

MASSES 3rd to 10th Oct 2021

Sun	03	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Janet, Julie, Eddie Njuguna (RIP)
Mon	04	12.00noon	Members of Monday club
Tues	05	9.30am	Sr. Inid (RIP)
Wed	06	9.30am	
Thurs	07	9.30am	Phil Dunleavy (Anni), Nora Healy (12th Anni)
Fri	08	9.30am	
Sat	09	9.30am	
Sun	10	9.30am	Nora Healy (RIP)
		11.30am	Nathalie (Biday)

Lectors

03/10/2021

9.30am Godfrey, Nicholas (R)
11.30am Elena, Florence K. (R)

10/10/2021

Pilomena. Anthonia O. (R)
Scalet, Kissanet (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., Peggy Hyland.

Anniversaries during the week : Mary O'Neill, Catherine Kennedy, Catherine O'Brien, Robert Elliot, Michael Whiting, Mark O'Keane, Colum Byrne, Mary Ann Young, Michael O'Shea, Mary Margaret Murphy, Tim Boylan, Dan Dunnion, Margaret Gill, Nellie Gilroy, Nora Healy, Philomena Dunleavy, Bridget Noonan, Gerard James Dewhurst, Kathleen Ward, Eddie martin, Margaret Hamill, Seamus Gannon.

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.

Inspirational Story—Be kind to others even if it hurts you

"In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

'How much is an ice cream sundae?'

'50 cents,' replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

'How much is a dish of plain ice cream?' he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

'35 cents,' she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. 'I'll have the plain ice cream,' he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip."



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- 27th Sunday in ordinary time - 3rd- 10th October 2021

IT WAS GOD WHO GAVE HER OR HIM TO ME:

The readings speak about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman a bond that God does not wish to see broken. The first reading from the book of Genesis indicates that God made man and woman for each other. A famous South African singer Yvonne Chaka-chaka once sang "every woman needs a man how can you live alone"! Few weeks ago, I preached about the woman as the crown of creation, yes it is true because even though Adam had everything in life, he had no fulfilment within himself. Once Eve the woman was created and presented to him as we have heard in the first reading, Adam found fulfilment he asked for nothing more. The bond of marriage that exists between a man and a woman means that they are no longer two but one.

In the gospel Jesus teaches that marriage comes to us as a plan of God and because it comes from him it is permanent and indissoluble. It is something so central to human existence that Jesus himself would say "what God has united man must not divide". It means that when people get married in the church they are not just marrying in the church building or in the presence of Christians instead they are getting married in the Lord, consecrating themselves to each other in the presence of God. Marriage reveals the love of God for his people.

Christian marriage is a Sacrament— a saving sign it is not just a contract between two people, through it God invites man and woman to reveal his love to all. Therefore those who get married are called to a mission, they must work at it, giving their time, communicating with each other and generosity forgiving each other as God has forgiven us in Christ.

Do not be misled to think that marriage is a bed of roses, it is not. Since it is a call to follow Christ, it involves carrying the cross for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness or in health! Yes, love suffers because it has to make sacrifice, love suffers because it calls for sharing, love suffers because it must accept the other persons weaknesses. Indeed the second reading suggests that suffering is part of the path to perfection.

The world has invented its new interpretation of marriage. Man is behaving as if to correct God, he is saying "you know God, you made a mistake to create them male and female" God created sexes male and female, each with its own function and roles so that brought together Gods creation may become complete. They think also that Adam was mistaken too to have had everything yet nothing gave him happiness until God created Eve. Well, as Christians we must never model our life after the pattern of this world.

As you return home today I ask you children of God to go and bear witness to his love as husband and wife. God gave you your spouse as a companion standing by you in his place. He knew that the journey of life would be too boring and difficult for you, so he gave you a companion, you call him a husband, or you call him your wife. The difficulties you encounter can become opportunities for growth. There is more depth to a relationship that has weathered some storms than to one which has never been tested. Love has to be tested in order to prove itself. Whatever the case what God has united man must not divide.

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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 : 168.00 SO () : £ Non-Gift Aid: 223.94 Total: £391.94

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 315

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only

Catechetical bottom line:

What is the Church? Who founded it?

The Church is the congregation of all baptized persons united in the same true faith, the same sacrifice, and the same sacraments, under the authority of the Pope and the bishops in union with him. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Jesus Christ founded the Church. There is only one true Church, the Catholic Church.

Who is St. Peter? Who are his successors?

St. Peter is the Apostle chosen by Christ to be the head of the Church He founded. The Popes who have been chosen over the centuries succeed St. Peter.

What are the four identifying marks by which you can be sure of the true Church?

The four identifying marks are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

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

Gift Aid: thanks to you all my parishioners for your financial generosity which has sustained the parish during these hard times. If you are an existing Gift Aider, it is important to let us know of any changes to your circumstances. If you pay tax on your income I urge you to join Gift Aid Scheme. Please contact Sr. Leera for details. In the light of the Pandemic, please consider establishing standing order for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Put on mask when you come to church: although the government has changed the law concerning the wearing of masks, I wish to say that fighting this disease will need our Christian attitude. **Covid 19 cases are going up** especially among the young. When you come to church put your mask on, it is our Christian duty to protect each other. We should not mock those who have died from the disease by spreading it. Yes we are in the world but we do not belong to the world.

Monday Club: will resume tomorrow 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.

Annual intercultural Mass and social gathering will take place on Saturday 16th October 12.30pm St Osburgs church to celebrate Coventry as a City of Culture.

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..

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

Dress properly: some people have raised concern about the way some worshippers come dressed to church. The way you dress is like a window which reveals to others what kind of person you are. I talked about this sometime back. May I remind you that you should not send signs that will make you despised in the hearts of many.

Headteacher Vacancy - The Board of Directors of Holy Cross Catholic MAC and Local Governing Body of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a practising catholic as Headteacher to St Augustine's Catholic Primary school from January or April 2022. This is an exciting opportunity to lead the school in the next phase of development and full details can be found on the following links websites: Vacancies | St. Augustines Catholic Primary School (staugustinesprimary.net) Holy Cross Catholic Multi-Academy Company - Vacancies (hcmac.co.uk). Closing date: 9.00am 11 October 2021

History was made: On Sept. 15th Mass was held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows Walsingham where three hymns that were written for Walsingham Priory, that no one has heard since the Priory was destroyed at the Reformation. They were found in the only surviving copy of the Walsingham Breviary. They were written for the Feast of the Sorrows of Our Lady, originally known as Our Lady of Compassion. The last time they were sung in 1537 was a day of the deepest sorrow for Our Lady and for them, because four months earlier, a Walsingham man, a chorister of the Priory, George Guisborough had been put to death on Walsingham Martyrs' Field, together with the sub-prior Nicholas Mileham, for their involvement in a plot to save the Priory and Shrine; an intimation of what was to happen on 4th August 1538 when it was closed to be destroyed by order of the king.

Marriage preparation: meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 6:00pm in the parish hall. If you are planning to get married you are welcome.

October a month of Mary and month of the Rosary please do not forget to say your rosary as a family.