

MASSES 18th to 25th July 2021

Sun	18	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	19	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP)
Tues	20	9.30am	NO MASS
Wed	21	9.30am	Nora Griffith (Spl int)
Thurs	22	9.30am	Esperanca D'Costa (RIP), Roque Xavier Almeida (RIP)
Fri	23	9.30am	Oliver Clear (RIP), Josephine Lobo (RIP)
Sat	24	9.30am	Fr. Andrew Franklin (17th Ordination Anni), Antonio Dores DeSouza (3rd Anni)
Sun	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Veronique & Tony Family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

18/07/2021

9.30am Feliciya, Stepney (R)
11.30am Florence E., Julie (R)

25/07/2021

Eelena, Dan (R)
Florence Okeke, 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, Teresa MacCaffer.

Death Announcements: Frank O'Brien of Lowther St. died on 7th July. His Funeral will take place on 2nd August 2021 at 12:00noon. Death is also occurred to Mrs Rita Rose of Cottage Farm on 10th July 2021. Funeral Mass on 6th August 2021 at 12:00noon.

Anniversaries during the week Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Call, Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Robert Dunham, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Robert Dunham, Minnie Byrne, Fred Billington, Harold Shepherd, Betty Griffiths, Maureen Patterson, James Daniel Farrel, John Plunkett, Mr & Mrs Noonan, Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Enright, Joe Leo Byrne, Patrick Joseph Herbert, Mr & Mrs McMahon, Patrick Travers, Michael Keaney,

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Sean Tucker, Rev. Fr. Sean Turley, Rev. Fr. Brian Wall, Rev. Fr. John Walsh, Rev. Mgr. Anthony Wilcox.

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 16th Sunday in ordinary Time- 18th to 25th July 2021

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR FLOCK OR ELSE IT IS TAKEN AWAY

I don't know how many of us have suffered loss but I believe that most of us have. Loss comes to us in different sizes and it is felt in different degrees. For some, the sense of loss comes too late when the opportunity they had to cherish or to appreciate what they had is lost and cannot be recovered. I remember children of a family not far from my village who never respected or listen to their parents. One boy became a burglar and he was killed by a mob, the other was sentenced to life in prison because of murder, the daughter ended up with a chain of men her body was found on the street no one knows which of the men murdered her!

In the same village another rich family neglected the children, their education, feeding, clothing and discipline was not offered. There was no emotional support or parental guidance until one day a neighbour noticed hundreds of head lice in the girl's hair and several bedbugs in a boy's trousers. He alerted the police and when they saw the children, they took them into social care never to be returned to their rich parents. By the time parents realised their mistakes, it was too late.

The first reading and the gospel speak to us about negligence. The people of Israel belonged to God, they had religious and political leaders but those leaders had neglected them, so, God threatened to take his people away from them. That could come about in so many ways. Whatever we are and have, have been entrusted to us by God. It can be a family, or good health, it can be a job or good friends. We do not own these things or these people, we are only keepers. It can happen that we misuse them, or mistreat them, or neglect them in their time of need until when they are taken from us. When we do not do our duty to those God has put in our care, he finds a way of having us replaced by others, children taken into social care, a loving new spouse or an understanding manager.

In the gospel Jesus saw people who seemed to be neglected, they had leaders but those leaders were devoid of good example or moral guidance. The people were like sheep without shepherd. What did Jesus do? He himself took charge of them.

Brothers and Sisters, the shepherds spoken about in the first reading are you and me. We are shepherds of God's people, we have responsibilities. We should be careful not to lose whatever God has given us because of our negligence. Don't wait until your family breaks down to realise how important it is to you. Don't wait to see your children taken into social care that you start giving them parental care. Don't wait to stand in docks before the magistrate to realise that other people have rights too. Don't wait for the funeral of someone in order to show how much you loved them by buying expensive flowers and coffin. The list can go on.

Let us recognise our responsibilities and carry them out in good time. We should not wait to lose something or someone to recognise their presence or their usefulness in our life. As you return home today go and ask yourself a question: What am I likely to lose because of my negligence? What possibilities are there that when I lose it, I will get it back as it was before! Because you are a shepherd, be mindful of your flock or else it is taken away. Go and be a Good responsible person in whatever you do and have.

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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 : 186.73 **SO (June) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 270.00 Total: 456.73

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 : 134

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Church Cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only

Gospel Reflection: Alone With Jesus

Coming away, alone, with Jesus, is a way of getting refocused and clearing out the clutter of life. It's a way of escaping from our impulses and habits that draw us away from the joyful will of God. So think about this invitation. Think about it practically. Can you find at least ten minutes today to go find silence so as to rest in the arms of Jesus?

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to accept the invitation from Jesus to come and rest with and in Him. Commit yourself to doing just that. Make the choice, today, to find time to be alone.

Mass Intentions

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. It is recommended to give a donation for your intention from £5.00. You can call Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Baptism Course: families with children to be baptised are asked to attend series of preparation talks. The first session starts on Monday 19th 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.

FHC & Confirmation preparation classes: This announcement goes to the parents whose children studying in non-Catholic schools and have reached the age of receiving FHC and Confirmation please contact me or the sisters so that we can arrange catechism classes for them.

New Episcopal Vicar: following the Holy Father's acceptance of Bp Kenney's resignation from office as Auxiliary Bishop, the Archbishop has appointed Canon Paul Fitzpatrick as Episcopal Vicar for the Pastoral Area of Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire, with effect from 1 September 2021. Canon Paul will take up this new responsibility alongside his current duties as Parish Priest of Henley-on-Thames, Dean of the Oxford South Deanery and Chairman of the Care of the Clergy Committee.

He is also most grateful to Bishop William for his care for the Pastoral Area over the last fifteen years. Bishop William will continue to be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and for other liturgical and ceremonial duties as required

Bishop's Guidance as restrictions are relaxed: Following the announcement that step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap will come into effect on Monday 19th July, we are presented with guidance accompanied by the statement Sunday – it is our Day which says, *“It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.”*

At this stage, it is important for us all to remember that although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches and other facilities.

Catechetical bottom line:

Here you will find simple questions to help you to deepen your catechetical knowledge or to teach Catechism to your child at home:

- Q. Who created you?**
A. God created me
- Q. Why did God create you?**
A. God created me to know him, to love him and to serve him in this world and to be happy with him for ever in heaven
- Q. Does God have a beginning?**
A. God has no beginning
- Q. Does God expire?**
A. God does not expire.
- Q What did God create at the beginning?**
A. At the beginning God created the angels.
- What is faith?**
Faith is a supernatural gift of God, which enables us to believe without doubting whatever God has revealed.