

MASSES 13th to 20th June 2021

Sun	13	9.30am	Experito Lutwama , Vincent Rodrigues (RIP)
		11.30am	Kathleen Spalding (Anni), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP) Terry Kimani & family, Fatima & Riyal (Thanksgiving) Ekobe Maurice Charles, Doris Barnabal (RIP)
Mon	14	9.30am	Kenneth Ferris (RIP), Ritty Maria, Jude Joe, Jeff Joe (Spl int)
Tues	15	9.30am	Brian Ferris (RIP)
Wed	16	9.30am	Sr. Franca Joseph (RIP)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Anna Saldanha (RIP)
Fri	18	9.30am	NO MASS
Sat	19	9.30am	Warren Osagie (B'day) Bertossi family (Good health)
Sun	20	9.30am	Bertossi family (Good health), Estelizio Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am	Cath Mulrooney (Spl int)

Lectors

13/06/2021

9.30am Clinton, Demisha (R)

11.30am Maame, Florence K. (R)

20/06/2021

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Julie, Emmanuel (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 : Maureen Scoles , Jack Dunne, Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan , Katie McHugh, Patsy Cooke, Bridget Meehan, William Maggs.

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 retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Bernard Anwyl, Rev. Fr. Patrick Armstrong, Rev. Fr. John Baggley, Rev. Fr. Wallter Bance, Rev. Fr. Francis Barrett.



Lord Jesus, High Priest, we pray for the retired priests of our Archdiocese who still have a very important mission in the church, the mission of prayer and intercession. The mission of experience and wisdom. The mission of faithfulness and love. We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another, ever mindful of their unity in you. We ask you to bless them for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to your people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham, that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement, continuing to hold close the love of your Sacred Heart. Amen. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter - Eleventh Sunday -13th-20th June 2021

IF YOU KNEW WHOSE OCCASION YOU ARE ATTENDING YOU WOULD THINK TWICE:

All of us like great occasions. If it is a party, it is a time when the host brings family and friends together, it shows how much he values them. Their presence makes him happy. He entertains them on lavish food, drinks and on good music. People making parties these days, tell their visitors what to dress. For the visitors, to be invited to a party is a proof of one's friendship with the host. When you are not invited to a family or a friend's party you get upset.

The way how you dress at any function reveals what kind of person you are and what kind of attitude you have towards the occasion. We know that people do not dress wedding attire at a funeral, neither do they put on funeral clothes on a wedding. We know how to dress when we are going for a job interview, or when we are going to swim or when we are going to meet our in-laws. The way you dress reflects the kind of person you are.

In today's gospel Jesus talks about those small and insignificant things which we do but can cause either tremendous good or substantial damage to the life of others. He compared this to a mastered seed the smallest seed, let us call it an evangelical seed. He calls upon us not to take life for granted in the way how we respond to the grace of God at work in us.

Last Sunday we celebrated Corpus Christi. We honoured Jesus Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. Holy Mass recalls the broken body and poured blood of the Lord. Every Holy Mass is a party, a feast to which we are invited. Now how do you dress up when you are going to the party of Jesus? During summer time, some people exaggerate their way of dressing. All of us know what is appropriate, when and where. Just as people holding parties demand for a way of dressing we as children of God must also observe a dressing etiquette when we go to church.

In the gospel of Mathew 22:11 Jesus spoke of a man who was at the party without a wedding garment. Was the man naked? No, he was just not appropriately dressed. We must be mindful of how we are dressed when we go to the party of Jesus, keeping in mind that we are going into the presence of God.

The gospel has spoken to us about the magnitude of what we take for granted. Remember the mastered seed. So, the way you dress up going to Mass reveals how much respect you have for it. As you return home, try to reflect on those tiny acts of kindness you receive or give to others, it is these things that make your life complete or which tear it to pieces. I wish you an enjoyable summer time.

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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 : 92.00.00 SO (May) : £3776.12 Non-Gift Aid: 276.60 Total : 4144.72

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. 32 Vera Dunnion

2nd Collection :

Mass Attendance : 130

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

Gospel Reflection:

Reflect, today, upon the mysterious ways that God establishes His Kingdom. He is in charge of it first and foremost. But you must do your part. You must make your heart and world around you fertile ground. You must plant the seed, water it as needed but then let God do His part. God wants to bring forth His Kingdom in your life and in the world far more than any of us. But if you do your part, you also will be amazed as you watch grow His glorious handiwork of grace.

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

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.

Community Sponsorship event: the government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14 June at 6:00pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider. Find out how you can get involved and hear from refugees and parishes about its transformative impact. To register visit: www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events.

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read out at Masses last weekend. It is also available in video and audio formats. It outlines the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward. Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

New Vocations Director: We are pleased to announce that Fr Craig Szmidt has been appointed by Archbishop Bernard Longley as the new Vocations Director for the Archdiocese. Fr Craig will take over during the summer as Fr Michael Dolman moves to take up his position as Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

Day of Life: The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth.

Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families. As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to 'stay home and save lives.'

However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a 'false compassion' and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient 'suffering with' the vulnerable, sick and dying. A 'true compassion', he says, is 'the just response to the immense value of the sick person.' This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family. We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

This pandemic has shown us just how much we value life as a society. Please help us to build on this and fight against the legalisation of assisted suicide by donating to Day for Life. Your donations will support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death.