

MASSES 29th Aug to 5th Sept 2021

Sun	29	9.30am	Patrick McNicholas (RIP)
		11.30am	Felipe Yul & Doris Barnabal (RIP)
Mon	30	9.30am	Sr. Pacifica (RIP)
Tues	31	10.00am	Requiem Mass– Christine June Hand
Wed	01	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (B'day remembrance)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Patricia Swain (RIP)
Fri	03	9.30am	Holy souls
Sat	04	9.30am	Ebron Almeida (Thanksgiving)- FHC
Sun	05	9.30am	Ebron Almeida (B'day)
		11.30am	Felipe Yul & Doris Barnabal (RIP), Leo Dunnion (RIP)

Lectors

29/08/2021

9.30am Felicia, Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am Valerie, Maame (R)

05/09/2021

Alex, Naomi (R)
Angela K. Emmanuel (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.

Anniversaries during the week : John Sheehan, Brendon Noel Gilroy, Bridget Mulrooney , Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath, Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke, Margaret rose Mullins, Roy Darlison, Nora Bernadette Hanbury, Marion Glennon.

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**.

Pope's Intention for September– *We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Rev. Fr. Ian Ker, Rev. Fr. David Lacy, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Patrick Kilgariff, Rev. FR. Nicholas Lathem, Very Rev. Canon Michael Leadbeater.



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- 22nd Sunday in ordinary time - 29th Aug to 5th Sept 2021

RULES ARE MEANT TO LIBERATE NOT TO ENSLAVE US

I had an opportunity to travel on the double decker aircraft A380 from Birmingham to Dubai a 7 hour journey. In the course of travel, two pilots came out of the cockpit at a go, one went to the loo, the other one stretched his hands and back then he came and sat on an empty seat beside me. The aircraft was literally on its own without someone in control. It was a time when a Malaysian airliner had plunged into the sea. I asked the pilot why he was putting our life in danger and why he was not doing his duty? He turned to me and said: "*if I do not follow the rules of the sky then there would be cause for fear the rules of aviation far from restricting me give us the freedom to move and to rest as we follow our route.*" The first reading makes the same point about the 10 commandments. They are a source of life and freedom. All things have their rules of engagement. To fight corona virus we are told: wear masks, sanitise, social distance. The Word of God speaks about the commandments of God and of the church as guiding principles for our life. Some people look at them as if they are meant for others, instead of going into details to examine themselves and to observe of them.

People are sensitive to claiming their rights and to seeking justice. Unfortunately for some, rights and justice exist only when they are the receivers not the givers. In the gospel, Jesus mentions evil things that make people unclean. Fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. Allow me to speak about theft.

I don't know how many of us would be sympathetic to thieves or would take themselves to be thieves. But probably most of us are because theft is complicated and takes many forms. Phrases like '*good business practice* or '*beating the system* or '*knowing the trick of the trade* are verbal disguises for immoral business behaviour. For examples: to approve inferior goods or to overcharge products and services is to steal. To pay low wages and charge high interest rates or to hastily close down a business for the sake of quick profit is to steal. To stand idle on somebody's time or to get good money from inferior work is to steal. Shoplifting, getting social benefits to which we are not entitled, to live way beyond one's means and to refuse to pay bills is to steal. Reporting late to work or to the church without genuine reason is to steal because you cheat on God's time or on your employer's time. Theft of this kind has entered the fabric of our society that strictly speaking we can say that most of us are thieves these days. It is not an excuse to say because others are doing it I can do it also.

The Commandments of God require us to have a very sensitive conscience. I remember a woman who came to the presbytery with a sizable sum of money that she had found on the street. She needed it herself and I knew that she needed it but it was not hers and she handed it over. That woman had a quality within her that money could not buy.

As you return home today, go and reflect in your life those areas in which you do the same things which you condemn or criticise others for. Look at the 10 commandments as guidelines to enable you to live a good life here on earth. Take the advice of your parents as signs of their mindfulness and love for you. Take the rules at your place of work as principles to make you a better worker. If you keep the rules of engagement other people will exclaim "no other people are as wise and prudent as this great nation".

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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 : 94.00 **SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 342.78 **Total:** 436.78

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 : 156

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 battle is not yet over to fight the Corona Virus Pandemic. Please although standing operation procedures (SOP) have been relaxed, remember that the virus has not gone away. You are requested to wear your mask when you are in church, to keep distance from other people and to sanitise your hands as you come into church. It is our Christian duty to be each others keeper.

City of Culture: On 11th September the Church will be open at the request of Coventry City Council for people who will be visiting our City. The Open Door Program will start from 10:00am– 4:00pm. You can come to pray or to tour your local church. Fr. Jimmy the PP will be here to welcome visitors and to give a guided tour of the church.

Choir Membership: the leaders of our parish choir and indeed every choir member appeals to whoever feels that he/she enjoys singing to join them as a choir member. There are many music instruments you can try on as well. Choir practice is every Friday at 7:30pm.

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.

National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen: 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.

First Holy Communion for a small boy called Ebron Almeida will take place on the coming Saturday 4th September during the 9:30am Mass. He missed out because he was in self isolation due to coming into contact with a suspected Covid patient. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thanks to the families that attend Sunday together. The dividends of this practice will be enjoyed later in life. Please keep on this holy practice.

Catholic Women Association (CWA) had some hours of prayer and reflection on Parenting given by Fr. Jimmy yesterday in honour of St. Monica. CWA members countrywide followed the talks online via YouTube and MCN Media. Thanks to the parishioners who joined us and for the stuff they donated for church upkeep. God bless CWA members worldwide.

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 is hope?

Ans. Hope is a supernatural gift of God, by which we firmly trust that God will give us eternal life.

Q. 2 What is Grace?

Ans. Grace is a supernatural gift of God, freely bestowed upon us for our sanctification and salvation.

Q. 3. How must we obtain God's grace?

Ans. We must obtain God's grace chiefly by prayer and the holy Sacraments.

Q. 4. What is prayer?

Ans. Prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God.

Q. 5. Which is the best of all prayers?

Ans. The best of all prayers is the 'Our Father' or the Lord's Prayer.