

**MASSES 27th June to 4th July 2021**

Sun	27	9.30am	Caetano Joaquim Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am	Cecilia Gatechi (Thanksgiving)
Mon	28	9.30am	Joh & Valana DeSouza (Thanksgiving), Grace Iluobe (Anni), Bobby Thomas (Good health), Emmanuel Malize (Spl int)
Tues	29	9.30am	Cecilia & Francis (RIP)
Wed	30	9.30am	Joan & Albert O'Keefe (RIP)
		6.00pm	Confirmation
Thurs	01	9.30am	Luciana Coehlo (RIP)
Fri	02	9.30am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	03	9.30am	Sr. Speranza (RIP), Anne Lee (B'day remembrance)
Sun	04	9.30am	Tony Groogan (Good health)
		11.30am	Anne Lee (RIP)

**Lectors**

**27/06/2021**

**04/07/2021**

9.30am Noah, Naomi M. (R) Anthonia A., Pilomena (R)  
 11.30am Florence K., Angela K. (R) Perpetua, Maame (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 :** Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie, Patrick Joseph Moore, Margaret Brophy, Doreen Davies, Patrick Michael Boyle, Desmond Michael Whelan, Elizabeth Keegan, Michael Joseph Dowd, Thomas Joseph Cosgrove, Joe Byrne, Teresa McPartlain, Annie Dunnion, Patrick Meehan, Phyllis Johnson, John Johnson, Thomas Anthony Gleeson, Martin Kelly, Hugh Devlin, Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Esther Kenny.

**Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:**

***Mgr. Patrick Browne, Rev. Fr. John Burns, Rev. Fr. Edward Butter, Rev. Fr. Brendan Carrick, Rev. Fr. Paul Chamberlain.***



*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 13th Sunday in ordinary Time- 27th June to 4th July 2021**

**OUT OF ALL OPTIONS:**

Yesterday, I celebrated 28 years of my priestly ordination and 28 years today, I offered my thanksgiving Holy Mass to God for my priesthood. I wish to thank you all for the prayers, love and support, that I have received from you the people of God. Most of my time as a priest has been spent here at St. Marys. There is one thing that I ask you to pray to God on my behalf, it is this that I may live as a priest and depart from this life as one.

The Gospel today speaks about two desperate situations brought about by sickness. If you have attended to a person with lifelong sickness, you try every medication, visit every doctor and people talk about your sickness. It is known to people that you suffer a sickness. When you hear of a new medication or a physician you feel like trying them also. Life long sickness changes ones lifestyle, he may not eat certain foods or visit places. This is the situation the woman of todays gospel had lived for 12 years. One day she heard about Jesus!

The other sickness had taken place suddenly; a twelve year old girl was at the brink of death we do not know what had happened but her father who had possibly known Jesus because he was a synagogue official immediately thought about Jesus as the only person from whom he could get assistance for his daughter.

These two events leave us with two questions, first: in your life struggle with whatever has been troubling you, have you like that woman tried to seek for Jesus? Secondly, in those sudden events of life do you remain calm like the synagogue official and try to find genuine answers to the problems?

Perhaps both the woman and the synagogue officials had had great faith throughout their lives or may be they had not but what we do know is that in their time of need, they were greatly humbled because they had ran out of options. In this humble situation, they recognise that God, Jesus was the answer. They held to the conviction that Jesus would not let them down.

We should not turn to God as the last resort, because we are called to build a daily habit of seeking to "touch His clothes," or to let his shadow to fall upon through prayer, reading the word of God and loving one another.

As you return home, I ask you to walk out of this church fully convinced that we might be so many of us crowding around Jesus but he notices our touch individually and personally. When we come to pray, we are not here just as a crowd of people but we must be conscious that we are praying to God as individuals first. It was understood that with the people pressing around Jesus, it would be foolish for him to ask who had touched him? When we approach the Lord with an attitude of faith and trust in him, he takes notice.

God knows all about us, he knows what we suffer underneath our cloths, he knows what is going on in the lives of those we love and care for. That is why we should turn our hearts, our minds, our will and souls to him like that woman and the synagogue official.

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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 :** 151.50 **SO (May) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 300.35 **Total :** 451.85

*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 :**

**Mass Attendance :** 126

### 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:

She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." [Mark 5:28](#)

Here is an example of one who comes to Jesus with great faith. Perhaps she had had great faith throughout her life; we do not know. What we do know is that in her suffering, she was greatly humbled and was out of options. In this humble condition, she did what any saint would do. She held on to the conviction that Jesus was the answer.

[Reflect, today, on how deep your habit is of reaching out to Jesus. Is He the first one you praise in your blessings? And is He the first one you turn to in your fears and struggles? Build this interior habit and you will see miracles of grace in your life.](#)

### 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

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday, 25 July 2021.** Pope Francis has instituted a Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills.

I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucault. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to "his desire to feel himself a brother to all" (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—*Francis*

**Marriage bans:** Mr. Henry Chukwudi Osadebe of 2 David Spencer Drive, Coventry, son of Mr. Felix Osadebe and Opene of Ossomala, Anambra, Nigeria, would like to get married to Miss Chinwe Judith Ndulue of 2 David Spencer Drive, Coventry, daughter of Mr. Benson Ndulue and Nnadilinwa of Orsu-Ihiteukwa, Imo, Nigeria. If anybody knows why they should not be married to each other please inform the parish priest.

**Baptism Course:** families with children to be baptised are asked to attend series of preparation talks. The first session starts on Monday 5th July at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

**Confirmation:** St. Mary & Benedict School and children going to Non-Catholic schools (18) will be confirmed, on 30th June at 6.00pm by Fr. Jimmy Lutwama. I ask you to pray for them and their parents that they may be blessed with the gifts and fruits of Holy Spirit.

**Feasts during the week:** 28th June– St. Irenaeus Bishop, Martyr; 29th June– solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles; 3rd July– Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle.

**Dates for your Diary:** *First Holy Communion on 10th July at 10.30am at St. Mary and Benedict's church.*