

## MASSES 22nd to 29th Aug 2021

Sun	22	9.30am	Sean Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Eric D'Souza & family (Thanksgiving), Oge ( B'day) Gabriel Kwanme Awvah (RIP) Mama Cecilia & Maurice Charles Ekobe (RIP) Felipe Yul & Doris Barnabal (RIP)
Mon	23	9.30am	Sr. Pacifica (RIP)
Tues	24	9.30am	Jacintha Wangechi (B'day)
Wed	25	9.30am	Pat & William Edwards (Spl int)
Thurs	26	9.30am	SSA
Fri	27	9.30am	Holy souls
Sat	28	9.30am	Anne Malize (B'day)
Sun	29	9.30am	Patrick McNicholas (RIP)
		11.30am	Felipe Yul & Doris Barnabal (RIP)

### Lectors

22/08/2021

9.30am	Nicholas, Godfrey (R)
11.30am	Florence E. , Perpetua (R)

29/08/2021

Felicia, Stephnie (R)
Valerie, 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.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Mamic Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Michael Joseph Gamble, Catherine Elliott, Frances Smyth , John Sheehan, Brendon Noel Gilroy.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Program will start in October. 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. Please contact Fr. Jimmy or one of the sisters on **Tel 02476258901**.

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

*Mgr. John Heslin, Rev. Fr. Bengt-Ove-Jakobsson, Rev. Fr. Tony Jones Rev. Fr. Bernard Kelly, Rev. Fr. David Keniry*



*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- 21st Sunday in ordinary time - 22nd to 29th Aug 2021**

### **“WHAT ABOUT YOU”?**

In many parts of the world some decisions are taken which cost life and loss of property. I remember a child who was killed by other children at school because he looked like a thief they said. On many streets round the world people cause mayhem destroying property without personally choosing or believing in what they are doing. The bible gives us a story of the crowd that wanted to stone a woman to death accusing her of adultery. This kind of behaviour is also known as mob justice. When Jesus confronted the opinion of each person individually, they walked away one by one. The mob has no conscience, it does not reason.

Today Jesus challenges us to come out of the crowd and be our persons. For some time, he had spoken to the people about the Bread of life. When he spoke of himself as that bread of life, this was too much for the crowds and many of his disciples left him, they did not associate with him any more. That is crowd morality. So Jesus turned to the apostles and asked them "What about you"? This is a question that required a personal answer.

Jesus turns to us and asks us this question from time to time. For example some married people unfortunately divorce, *What about you* do you want to break your covenant to each other? Some children disrespect and disobey their parents, Jesus asks every child " *What about you*, do you want to disobey or disrespect your parents? Some people are proud of things which they should feel ashamed of, such as cheating in marriage, or at work, not believing in God or engaging in criminal activities. So Jesus asks *what about you*?

In other words Jesus treats us as individuals because each one of us is intimately known to him and loved by him. That is why we are personally accountable before God irrespective of public opinion. Your personal opinion is what counts before God. So "*What about you*"?

The first reading is in line with the Gospel. Joshua tells the people to take a decision today either to follow Yahweh who had liberated them from slavery or to serve the gods of the pagans in whose land they lived. In other words, in life there must be a turning point when we take a decision and we cannot turn back or live a double life.

Marriage is one of the events in life when people make a turning point, a man or a woman decides to incorporate another person into his/her life and they become one. It is a radical witness to the Love of Jesus that someone gives up his or her life and surrender it to another. Because of the seriousness of this decision, the Word of God in the second reading calls on married people to have profound love and respect for each other and to give way to one another in obedience to Christ. The word of God is not intending to put down wives and to uplift husbands. All it is instructing us to do is to be serious, meaning and committed in the choices we make.

As you return home today reflect on your personal responsibility before God. Try to imagine yourself standing before the Lord. Of course all of us will one day stand before the Lord. Remember that public opinion is sometimes misleading and very misleading these days but the question Jesus asks us today is: "what about you"? In all the difficulties of life, take with you the reply of Simon Peter; apart from Jesus :"*to whom shall we go we believe and we know that only Jesus has the message of Eternal life.*"

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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 : 210.00 SO ( ) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 288.94 Total: 498.94

*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

### 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** reopened their formation houses with 40 seminarians renewing their vows. Being trained to become religious and missionaries candidates in our formation take longer compared to diocesan priests. The formation had ran into recess to make adjustments in the curriculum and reorganisation as requested by the Holy See. Thanks to you all for your prayers and for your material support in the training of our candidates to missionary life.

**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. You my dear parishners I request you to come and make best use of this time. Please put this date in your diary. Every parent is welcome.

**From the Vocations Director:** This September there will be nine men in formation for the Sacred Priesthood: five at St Mary's College, Oscott, and four at the Venerable English College in Rome. There are also eight men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Please do continue to keep them all in your prayers. I invite you to join us for the annual Clergy Training Fund Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday 26th September 2021 at 3.00 p.m. here at St Mary's College, Oscott. As usual this will be followed by the AGM and an opportunity for us to meet together.

**National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen:** The weekend before, the Archdiocese of Birmingham is privileged to have been asked to host the National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen, on behalf of the Archconfraternity in Westminster. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass, on Saturday 25 September 2021 at 12noon, at the parish of Ss. Mary & John, Wolverhampton. After Mass, there will be refreshments in parish centre. Other servers from across the country are invited too. It is completely FREE to attend only booking at [www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national](http://www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national)

**City of Culture:** As you know, Coventry is the City of Culture for this year. The organising committee have wanted to include an element recognising the importance of faith as part of culture. To this end they are having a "Faith Weekend" from Friday 10th September to Sunday 12th September. The Royal Shakespeare Company will be involved in organising some events around the city and there will be a central event at Swanswell Park and Millenium Point. Details of these events will be soon available. Part of the weekend will be asking churches to remain open for visitors under the banner of "Open Doors". The Diocese would like us to fully participate and asked that on Saturday 11th September, our Catholic churches in the city could remain open for visitors from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

### 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. Who is the Mother of Jesus Christ?

Ans. The Mother of Jesus Christ is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Q. 2 when do we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ?

Ans. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Q. 3. How did Jesus Christ save the world?

Ans. Jesus Christ saved the world by offering His life on the Cross.

Q. 4. Why did Jesus Christ suffer and die?

Ans. Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins.

Q. 5. What happened to Jesus after his death?

Ans. After His death God the Father raised Jesus from the dead.

Q. 6. On what day do we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus?

Ans. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.