

MASSES 25th July to 1st Aug 2021

Sun	25	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Veronique & Tony Family (Thanksgiving), Callistus Obi & family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	26	9.30am	SSA (Thanksgiving) Anne Malize (Spl int) Nora Griffith (94th B'day)
Tues	27	9.30am	Holy souls
Wed	28	9.30am	Rita Rose (RIP)
Thurs	29	9.30am	Kim Beech (RIP)
Fri	30	9.30am	Nurses (Thanksgiving)
Sat	31	9.30am	Linda Greene (Spl int)
Sun	01	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Maraaobim (7th B'day)

Lectors

25/07/2021

9.30am Eelena, Dan (R)
11.30am Florence Okeke, Maame (R)

01/08/2021

Pilomena, Desma (R)
Florence, Julie (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 Gwairisa, 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 :Patrick Travers, Michael Keaney , Annie Ferry, Anthony Curristan, Trudy Shanley, Catherine Logan, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, Patrick Joseph Plunkett, John Walsh, Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe , Francis Felton .

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Bill Wilton, Bp. David McGough, Bp. Philip Pargeter, Bp. William Kenney, Rev. Fr. Anthony DeVere.

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 17th Sunday - 25th July to 1st Aug 2021

“A LIFE WORTHY OF YOUR VOCATION”

The second reading of the 15th Sunday a fortnight ago, spoke about the choice that God made of us. *Before the world was made, he chose us to be his adopted children, holy and blameless.* We were reminded that as Christians, we occupy a privileged position in the world.

The second reading today mentions something extremely important: St. Paul has passionately said; *"I implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation"* it means that we are urged to lead a life which brings honour to who we are. Soldiers at battle live, dress and behave as soldiers. Doctors and nurses in hospitals dress and behave as medical professionals. Doctors even have the stethoscope round their necks not as an ornament but to let us know that they are doctors and acting in that capacity. The butcher at the meat market cannot be mistaken for a builder. By these people identifying and behaving accordingly, we are assured that we are taken care of.

When it comes to the church it is sad that some Christians do not live according to their identity. Some congregations of nuns threw away their habits, priests took on neckties and suits instead of the clerical collars. The consequences of this is that many of them no longer live a life worthy of their vocation. A married person should behave and speak in a way that tells others that he/she is married. St. Paul reminds us: *“lead a life worthy of your vocation”* .

For children listening to me, this statement applies to you. You are a beloved child of your parents, wherever you are, whatever you do or say let it show to others that you are worthy to be called a beloved child. Don't do things that will spoil the good name of your family.

The first reading and the gospel have spoken to us about generosity. Elisha having been provided with few loaves of bread ordered his servant to give it to the people. In the gospel, a small boy provided his five barley loaves and two fish, while Jesus multiplied it abundantly so that all people had such abundance to eat.

The generosity of God is showed in the Eucharist in which he feeds his people the world over with Holy Communion. The miracle of the loaves takes place every day wherever Holy Mass is celebrated. I don't know how many people will receive Holy communion today, what I know is that Jesus will offer himself as the bread of life no matter who you are or where you will be. The eucharist a man in prison will receive is the same eucharist bishops, catholic heads of states or ordinary people like you and me will receive. God is generous to all.

Today we remember our grand parents who brought up our parents. The Holy Father has asked us to pray for them and to show them love. Our grandparents may appear wrinkled, grey, hard of hearing and unstable on their feet. But they are not stupid. If you have an elderly person in your house you have real gold. Go and show them that you love them.

As you return to your homes today I ask you to go and realise the abundance of God's generosity in your life. Do you have a house, there is someone who is homeless! Do you have children, there is someone without a child! Do you have a slice of bread to give to your child, there is a parent with nothing to give. Do you feel healthy, there is someone confined to a hospital bed. God has been so generous to you. Go and live a life worthy of your vocation.

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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 : 274.00 **SO (June) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 195.46 Total: 469.46

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 : 121

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' miracle speaks to His commitment to "feed us" in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

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

The Apostles of Jesus Missionaries: the institute to which Fr. Jimmy belongs will celebrate the death anniversary of their founders Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi who died on 27th July 1987 and Rev. Fr. John Marengoni who died on 27th July 2007 twenty years between them. They took a holy risk by starting the first religious missionary institute on the African continent. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Sisters of St. Ann of Providence who work in our parish will celebrate their patron saint's day St. Ann on Monday 26th. Please keep our Sisters and their entire institute in your prayers.

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.

Sunday for Grandparents: Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Please remember your grandparents today in your prayers.

Bishop's Guidance as restrictions are relaxed: Following the announcement that step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap came 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.

Mrs Norah Griffith the most senior member of the parish will celebrate her 94th birthday on Monday 26th July. For those who might not know her, she is the lady who concelebrates Mass with me or one who gives frequent ejaculations My Lord and my God. Norah is a very devout parishioner and we thank God for her holy ministry among us.

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:

1. Q. **Who are Angels?**
A. Angels are pure Spirits and messengers of God.
2. Q. **Are all Angels good ?**
A. No, Good angles who remained faithful to God. Bad angels are those who rebelled against God and were cast into hell.
We call them devils or Satan
3. Q. **Does Satan or the Devil love us?**
A. No the Devil or Satan does not love us, he hates us and is always close to lead us into evil
4. Q. **What is a guardian angel?**
A. A guardian Angel is a good angel who has been assigned to each one of us by God to watch over, lead, guide and protect us in all we do.
5. Q. **What is man?**
A. Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and created in the image and likeness of God.