for you than to bring up a family without God in it. The so called godless friends as we call them, will treat us godlessly at your time of need. The God filled people we relate with will treat us in a Godly way.

As you return to your homes today, go and make yourself a living branch of the living true vine Jesus Christ. Go and practice the faith. Make your home in him as he has made his home in you.

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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 :** £198.20 **SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid:**245.72 **Total : £443.92**

*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 :** No. 5 FR. Jimmy

**2nd Collection :** £223.18 **Mass Attendance :** 120

### **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

### **YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW**

The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Michael Dolman to become Rector of Oscott College, but see what other commitments he already has: He is Diocesan Vocations director, Director of ongoing formation for Clergy and Trustee of Oscott Diocesan Seminary. How would any Catholic family or any Catholic youth expect the priest to do all this work without younger vocations coming up? Please support the training of a priest. Let us always focus on this point, the church needs your support now.

### **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**

**From the Archbishop:** The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic during the month of May and that each day during the month will focus upon one of the international Marian Shrines. This includes Our Lady of Walsingham. We have been asked to note that Saturday 1 May 2021 has been assigned for Our Lady of Walsingham with the prayer intention in favour of the Holy Souls. We have therefore been asked to pray the Rosary in spiritual unity with the Holy Father, particularly on 1 May through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham. I realise that this has reached us all with very short notice, but I would be most grateful if you could invite your parishioners to join you in praying the Rosary on Saturday 1 May for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic and especially for the Holy Souls.

**The month of May is** the "month of Blessed Virgin Mary which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Catholics both in church and in the family, offer up to Mary loving homage of prayer and veneration. May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!" " Therefore, as a family come together to recite the Rosary in honour of Blessed Virgin Mary. Family Rosary helps us to know the mystery of Christ and brings the family together. I

**New Rector for Oscott College:** Following the brief illness and unexpected death of Canon Giles Goward earlier this year, and mindful of the needs of the seminary community at this time, I have decided to move forward with the appointment of a new rector during the Easter season. I am therefore very pleased to inform you that, after a period of consultation and careful reflection, I have appointed Fr Michael Dolman as Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. As you know, Fr Michael is currently the diocesan Vocations Director, diocesan Director of Ongoing Formation for Clergy and a trustee of Oscott. I am very grateful to him for so readily and generously accepting this appointment. Fr Michael will take up his new responsibilities after the conclusion of the current Academic Year on Thursday 1 July 2021.

**Paying for India:** I'm inviting you for an hour of Adoration on Sunday 2nd May from 6.00pm to 7.00pm to intercede for all the people afflicted by the pandemic around the world in a special way for the people of India. To understand the gravity of this pandemic, you need to put yourself in the shoes of those who suffer from it. Please come and join us if you can or follow us via You Tube Channel or through MCN Media. In the meantime act responsibly, keep others safe for your own safety.

**Feasts during the week:** 3rd May– Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles; 4th May– Feast of the English Martyrs. This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the church.

**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.

**Pope's intention for May:** The World of Finance—Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.