

## MASSES 4th to 11th July 2021

Sun	04	9.30am	Tony Groogan (Good health), Mick Hogan (88 <sup>th</sup> B'day)
		11.30am	Anne Lee (RIP)
Mon	05	9.30am	Dave Martin (RIP)
Tues	06	9.30am	Bridie & Benny McAndrew (Wed Anni)
Wed	07	9.30am	Deceased priests of B'ham diocese
Thurs	08	9.30am	Una Anderson (RIP), Zoey Irianan (B'day)
Fri	09	9.30am	Angela Murphy (Get well)
Sat	10	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
Sun	11	9.30am	Anna Krawczyk (RIP), James Byrne (8th Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors

04/07/2021

9.30am Anthonia A., Pilomena (R)

11.30am Perpetua, Maame (R)

11/07/2021

Creshel, Alex (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 Gwatorisa, Teresa McCaffer.

Anniversaries during the week : Mary Cannon, Mary Kelly, Patrick Kevin Kelly, Esther Kenny, Peter Hoey, Lisa Kerry Somma, Josephine Murray, Catherine Bridget Logan, Sheila McLeany, Thomas Joseph Mee, Joyce Heffernan, Samuel Kennedy, Herbert & Mary Rush, Thomas Crawley, Anne Coyne, Thomas Flynn, Margaret Sheilds, James Patrick Byrne, Brian.

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

**Rev. Fr. Ronald Cososslett, Rt. Rev. Mgr. David Cousins, Rev. Fr. Laurence Crowe, Rev. Fr. John Darley, Rev. Fr. Anthony Davies.**

*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 14th Sunday in ordinary Time- 4th to 11th July 2021**

### **THE PROPHET MUST COME FROM WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW:**

The gospel this Sunday is a warning to us of the possibility of missing out on very important communications because we think that those who speak to us are too familiar, too small or unimportant to speak to us. I remember a case where a man killed his wife in a domestic fight. It was a lovely couple and no one could ever expect that such a thing could happen. Few days after the burial a little child about two years was seated on the lap of one of the relatives when two men started to fight. The child started to cry, when she was asked why she said: "that man is doing what my dad did to my mother". Following this word of a two year old, it was discovered that the husband had actually killed his wife. Such a vital link to the woman's death was revealed by someone who was least expected to act as a witness.

Something similar is mentioned in the gospel. Jesus had been raised up in the village of Nazareth, his dad was a village carpenter a trade that Jesus himself learned as well. His mother was well known so were his cousins James, Joset, Jude and Simon, so such a man so well known what was he pretending to be? What were these miraculous powers he was claiming to have? The verdict was clear, they rejected him., they did not believe in him.

For over 2000 years, the gospel has been proclaimed to the world, for some people, it has become so familiar that they don't believe in it. Other people see those who preach the gospel as unworthy. In some parishes, some Christians do not pay attention to what the priest preaches to them or take his message seriously because they think that they know him so well.

As Christians and Catholics in particular we must learn not to take for granted the message or the prophets that God sends to us. A child might say to you, dad today it is Sunday are we going to Church? Another can say mom you have drunk too much alcohol, yet another may ask dad why are you fighting always? You might dismiss the observations of your children concerning your behaviour because you would not expect them to correct you.

Jesus did not work miracles in Nazareth because of their lack of faith, it was his home place, therefore he was probably expected to make more favours there than elsewhere. For the people of Nazareth, Jesus was too familiar to be believed.

In the Bible God has always used weak persons to communicate his message: Daniel was just a boy when he declared justice, a boy David liberated Israel with a small stone. Dirty and sheep smelling shepherds were the first to adore the Lord when he was born. Mary Magdalene a city sinful woman was entrusted with the message of the resurrection, Paul was a persecutor of the church, while all the Twelve apostles were dirty fish smelling men.

As you return home, remember that God has placed his prophet in your midst, it might be your child, your spouse, your friends or your college at work. Remember the story I started with. Don't dismiss what they say to you because you think you know them better God sends us his prophets in all forms, young or old rich or poor, he speaks to us through them.

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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 : 245.00 SO (May) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 200.30 Total : 445.30**

*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:**

**Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."**

**Reflect, today, upon how well you do see God present in those closest to you. If you find you struggle with that, see it as a temptation you are called to overcome. Discovering the presence of God alive in those around you will help you to grow in love of them and love of God.**

**Lord, help me to see You in the lives of those closest to me. Help me to rejoice in Your presence and to grow in love of others and in love of You as I see You at work in their lives.**

### **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**

**Archbishop's vision for the Archdiocese:** A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read out at Mass a few weeks ago. It outlined the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward. Leaflets explaining The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan will be available to take away this weekend. Please pick up a copy for yourself, and take copies for those who are unable to come to Mass. More information on the Vision is available on the Diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision)

### **Prayer for the vision of the Archdiocese**

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the spirit of joy, to lift me, the spirit of hope to inspire me, the spirit of love to surround me and the spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

**Congratulations to the Confirmand:** children from our school and from the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday 30th June. It was a calm, peaceful and prayerful atmosphere as we invoked the Holy Spirit to descent upon them and abide within them forever. Special thanks to the families who catechised their children and to the teachers who will continue to educate them in the ways of faith.

**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. If you intend to attend these sessions, you must keep to the time: (six is six not five past six). Late comers will have the booking of baptism differed.

**First Holy Communion:** This coming weekend (10th June 2021) children from St. Mary and Benedict school will receive their First Holy Communion. Kindly keep them in your prayers. Mass will start at 10:30am.

**Act now to stop abortion** up to birth being introduced to England and Wales on Monday. An extreme amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will introduce **abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion)** to England and Wales on Monday tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP. Sex-selective abortion predominantly impacts baby girls, fundamentally undermining all steps that have been taken to ensure equality between both sexes. To ensure that women are treated as being of equal value to men in the UK, it is not good to permit sex-selective abortion to take place up to birth in any part of the UK. The proposed law change is radically out of step with the opinions of women on abortion, 91% of women agree that gender-selective abortion should be explicitly banned by the law. Please contact your MP not to vote in favour of that bill if you can.

**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.