

**MASSES—Nov 21st to 28th Nov 2021**

Sun	21	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	Susan Osanebi (5th Anni), Frankincense & Ngozi Osanebi (15th Wed. Anni)
Mon	22	12.00noon	James Rossinglor, Susan Skarwinko (RIP) Departed members of Lutwama family
Tues	23	9.30am	Kevin & Andrea family (Good health) Jim & Phil Dunleavy (RIP), Peggy Hyland (RIP)
Wed	24	9.30am	Sullivan family , Michael Nolan , Rita Rose (RIP)
Thurs	25	9.30am	Mrs. S. Fernandes (Thanksgiving) Peggy Hyland (RIP)
		6.00pm	<b>Reception of Eileen Kerigan</b>
Fri	26	10.00am	<b>Requiem Mass—Eileen Kerigan</b>
Sat	27	9.30am	Deceased members of Gallagher family, Crawford family & Mathias family, Martin Gallagher (Thanksgiving)
Sun	28	9.30am	Terry Bennett (RIP), Deceased members of Smith family & Lobo family
		11.30am	Pa John Azong (RIP), Departed members of Obi family

**Lectors**

**21/11/2021**

9.30am Elizabeth H. , Filomena (R )  
11.30am Scarlett, Mary (R)

**28/11/2021**

Creshel, Elena (R)  
Maame, Valerie (R)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley, Gabriel Gwatorisa, Teresa MacCaffer, Andrea.

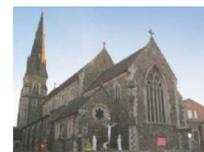
**Anniversaries during the week :** Con McFadden, Nikki Cherry , Piety Pinto, Cecilia Agnes Wilkinson , Katherine Ward, Patrick O'Donnell, Ethel Smith, Anne Parsons, John O'Shea, Edith Morley, Edward Benedict Cadwell, Rosemary June Treacy, Anthony Crawford, Patrick Plunkett, Celeste Childs, William Doran, Mary Montgomery, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Copland, Jane Walsh, Kevin Patrick Devaney, John Hughes, Nancy Shanley, John Anthony McAlloon , Sean Heavey, John Coyne, Paul Allen, James Williams, Faye Townley, Nora Stacy, Madeline Carey, Ellen Caldwell , Edith Gardner, Gerry Seary.

**Spiritual thought:**

Daniel 7:14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed".



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter— Solemnity of Christ the King - 21st to 28th Nov 2021**

**A KING WITHOUT ARMS**

Today the feast of Christ our King brings us to the end of the liturgical year. We have travelled a long road since the first Sunday of Advent 2020. In the story of the two disciples travelling back o Emmaus, the risen Christ travelled along with them. In the same way, Christ has been with us along that road as the invisible companion on our journey. Let us hope that we have come to know him better, to trust him more and to recognise him that today we all rejoice to acclaim him our King. Christ's kingdom is different from the kingdoms of this world, it is a kingdom sustained not by armies or by weapons of war, instead it is founded and sustained by love.



To call Jesus a King would sound a mockery, he has no army, no weapons, no frontiers or borders. So how can he be King? Standing on the balcony Pontius Pilate asked him "are you the King of the Jews"? "Yes" he replied "but my kingdom is not of this world." As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, let us try to see whether we belong to Christ the King or not.

Jesus taught us that by loving him and keeping his commandments we become friends of God, his beloved sons and daughters, he showed us how to live up to our dignity by holiness of life. He also showed us how to treat others, love them, forgive them, pray for them treat them as you would like them to treat you. This is what Christ the King stands for and invites people to embrace.

The way we live especially our attitude to truth, justice, peace and love, declares each day where our loyalty lies whether we are on the side of Christ and his kingdom or whether like Pontius Pilate we take the way of evasion and cowardice , thus betraying him. It is not possible to remain neutral. As Christians the Kingdom Jesus teaches us demands that we stand and be counted, peace means peace, love means love, truth means truth, justice means justice no matter who asks for it or deserves it. The list can go on.

In our daily life, let us behave as a people that belong to the Kingdom of Jesus, and let us show it by the way we do things, the way we talk to others , and in our relationship. Imagine you were a child of a certain great person, how would you behave, what kind of company would you keep? What kind of dress would you put on coming into the presence of such a great person? If you kept an appointment with such a person would you come early enough or turn up late? In other words, the way we behave tells the attitude we have towards the King.

As you return home today, take this thought with you in your mind that the last judgement takes place everyday. Long before the end, people will already have judged themselves. In a thousand ways they will have already chosen for or against themselves, for or against their neighbour, for or against truth, justice or love. As an X-Ray shows up the hidden black spots, so belonging to Jesus Christ will show up what already is, a goat among sheep, the weeds among wheat, the guest without a wedding garment, a wolf in sheep skin. Everyday we define what kind of people we are and to whose kingdom we belong. Remember the wish we proclaimed few weeks ago when the Saints go marching in. We said: "I want to be in that number." Lord Jesus remember us when we come to your Kingdom.

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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 :138.00 SO ( ) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 279.52 Total: £ 417.52

*Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.*

**2nd Collection :**

**Bonus Ball :** No.

**Mass Attendance :** 387

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

**Confessions:** Saturday- 10.10  
-11.00am.

**The Kingship of Jesus Christ**, holds an extraordinary power to speak into our current challenges and travails because Christ's Kingship is not based on lording it over us. The throne on high to which he is lifted should be read through the prism of his subversive kingship. His crown is made of thorns and his seat of authority is either a manger or a cross. He is not the child of privilege or power, but a child born of a couple who were little more than peasants. His kingship is ultimately shown through a willingness to embody love without limit. He offers himself for the sake of the world and redeems it. In his resurrection, lies the promise of reconciliation and the fullness of life. That is the nature of his Kingship: it has been tested in death and tragedy and invites us to join him as friends seeking reconciliation and hope.

### 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

**The carpark grounds:** beside the Church belong to the parish but are registered by the City Council as a business ground. Whether cars are parked there or not, the parish must pay Business Rates to the City Council totalling to **£8607.75**. Wherever we park our vehicles we pay parking charge. I encourage you when you come to town to consider using the church carpark instead of parking in town. It costs **£3:00** per day or any part of the day actually the cheapest in the city. On the first date of every month the parish pays **£858.75**, when the car park fails to raise that money the parish turns to the Sunday Collection.

**Solemnity of Christ the King:** is celebrated today. It invites us to recognise Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. It also marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. I wish to thank you all for your fidelity to Jesus since the liturgical year began. The coming Sunday November 28th, will be the First Sunday of Advent.

**Holy season of Advent** starts this coming Sunday, we are called upon to prepare and pray. **The Christmas Crib** will be blessed at a Service in Broadgate beside Lady Godiva at 4.00pm by the Dean Canon Tom Farrell. We were not able to meet outside last year, but this year it is permitted. Let us gather in large number to witness our faith in the Lord.

**Building our Parish** goes beyond just attending Sunday Mass it requires being interested in what is going on in the parish and taking steps to become part of it in every aspect. Margaret and Clarence who were once members of the parish still follow Mass online. The other day they heard me asking you to put on your masks and they decided to send to me some masks. I thank them for continuing to love the parish and for supporting it.

**World Youth Day:** on Nov. 21st we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also World Youth Day to celebrate the role of young people in the Church. We pray for Kenelm Youth Trust, our diocesan youth service, and support their work through the second collection.

**Advent edition of the Walk with me** booklets are available at the back of the church. Please take them and use them in your faith journey towards Christmas. The diocese asks us to give at least £1:00 towards their printing.

**Sunday collections:** I wish to extend my gratitude to the people of this parish and friends who have been so generous in Sunday –giving for the upkeep of the church during these hard times. Thank you very much for your generosity. Some parishioners ask where they can place their donations, therefore starting with the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday collections will be taken as before the pandemic times. The best way is to place a standing order with your bank. Please contact one of the sisters to assist you with this.

**Confessions:** If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation, Fr. Jimmy will be available every Saturday from 10:10am ending at 11:00am in the chapel of Our Lady.

**Marriage Preparation** program ended last Thursday with three couples being prepared. I thank Mr Frank Kasibante who shared his own experience in preparing the brides and bridegrooms-to be for their future ministry in the church. It is not enough to get married in the Registrars Office and doing so does not make it Sacramentary acceptable in the Church, you need to have your marriage blessed in the Church. Please speak to Fr. Jimmy for further help in this matter.