

MASSES 1st to 8th Aug 2021

Sun	01	9.30am	McHugh Family, Callistus Obi & family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Maraobim (7th B'day), Augustine & Emily family (Thanksgiving)
Mon	02	12.00noon	Frank O'Brien—Requiem Mass
Tues	03	9.30am	Carina Smith (RIP), Dolores Connolly (Get well)
Wed	04	9.30am	Casey Gilder (RIP)
Thurs	05	9.30am	Eamon Cunningham (RIP)
Fri	06	12.00noon	Rita Rose— Requiem Mass
Sat	07	9.30am	Fr. Emmanuel Adams (Spl int)
Sun	08	9.30am	Eugene Ferry (RIP)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

01/08/2021

9.30am Godfrey, Nicholas (R)
11.30am Florence, Julie (R)

08/08/2021

Alex, Anthonia O. (R)
Perpetua, Georgina (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, Teresa MacCaffer.

Death Announcements: Mr. Patrick Michael McNicholas who lived on 10 Charterhouse Road, CV1 2BJ was called to eternal abode on 18th July 2021. His funeral will take place on 17th Aug at 10.00am and committal service will take place at Canley Cemetery. Our condolences to his family while we pray for his eternal peace.

Anniversaries during the week : Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose roach, Maura Mulrone, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan, William Skarwenko, Patricia Ann Mathews, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Thomas Alexander Bell.

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Paul Devaney, Rev. Fr. Bruce Dutsan, Rev. Fr. Keith Enston, Rev. Fr. Martin Flatman, Rev. Fr. Bernard Garratt.



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 18th Sunday - 1st to 8th Aug 2021

GOD DOES NOT SHOW US THE WAY, HE EXPECTS US TO FIND IT

Some years ago I returned from a missionary journey exhausted. It was a hard mission and I had complaints raised by myself against myself. My cook overheard, he came and asked me whether I had eyes, hands, legs and whether I had breath in my nose. When I said yes, he said then stop complaining. I realised immediately how lucky I was.

May be there are people like me always complaining and mourning about one thing or the other, they are not satisfied with anything, however complaints do not solve our problems sometimes they multiply them. But genuine complaints are listened to by God and he gives the reply. In the first reading the complaints of Israel in the desert, were heard by Yahweh, he was not amused, because such complaints had blinded them to the freedom from slavery they had achieved. So stop complaining and grumbling otherwise you will not see all other blessings surrounding you.

The word of God speaks to us about food for the journey. When I was growing up, I had weird idea about bread from heaven which sustained Israel in the desert. I thought that every morning there would be showers of loaves of bread from the sky. But manna was a form of honey produced by an insect that feeds on the tamarind tree. When this excretion falls on the ground at night, it contracts such that it can be collected. The Bedouins nomads who live in the Sinai peninsula still feed on it up to today. So, while the people complained for lack of food, God did not pile loaves of bread in their kitchen ovens, he gave them very simple substance called manna. The people had the responsibility collect it every morning and to interpret what was available as a providential gift from God. So the miracle of Manna was not in its appearance but in its abundance that the people survived starvation. The manna became a food that kept them alive. It strengthened their bodies deepened their sense of community as pilgrims. The people were supposed to go beyond and open up their awareness of the providence of God. God does not show us the way but he expects us to find it.

In the Gospel Jesus invites us to look beyond. After he had fed the people, they went out looking for him not because they wanted to have deeper relationship with him but because it had been convenient for them to have free food without working for it, cooking or washing up. The answer Jesus gave is relevant to us. *Do not work for food that does not last but work for food that endures to eternal life*” We live in a busy world and thanks to God that we have some work to do, but Jesus warns us that we should not forget to work for the salvation of our souls. Whatever takes your time away, what we are or the jobs we have are providential gifts of God to help us to know him more and to come closer to him.

As you return home today remember that God knows already how busy you are going to be so take his warning : *Do not work for food that does not last but work for food that endures to eternal life*” In otherwards place God in whatever you do; be concerned not only to provide physical food for your family but also about their knowledge of God and their faith in him. God creates opportunities for us, he takes care of us in many ways, it is our responsibility to make sense of God's action and see his providential plan for us.

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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 : 190.00 **SO (June) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 294.32 Total: 484.32

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. 43 Sr. Leera

2nd Collection :

Mass Attendance : 127

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:

Deep within every human heart is a hunger and thirst that longs to be satisfied. We all have this longing and desire. We try to fill it with so many things, but in the end only one thing satisfies. Jesus alone can satiate the deepest longings of our souls.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you believe in these words of Jesus. Do you regularly meet Him in the Eucharist? Do you allow His presence to consume you as you consume Him? If you cannot say "Yes" to this in a complete and definitive way, resolve today to renew your love for our Lord in this glorious Sacrament.

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

Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain 23rd October 1491. His mother died soon after his birth, that he was put in the care of the local blacksmith's wife Maria de Garin. He joined the army but on 20 May 1521 he was gravely injured. While recovering from surgery, Ignatius underwent a spiritual conversion; he decided not to fight for men anymore but for Christ. With Peter Faber and Francis Xavier he founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Ignatius died in Rome on 31 July 1556, probably of the "Roman Fever", a severe variant of malaria which was endemic in the city that time. He was beatified by Pope Paul V on 27 July 1609, and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on 12 March 1622

Alphonsus Liguori CSsR (1696–1787) was an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in 1732. He became a successful lawyer, but one day while defending a case, it was discovered in the jury verdict that he was actually accusing the man he was supposed to defend. When he lost an important case, the first in eight years of practicing law, he made a firm resolution to leave the profession. He wrote to a friend: "*My friend, our profession is too full of difficulties and dangers; we lead an unhappy life and run risk of dying an unhappy death*".

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program will start in October. It is a program developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Christianity above the age of infant baptism. For those who wish to join, an RCIA program - it is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation. Those who enter the program are expected to begin attending Mass on a Sunday, participate in regular faith formation activities, and to become increasingly involved in the activities of their local parish. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome.

Catechism for children who go to non catholic schools: Parents are reminded to send their children who have reached age to receive First Holy communion and Confirmation, the catechism will start in September. For further details please contact the sisters

Feasts During the week: 4th Aug– Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney; 6th Aug– Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Deacon Robert Giampaglia: will visit Coventry with his family this weekend on 8th August and he will preach at both Masses at St. Marys. Robert was a caretaker of our school and he served as a deacon in our parish. It will be good to see them after 10 years.

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:

- Q1. What was the condition of Adam and Eve before the Fall and after the Fall?
A The original condition of Adam and Eve was that they were in perfect harmony with God.
- Q.2. What is the sin of Adam and Eve Called?
A The sin of Adam and Eve is called, Original Sin.
- Q 3. How is the Original sin removed?
A It is removed through Baptism
- Q.4. What is original sin?
Ans. Original sin committed by Adam was the sin of disobedience when he ate the forbidden fruit.
- Q.5. What is actual sin?
Ans. Actual sin is every sin which we ourselves commit.