



Parish Newsletter—19th Sunday in Ordinary time- 11th to 18th Aug 24

EAT THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Word of God is ever old and yet ever new. In 1 Kings 19:4-8 we encounter Elijah, running away from Queen Jezebel who sought to kill him. He takes a long journey to seek refuge at Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. Because he ran out of energy due to exhaustion, he slept and prayed that he should die! God, who wanted to save him, sent an angel to give him the food he needed for his long journey; after eating, he walked for 40 days and arrived at the mountain of God, Mount Horeb (1Kgs 19:8). This is exactly what God does for all who believe in him.

The journey of our Christian life is much longer than Elijah’s, it is longer than any earthly journey imaginable in the material universe. This is because it is spiritual by nature, and for it, God provides Jesus as the bread of life: the bread for our spiritual nourishment.

Jesus told his listeners exactly what his Father was doing among them. He said, ‘It was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven’ (John 6:32). Again, he told them, ‘Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die’ (John 6:49-50)

The invitation that he gave to his listeners and to all past generations, he gives the same to us now, namely, that they should believe in him as the ‘bread of life that has come down from heaven so that a man may eat it and not die.’ (John 6:50) To eat the bread of life means to believe in Jesus as the Son of the living God who leads us to eternal life; it is to listen and obey his voice as the Good Shepherd, and to incorporate him in our journey of life so that he enriches it with fresh meaning. To eat the living bread, is to trust and follow Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

We thank God for the gift of our faith that enables us to recognise Jesus as our bread of life; we encounter him in the Eucharistic celebration (Holy Mass) to which we bring all that we are. Here, we listen to his Word and receive him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSES— 11th to 18th Aug 2024

Sun	11	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy, Chlotrida Miriam Goredema (RIP) Frank Healy (2nd Anniv) Mr. Tran (Thanks giving)
		11.30am	Elvita Pereira (Thanksgiving)
Mon	12	9.30am	
Tues	13	9.30am	Fidelis Anatunya (RIP) 10 years memorial
Wed	14	9.30am	
Thurs	15	9.30am	
Fri	16	11.00am	Funeral Mass for the late Margaret Veronica Hughes
Sat	17	9.30am	
Sun	18	9.30am	Roman Szurala, Winifred Bosey (Anniv) Mr. Tran (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

11/08/2024

18/08/2024

9.30am Cath Slatter, Nicholas O.
11.30am

Jean P., Anthonia O.

Eucharistic Ministers

11/08/2024

18/08/2024

9.30am Sophie D.

Cath Slatter

11.30am Loveness, Frank K.

Marcel, Florence k.

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Gerard Griffith, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Owen Darroch, Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week : Delia Bridget Shannon, Jim Jackson, Patrick Cosgrove, Angela Irene McGrane , Mary Foley, Patrick Vincent Cosgrove, Elizabeth Joan Caren, Thomas Whelan, Bridget O’Loughlin, Mathew Nugent, Jenny Connors, Dorothy Dewhurst, Mary McGrath, Winifred Ivy Busby, Anthony Francis O’Doherty, Albert Hunt.

Clergy anniversaries: Rev. Denis Manion, Rev. Thomas Dennison, Rev. Michael Francis McGrath, Rev. Kevin Keany, Rev. Terence Smith

The Assumption of Our Lady

‘Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to your Son, the Lord of all life...’ (Preface of the Assumption).

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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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 thirteen parish priests since 1889. Our Parish welcomes you to promote initiatives that build up and sustain our faith community.

Parish Development

04/08/24: Gift Aid :£ 122.00 Dona: £ 430.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 286.50 Total: £ 838.50

SO (Jul): £ Second collection - Thank you and may God bless you all.

2nd collections 8th -Sept Catholic Edu Service; 15th Sept- CASE

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 308

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10-11.00am (& by appointment)

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6pm

Legion of Mary: Meet every Sunday after 11.30am Mass

CUSA weekly prayers: Every Thursday at 6.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING : The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary-stbenedict.covtv@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE: must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thanks you for your help in keeping our children safe.

CHURCH NOTICES

See, Judge, and Act

My dear Parishioners,

The events of the last two weeks taking place in our country particularly following the stabbing and killing of Alice, Elsie, and Bebe, in Southport provide us with an opportunity to reflect on our identity and mission. The far-right riots are one form of reaction to the unfortunate incidents. As Christians, we are invited lasting lessons from what we have seen unfolding in recent weeks. We need to use our judgement, objectively evaluate the happenings, and in truth act with compassion, wisdom, love, and care for the neighbours' welfare. In all incidents, as St Paul counsels: 'Never grow tired of doing what is right (Gal. 6:9).

Thursday 15th August, solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two Holy Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm.

Six weeks to 22nd September: the Parish Family Day

The countdown to our Parish Family and Thanksgiving Day is on. Let each association organise a meeting to put together their planned activities. The general community meetings will take place on Sundays on the 1st, 8th and 15th September, after the 11.30am Mass.

Monday – Friday - Morning Acts of Piety:

8.45am: Spiritual Reading /Life of a Saint

9.00am: Holy Rosary

9.30am: Holy Mass

Exceptions notwithstanding.

Child Baptism Instruction: 7th September

School Holidays: As Sunday school remains closed during the summer holidays, children are to sit with their parents in Holy Mass.

Adoremus in our Parish: Saturday 14th September 2024

A day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist: part of our witness as Church and preparation for the Jubilee Year that we will celebrate globally in 2025. The programme of the Day will start with Holy Mass at 9.30am and end with the Eucharistic Benediction at 6pm. Personal and group adoration will start at 12noon and end at 6pm, please, book your slot.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Weekly instruction will be held at 7pm on Thursdays at St. Osburg's, starting on 12th September. Please inform those who are seeking this programme.

Death and Burial Announcement: We regret to announce the death of Margret Hughes, formerly resident of Hillfields. She died on Tuesday 16th July. Her funeral Mass will be held at 11.00am on Friday 16th August at St Mary and St Benedict's Church, followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium, Cannon Hill Chapel, Coventry at 12:45pm. We pray for her peaceful repose and consolation and strength to her bereaved daughter and grandchildren.