



Parish Newsletter—20th Sunday in Ordinary time- 18th to 25th Aug 24

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine (Prov 9:5)

I thank you for your positive response to come to Holy Mass this Sunday and always. By this you heed the invitation of the Lord stated in the Book of Proverbs to ‘eat his bread and drink and the wine he has prepared’. We come to be fed as we listen to the Word of God which nourishes our minds and hearts, so that we overcome the deadly ignorance that leads to darkness and damnation. When we listen to the Word of God, we get guidance to leave out folly, and to live and walk in ways of understanding (Prov. 9:6).

St Paul makes this clear in today’s second reading. Those who listen and obey the Word of God ‘live like intelligent and not like senseless people’ (Eph 5:15-16). They are the ones who sing words and tunes of psalms and hymns also by the way they conduct themselves. This way, the Word of God gives us spiritual strength on our way to God.

Our Lord in the Gospel reading presents himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven (John, 6:51-52). If we eat and absorb this teaching and receive him in Holy Communion, we are guaranteed a virtuous life now, and in eternity we will know God’s life and wisdom in its fullness.

In the Holy Mass, we renew our faith in the words of our Lord, ‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you’ (John 6.53). Here Jesus reveals very sharply our need of the life which he offers. It means that the life he is talking about is not merely some optional gift that we can afford to ignore, because without the life he offers, we are dead. By receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we are guaranteed a new quality of life now, and resurrection in the future.

This too explains why Jesus’ *flesh is real food and my blood is real drink* (6.55). The eating and the drinking have to do with shared life and mutual indwelling. It is important to note that Jesus’ mystifying words were referring to something that could not be understood until after his death, resurrection and ascension and the coming of the Spirit.

Fr. Aloysius

MASSSES— 18th to 25th Aug 2024

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| Sun | 18 | 9.30am | Roman Szurala, Winifred Busby (Anniv) Tran (Spl int), Brian Mannion (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Lesley Marshall(Good health) People of the parish |
| Mon | 19 | 9.30am | Eric D’Souza (Thanksgiving), Rose Cambridge & family (Spl int) |
| Tues | 20 | 9.30am | Joseph Anatuanya & family (Spl int) |
| Wed | 21 | 9.30am | Antony Riley , Jane (Good health) Antony D’Souza, Theresa & Basil Pereira (RIP) |
| Thurs | 22 | 9.30am | Steve Cater (RIP), Emma Cowley (Good health) |
| Fri | 23 | 9.30am | Sr. Reginald (RIP) |
| Sat | 24 | 9.30am | Mary Cassidy (RIP) |
| Sun | 25 | 9.30am | Caithan Joacquir Menezes (RIP) , Tran (Spl int) |
| | | 11.30am | Henry & Vivian Ofodile (Thanksgiving) |

Lectors

18/08/2024

25/08/2024

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| 9.30am | Jean P., Anthonia O. | Naomi, Creshel |
| 11.30am | Florence K., Preethi | Emmanuel, Florence E., |

Eucharistic Ministers

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| 9.30am | Cath Slatter | Betty O. |
| 11.30am | Marcel, Florence k. | Patricia, Serso |

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 : Albert Hunt, Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Josephine Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Margaret Smith, Mamie Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Michael Joseph Gamble.

Feasts during the week: 20th Aug. St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church; 22nd Aug. Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 23rd Aug. Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr, Rose of Lima, Virgin ; 24th Aug. Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle.

Quote for the Day

“Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it” (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

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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

11/08/24: Gift Aid :£ 210.00 Dona: £237.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 350.60 Total: £ 797.60

SO (Jul): £ 1721.00 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 : 331

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.covty@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 us 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

Gift Aid Donations: We extend our utmost gratitude to all tax payers who are registered in the gift aid scheme in our parish. In the financial year 2023/24, your contributions made a total of £35,477.26 and in the Gift Aid claims, our parish was awarded a total of £ 8,337.28. We encourage all tax payers to register with the Gift Aid scheme, that enables us to claim 25% for every donation you make to the Church.

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.

Sunday, 20th August at Sacred Heart Coventry: Holy Mass in Cantonese by Father Simon Li Chi Yuen. The Programme: 17:00 Confessions. 18:00 Holy Mass. 19:00 Tea/ Coffee in the hall. Arranged by Hong Kong community in collaboration with Co-ordinator of Ethnic Chaplaincies Mgr Daniel McHugh.

Five 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.

Refresher Programme on the New Lectionary by Rev. Fr Allen Morris, Sunday, 29th September at 3pm, in the parish hall. This is mandatory for all lectors. We have invited lectors in our deanery.

Child Baptism Instruction: 7th September 12.00noon in the Lady's Chapel

Confirmation classes will resume from 7th September 11.15am .

First Holy Communion classes will commence from 12th October . Parents are requested to register the child's name with Sr. Leena.

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.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us