

MASSES 9th to 16th May 2021

Sun	09	9.30am	Anitha D'Souza (Thanksgiving), Dylan family (in honour of our lady of Good Health)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani & family (Thanksgiving),
Mon	10	9.30am	Joseph Pinto (RIP), Kath Muldoon (B'day)
Tues	11	9.30am	Zeff Trinidad (RIP)
Wed	12	9.30am	Maureen Gregson (RIP), Vera Dunnion, Betty Osagie (B'day)
Thurs	13	9.30am	Ascension of the Lord People of India & Goa (Respite from Covid-19)
Fri	14	9.30am	Peter Fonseca (RIP)
Sat	15	9.30am	Especiosa Fernandes (RIP), Emmanuel Malize (B'day)
Sun	16	9.30am	Dominic D'Costa (RIP)
		11.30am	Maria Scott (RIP)

Lectors

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9.30am Pilomena, Anthonia A. (R)
11.30am Morgan & Georgina (R)

16/05/2021

Nicholas O., Naomi (R)
Nathali, Frank K. (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 : Martin Duffy, William Clisham, Patrick Lanaghan Danny Rodgers, Thomas Sweeney, Elizabeth Morgan, Leo Pinto, Christina Doyle , Moira Davis, Thomas McDonagh, Christy Benson, Mary Ellen Healy, Mary Dunnion , Mary Dunnion .

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.

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.

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.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - 6th Sunday of Easter- 9th to 16th May 2021

THE PRINCIPLE OF CHRISTIAN LIVING:

When I was in year 6, there were some naughty children in my class. As the teacher would be writing on the blackboard, small pieces of paper would fly around from one corner to the other between boys and girls with different messages. I don't remember writing one myself or receiving one addressed to me but I remember picking up one tiny paper which a girl threw to a boy but it did not reach its intended destination. It had halted under my feet. I picked it up and read it; the message was: "I will love you until the moon falls down or until Lake Victoria becomes dry" The paper was not for me and since this was a secret behaviour, the writer and the person it was meant for did not claim it! I could imagine the moon falling down or L. Victoria running dry because of love, it was exciting indeed. That was forty six years ago in 1975.

Today, the readings speak about Love as a principle of Christian living. God loved the world so much that he sent his beloved son Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke to us about his Father's love for him and therefore our love for the Son who he sent to the world. Jesus tells us today that the principle of true discipleship is to love God and to love one another. Love is a language that is universal to all creatures whether they are human beings, animals or birds, they know whether they are loved or not and they react accordingly.

The love of God evokes inevitable truth from within us. It is a holy obligation that Jesus asks us to fulfil. Love one another as I have loved you. It makes us to make sacrifice without counting the cost. For love Jesus died on the cross, for love of their children parents spend sleepless nights and long days of hard work. As a principle of Christian living, love has made people to do heroic actions of service even at the cost of their own lives.

Love transforms our status: a slave who loves his master, becomes his servant, a servant who loves his master becomes his friend and a friend who loves his friend, becomes a brother or a sister to each other. Love as a principle of Christian living goes hand in hand with humility. Barack Obama as a young president of US loved his country but he was also faced with temptations to pride. He said:

"When I think about the depth of the grave and the kilos of sand that are going to be thrown at us, there is no need to harm my brother. When I think of the darkness that pervades the tomb after it has closed, there is no need to hurt my sister. When I think of the heat driven back by the ground and the amount of water that will drown me during the rains in this grave, I cannot make my neighbour suffer. When I think that I will be alone, abandoned by all, I want to enjoy communion with others. When I think my relationships cut off by my past, I want to perfect my future. If I could be reborn and start all over again I would not make mistakes that I have made in the past. After a long meditation I understand that without loving God and loving our fellow men and women, all is vanity. Come on let us love others instead of hating them.

May God help us to cultivate humility and love. Jesus has given us the principle of Christian living: "What I command you is to love one another." Return home and put this principle into your daily life and then we shall be indeed his friends.

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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 : £207.00 SO (Mar) : £ Non-Gift Aid:337.20 Total : £544.20

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. **2nd Collection :** 16th May—Catholic communications

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

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Ascension of the Lord: Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. The Ascension of Jesus is Christian teaching that Christ physically departed from Earth by rising into Heaven, in the presence of eleven of his apostles. According to the New Testament narrative, the Ascension occurred forty days after the resurrection. In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, God exalted Jesus after his death, raising him from the dead and taking him to Heaven, where Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God. It's a Holyday of obligation.

Bishop William Kelly has retired: On 7th May the Holy Father accepted his resignation as Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. He has reached his 75th birthday. His title now is Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus. He will however continue with her normal duties for the time being; probably until a successor is appointed. He will also continue to live in Woodstock and his contact details remain the same

Pope opens Marathon of Prayer with Rosary in Vatican Basilica: Pope Francis inaugurated the Marathon of Prayer for an end to the pandemic on Saturday 1st May by leading the faithful in the Holy Rosary from St Peter's Basilica. He said, "the month of May will be dedicated to a 'marathon' of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities". Therefore, every Shrine of our Lady around the world is invited to pray, in the language and manner used locally, asking for the resumption of social life, work, and the many human activities that were suspended during the pandemic," The Rosary is led from a different Marian Sanctuary each day during May with a special prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the pandemic. A full list of the various shrines and the daily intentions can be found on the website of the Pontifical Council. (<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html>)

Message of Pope Francis to altar servers: Pope Francis has sent a message for the 25th National Pilgrimage of the altar servers of Portugal, urging them to put all the enthusiasm of their age into the encounter with Jesus hidden under the Eucharistic veil. "Offer Jesus your hands, your thoughts and your time to Jesus," he urged, "and He will not fail to reward you, giving you true joy and making you feel where the most complete happiness is." Further he said, "Here is the first thing Jesus says to each one of you: be holy,". Animated by respect and interior recollection, may the service our altar servers become a Profession of faith for the community at St. Mary & St. Benedict church.

Funeral of Maria Scott will take place at Sacred Heart Church on 13th May at 11.00am. Maria lived a saintly life, she remained a true Italian. In spite of living in UK for so many years all her prayers remained in Italian. She is the greatest devotee to Padre Pio beyond comparison. She died suddenly at her house.

Marriage preparation Program: As lockdown is easing, I would like to start preparing those members of this parish community who are planning to get married in the church either in this country or abroad. The first meeting will take place in the parish hall on Monday 31st May at 6:00pm prospective brides and bridegrooms are informed.

World Communications Day Sunday 16th May: The Pope's message for the 55th World Communications Day follows the theme "Come and See" (Jn 1:46). On this day communications day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. To support this noble cause please give generously to the second collection.

Feasts during the week: 13th May— Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord; 14th May—Feast of St. Mathias, Apostle.