

MASSES 19th to 26th Sept 2021

Sun	19	9.30am	Thi Tran (RIP), Ann Mapuranga (B'day) Osagie family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Esperanza & family (Thanksgiving), Ken (Good health)
Mon	20	9.30am	Carmel Marie (B'day)
Tues	21	9.30am	Bob Skelly (6th Anni), Kathleen Skelly (B'day remembrance)
Wed	22	9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Alan (Wed Anni)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Martina Keagan (Spl int)
Fri	24	9.30am	Jim Dunleavy (Anni), Jerry & Rebecca (Wed Anni)
Sat	25	10..30am	First Holy Communion
Sun	26	9.30am	SSA (Spl int)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

19/09/2021

9.30am Lukas, Felicia (R)
11.30am Rachela, Perpetua (R)

26/09/2021

Anthonia A., Creshel (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 : Tyrone Declan Evans Shields, Michael Joseph Bannon , Owen Healy , Delia Mullaney , Betty Reilly, John Mulrone, William Lennon , Christy Benson, James Francis Dunleavy , Francis Corrigan .

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:

Mgr Vaughan F J Morgan CBE, Rev. Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi Rev. Fr. Philip Newbold, Rev. Fr. Peter Tien Dac Nguyen, Rev. Fr. John O'Brien.



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- 25th Sunday in ordinary time - 19th –26th Sept 2021

THE SHROUD HAS NO POCKETS

During the last three Sundays, we have been reading from the Letter of James. Like Jesus, James was concerned about how the less fortunate of the society were treated. The other Sunday he spoke about the poorly dressed man and the richly dressed man coming into the synagogue were treated differently on account of their wealth and appearance. This is wrong!

Last Sunday St. James warned us against saying sweet words to people without meeting their practical needs, "I wish you well, keep yourself warm, eat plenty" When we say empty words to people, this is also sinful.

Today St. James talks to us about the causes of misunderstandings in the community. Why are there wars and wrangling in our families, in the church or between nations? Can we live in a peaceful world? It is unfortunate that even in our families or in the church, we have wrangles. When we come into the world we bring nothing into it and when we depart from it, we take nothing with us out of it; unfortunately we spend much of our time fighting over what we neither brought nor what we shall take with us. This is the sad part of human existence. St. James teaches us that we should tame our ambitions and if we cannot achieve what we crave for, it is important that we pray for it to God.

The situation St. James talks about is very clear in our time when there is extortion and blackmail by powerful nations and their leaders over small developing nations. Some small nations are gifted with resources of soil, minerals, rivers and forests. To grab these resources for free, the rich and powerful sometimes instigate wars or impose warfare. I can say that countries that have suffered from endless wars are those rich with resources. We are made to believe that the powerful intervene because the poor people do not want peace yet the truth is that the rich man creates war to steal from the poor. We bring nothing into the world and we take nothing.

In the gospel Jesus encounters something new among his apostles: they were competing for greatness! The struggle for power, for control to be recognised is one of the scourges that has desecrated the soils of this earth with human blood. It is hard to know how many people have lost their life because someone wanted to be a president, a prime minister or just a village chief! It is sad to say that earthly powers are built over dead men's bones. Jesus however, teaches us where true greatness lies "If anyone wants to be first he must make himself least of all and servant to all" In other words humility does not make us less important, it makes us shine out. The people we consider great are not those who have shed blood in order to win power but those who in humility have won peace. Sadly, we have very few of such people.

As you return home today, go and reflect on what causes power struggle in your life, in your family and in your relationship with others. Remember the words of the Lord "If anyone wants to be first he must make himself least of all and servant of all"

Second, let us ask the Lord for the grace to accept what he chooses to give to us. Sometimes we ask God to grant our requests just for self indulgence. It is him who knows what we need. Let us be content with that.

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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 : 173.00 SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid: 204.24 Total: £377.24

Thank you for your generous contribution to the parish. May God Bless you.

Second collection : 19/09/21— Catholic Evangelisation ; 26/09/21—Father Hudson's Society

Bonus Ball : No.

2nd Collection :

Mass Attendance : 325

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : 7.30pm (Fri)

Church cleaning: Sat 8.00am

Confessions: By appointment only

Gospel Reflection:

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It's a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us.

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.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Catechism for FHC- Children studying in non Catholic schools and are preparing to receive First Holy Communion & Confirmation, the preparation classes will commence on 8th Oct at 5.00pm in the parish hall. I request the parents to send their children for the Catechism classes without fail. It is our first priority to instil into the hearts of our children the faith which is precious.

Sacrament of Confirmation : Children of St. Mary & Benedict's School and Parish will be confirmed by Bishop William Kenney on 9th November 2021 at 6.00pm in our church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) The first initial meeting will be on Monday 4th October at 6.00pm in the parish hall. 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.

Free Diocesan Flower festival will be held next weekend at Carrs Lane Centre and St. Michael's Catholic Church, Birmingham, between Thursday 23 and Saturday 25 September. It will be a festival of flowers, art and scripture as part of the God Who Speaks. Book tickets now for free workshops, talks and a Saturday night concert at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/florilegium

Annual intercultural Mass and social gathering will take place on Saturday 16 October 12.30pm St Osburgs church, Upper Hill street Coventry CV1 4AQ to celebrate Coventry as a City of Culture. St. Osburg being a mother church in the city deserves that precedence. The main celebrant will be Bishop David Evans joined by other concelebrants. St. Marys choir is invited to provide music. This Mass will combine One World Week and World Mission Sunday all are welcome. Please bring food from your country of origin to share

Lectors meeting for 11.30am Mass is scheduled for today 19th September soon after the Mass in the parish hall. Lectors are requested to be present.

Annual Diocesan thanksgiving Mass for marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October 2021, 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral, with Bishop David Evans. The search is once again on to find the longest married couple in the diocese. All these couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021, will be listed in the Mass booklet. Any couple can attend the Mass but would need to register their attendance by sending an email to marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk.

Monday Club: will resume on Monday **4th October at 12.30pm**. A light lunch for £1.50, followed by a game of bingo. If you would like to come and socialise please just turn up and bring your friends and neighbours who would be interested to be in our little social gathering. Please put this date in your diary.

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:

Ten Commandments:

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.