

MASSES 8th to 15th Aug 2021

Sun	08	9.30am	Eugene Ferry (RIP), Fr. Lows LeeYan Hong (B'day) Margaret McGee- O'CV (RIP)
		11.30am	Terry Kimani (Thanksgiving), Bridie McAndrew (Get well)
Mon	09	9.30am	Sheila Vaughan (RIP), Elena D'Souza (B'day)
Tues	10	9.30am	Ferry family (RIP)
Wed	11	9.30am	Jose Colaco , Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP) Almeida family (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	12	9.30am	Meelarkey (Anni)
Fri	13	9.30am	Fidelis Anatuanya (RIP)
Sat	14	9.30am	Teresa Maccaffer , Margaret Friel (Get well), Una Clark (Thanksgiving)
Sun	15	9.30am	Winifred Busby (RIP) Adora & Kaylan (Good health)
		11.30am	CWA Dedication—Florence Ekobe,, Mama Magdaline Akenji (RIP) Bernard & Alwyn Rodrigues (RIP)

Lectors

08/08/2021

9.30am Alex, Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am Perpetua, Georgina (R)

15/08/2021

Creshel, Anthonia A. (R)
Mary, Florence K. (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.

Anniversaries during the week : Thomas Moore, John O'Neill, Thomas Alexander Bell , Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson , Delia Bridget Shannon , Jim Jackson, Patrick Cosgrove, Angela Irene McGrane , Mary Foley, Patrick Vincent Cosgrove, Elizabeth Joan Caren, Thomas Whelan, Bridget O'Loughlin, Mathew Nugent, Jenny Connors.

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Gili-Hammett, Rev. Fr. Patrick Gilsenan, Rev. Fr. Peter Gilsenan, Very Rev. Canon David Goodwin, Rev. Fr. Christopher Greaney

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 19th Sunday - 8th to 15th Aug 2021

“OR THE JOURNEY WILL BE TOO LONG FOR YOU”

Life is a journey we begin it at conception and end it at physical death. Because life is a journey, it has to be supported, with the food we eat, the family we belong to, the friends that surround us and other countless number of things. All these make life easy as they give us peace of mind. Without these things, the journey we call life can be too long; too tough that we can even wish for death. This was exactly the feeling of Elijah.

Our attention focusses on the journey of Elijah to Horeb the mountain of God, it reflects our own journey through life. When a person flees for his life, he/she does not take provisions, the only thing you try to run away with is your life. On the journey Elijah was hungry, exhausted and fell asleep. He wished he were dead, that is how far difficulties of life can push us. But the Angel of the Lord gave him food and persuaded him to eat more adding "*or the journey will be too long for you*" That food as we have heard gave him energy, made him more focussed and resolute that he walked to Horeb the Mountain of God.

The food that strengthened Elijah foreshadows the food that Jesus would ask his disciples to look for centuries later in his ministry. Last Sunday he told us "*Do not work for food that does not last but work for food that endures to eternal life.*" That food is Jesus Christ himself who tells us: "*I'm the bread of life he who comes to me will never be hungry he who believes in me will never thirst.*"

Our Lord emphasized the importance of food that at the last supper he gave himself to us as our bread of life: "*take and eat, this is my body, take and drink this is my blood*" he said. What does this mean? It means that by eating this bread and drinking this blood, Jesus joins us on the pilgrimage of life with all its trials and temptations so that strengthened by his presence, we can walk steadily to the heavenly Horeb the presence of God.

Brothers and sisters, when the Word of God is proclaimed to us, we must go beyond what we hear or see in order to find its meaning. When Jesus told the Jews that he is the bread of life, they thought he could turn into loaves of bread, but all they could see was just a son of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth. But what Jesus was asking the people to do was to invite him in their life and to place him in everything they did. People whose life has no God in it will find life complicated and difficult. They may have plenty of wealth, good education and many followers but without God in them things happen in their life that leave many others surprised. On the contrary people who place God in their life like Elijah, will calmly face the difficult moments because faith enables us to see things from God's angle other than from our own. A godless life lacks mercy, genuine love and compassion.

As you return home today I ask you to spend some time to reflect on your journey of life. There has been ups and downs, success and failures. There has probably been moments when you walked on a tight rope, the future may have its threats, doubts and fears. If we continue to place God in our life, he comes to our aid as he did to Elijah such that we are able to manoeuvre through our journey. Yes without God in our life, without receiving Jesus the bread of life in Holy Communion moreover for a long time, the journey can become too long for you.

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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 : 239.00 **SO (June) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 263.68 **Total:** 502.68

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 : 141

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:

What do so many of us do at Mass? We come to Mass disinterested, distracted, and more concerned about what we will be doing later in the day than what we are doing at the Holy Mass. This is a sad truth that needs to be corrected. "If we but understood the gift of the Holy Mass we would die instantly out of love," said St. John Vianney.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your heart is fully engaged with the Holy Eucharist. When you think about going to Mass, are you overwhelmed with joy and a deep spiritual longing? Or do you look at it as an obligation you need to fulfil? If it is more of an obligation you need to fulfil faithfully.

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

Talk on parenthood: Fr. Jimmy will give a talk on parenthood to CWA on Saturday 28th August from 11:00am in honour of St. Monica. Every parent is welcome.

Find a Catholic School for your child: as the new academic year will start soon in September, I wish to encourage you to find catholic school where your child can have catholic education. The Catholic Church has contributed to the education of the human race, therefore try your best to offer similar education that has placed you where you are. Our parish sponsored school SS. Mary and Benedict welcomes all children who seek admission there but Catholic families have greater priority as sponsors of the school.

Annual Novena for the Cause of Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi, will begin on August 18th and end on the Feast of Blessed Dominic, August 26th 2021. He is the man who catechised and received St. John Henry Newman into full communion with the Church. Let us join together as a diocese to say the following Novena prayer:

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us. St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

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.

Feasts During the week: 9th Aug—Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr; 11th Aug— Memorial of St. Clare; 14th Aug— St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & Martyr.

Death announcement: I regret to announce the death of Christine June Hand of 11, Hampton Road, Coventry, who died on 28th July 2021 aged 56. The Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 31st Aug at 10.00am. May God grant her eternal peace.

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 1. What are personal sins?

Ans. Personal sins are the sins we commit knowingly. These can be mortal or venial.

Q 2. What is a mortal sin?

Ans. A mortal sin is offending God knowingly and willingly in a serious matter.

Q 3. what is venial sin?

Ans. A venial sin is offending God in a small matter, knowingly and willingly.

Q 4. what does mortal sin do to the soul?

Ans. Mortal sin takes away God's life from the soul until the person asks God for forgiveness.

Q 5. what does venial sin do to the soul?

Ans. Venial sins do not take away God's life, but they make our love for God weaker.