

**MASSES 23rd to 30th May 2021**



Sun	23	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)
Mon	24	12.00noon	Ellen Hull—Requiem Mass
Tues	25	9.30am	Ana Darocha (RIP), Chief Joseph Iluobe (Anni) Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP) Dominador Galban Senior (22nd Anni)
Wed	26	9.30am	No Mass
Thurs	27	9.30am	No Mass
Fri	28	9.30am	Anna Saldanha , Vincent Rodrigues (RIP) Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP) SSA,
Sat	29	9.30am	John & Valana DeSouza (Wed Anni) Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)
Sun	30	9.30am	Ellen Hull (RIP)
		11.30am	Lucya Skrabucha (RIP) Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)

**Lectors**

**23/05/21**

**30/05/2021**

9.30am Bakitha, Felicia (R)  
11.30am Joanne, Mary (R)

Desma, Alex (R)  
Emma, Anthonia (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 :** James Mullarkey , Una Kelly, Tottie McHugh, Gerald Doyle, Michael McMillan , Margaret Murphy, Antony Nicholl, Ann Bridget Kavanagh, Mary O’Sullivan, Eugene Heavy, Sarah Furey, Ellen Heavey, Brenda Moles, Charles Russell, Brigid M Domican, John Brennan, Thomas Malone, Veronica Bridget Byrne,

**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**

*O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.*

*“Protectress of the Roman people” you know our needs, and we know that you will provide,*

*so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself*

*with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter Pentecost Sunday- 23rd to 30th May 2021**

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THINGS GET BETTER START NOW.**

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday when the presence of the Holy spirit overwhelmed the Twelve Apostles that they began to give public testimonies about Jesus. They spoke about the marvels of the Lord in their tongues and the listeners from the known world could understand them in their own dialects. The tower of Babel divided the people, Pentecost united them. From that day the church was filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These are gifts the Holy Spirit gave to the Church. It is over 2000 years now since it all happened and she has never been held back to preach Jesus. Filled and led by the Holy Spirit, we are gathered to celebrate the marvels of the Lord.



In the Gospel Jesus appeared to his disciples and showed them the fresh wounds in his hands, feet and his side. These were proofs to them that it was him indeed. He did not wait for his wounds to heal or to look better so as to appear to them. In his woundedness he greeted them with peace, in his woundedness he gave them his Holy Spirit, in his woundedness he sent them out to go to forgive and to reconcile.

The Church like Christ goes forth to preach not as a perfect blameless community, but with fresh wounds some of which are visible in the world. I’m thinking of Christians who perpetrate hate, who steal from poor people, Christians leaders who are dictators, bishops and priests who have lost their call to be shepherds, married people who have lost sense of duty to each other. Like Jesus all of us bear fresh wounds because the Church is made up of saints and sinners. Yet in our own woundedness Jesus has called us from different nations and gathered us into his Church.

Jesus started his mission after resurrection by showing his fresh wounds. Many times we put off things because we are looking for better time and we end regretting losing the best opportunity. The good things you want to do, go and do them now. Don't wait until things get better because there will not be better time than this time. Jesus did not wait to have his wounds dressed before he sent out his disciples. They were still fearful and in hiding when he sent them, he did not wait for them to become brave. In the same way don't wait to become a better Christian in order to go to church. Don't wait to become a better parent to start disciplining your children, or to become a bit more romantic to start loving and respecting your spouse. The things we do from our weakness turn out to become great success than those we start with great strength. Jesus has given us the Holy spirit, go and do good but not suspend it.

The second reading has reminded us that we are not the same. The difference between us is God’s design for a good purpose. Sometimes we live a miserable life because we are busy trying to make others become like me. What makes our life beautiful, are the difference between us just as different codes of a guitar produce harmony in music.

As you return home today take this message with you: First do not wait to start doing something hoping for a good time. This is the best time. Secondly God has blessed us the differences between us are intended by him to make us complete.

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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

**Gift Aid : £186.00 SO (Apr) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 177.74 Total : 363.74**

*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 :** 126

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Church Cleaning:

**Confessions:** By appointment only

### Come, O Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,  
to be your servants to the world. 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

**Solemnity of Pentecost:** Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost comes from 'pentekoste' which means fiftieth in Greek. The Christian holy day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. These events are described in the book of Acts, which comes directly after the four Gospels.

**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.

**We pray as people of peace** for an end to the violence engulfing the Holy Land. Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, has echoed calls for an end to "the occupation, discrimination and human rights violations that propagate violent attacks on civilians, standing in the way of a stable and peaceful future for Palestinians and Israelis."

**Changes in funeral regulations:** from Monday May the 17th, the number of people who may attend a funeral service will no longer be limited to 30 but will depend upon the safe capacity of the building. For commemorative events linked to a person's death, the limit is 30 people, not including anyone working at the event.

**Prayer for peace:** Pope Francis invites the Churches around the world to pray and implore peace in the Holy Land, as we celebrate Pentecost. Pope Francis said, My thoughts, turn to the events taking place these days in the Holy Land. I take this opportunity, to ask all the pastors and faithful of the Catholic Church to unite themselves spiritually with this prayer. May every community pray to the Holy Spirit "that Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of dialogue and forgiveness, be patient builders of peace and justice, and be open, step by step, to a common hope, to coexistence among brothers and sisters." Let's keep them in our prayers.

**Synod of Bishops :** In October, Pope Francis will open a three-year synodal journey with three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with the assembly in October 2023 in Rome.

**Covid restrictions** The government has updated its response roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 restrictions to combat the virus. Please note that the following remain in place: You must sanitise your hands upon entry, the wearing of face coverings must be observed. Congregational indoor singing is still prohibited at Step 3. The use of small cantor groups and other small choirs is now permitted. The physical exchange of a Sign of Peace remains suspended. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the minister will continue to wear a face covering. Further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June when Step 4 date is reached.

**New Chair of Safeguarding Agency:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have appointed the former Chief Crown Prosecutor in the Rochdale grooming gang cases as the Chair of their new safeguarding agency. The appointment of Nazir Afzal as the Chair of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) was formally announced at an online press conference on the morning of Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

**Feasts during the week:** 24th May– Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church; 25th Tuesday– Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, priest and Doctor of the Church; 26th May– Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest; 27th May– Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High priest; 29th May—The solemnity of Dedication of Consecrated churches. 30th May– Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

