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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 2

Sat 15th 6:00pm Michael Broadaway Intentions

Sun 16th 9:15am Gracy Zacharias RIP—John McCreath RIP

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 16th 11:00am Clare Bracken RIP

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:10am led by parishioners

Mon17th 9:30am Jane Kalnins RIP

Tue 18th 9:30am Alberto Rodrigues

Wed19th 9:30pm Martin Braithwaite

Thu 20th 9:30am Billy Tobin RIP

Fri 21st 9:30am Leo & Mary Pinto RIP

Sat 22nd 9:30am Giovanni Tempra RIP St Peter

## Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

\* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

#### For the sick:

Theresa Devaney, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmire, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Illeana Goodman, Mufaro Kwambana, Jim Jarvis, Mick Diskin, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Mick Broadaway & Carol Wright.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For the recently departed: Joe Sabec.(24th Feb) & Deacon Pat Flanagan.

Anniversaries week beginning: 16th February 2025

Mercia Hunt, John McCreath, Rex Glover, Jacky Graining, James Morrisey, Violet Moran, Dairmuid O'Riordan, Julie Watts, Ignacy Kowalski, Lorna Harvey, Patrick Doherty, Maureen Neal, Reginald Walkden, Sheila Hooper, Enis Kenny, John Bannister, Jacqueline McDonagh, James Jarvis, Kathleen Green, Margeret Neary, Paolina Willars, Theresa Clarke & Roy Aston. *Clergy Anniversaries:* 

Rev William Conefrey, Rev Joseph McEvilly, Rev Timothy Healey, Rev Terence McDonnell, Rev Francis Jordan, Deacon Hugh Robinson, Rev Alexander McGavin, Canon William Roughan, Rev Francis Coyle, Rev Sean Farrell & Canon Sean McTernan.

# Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

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16th February 2025

# IF OUR HOPE IN CHRIST IS FOR THIS LIFE ONLY, WE ARE THE MOST UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE:

Many people say that Christians ought to be pitied because the way they look at the world is different from other people. Long before the towns people of Antioch nicknamed the followers of Jesus 'Christians', Christianity was called the <u>Way</u> a kind of craft that someone had to learn and to follow. Early Christians were distinguished from others by what they considered as their values, beliefs, and practices. They were known for their high moral standards as they lived a holy life and refused to compromise. There was no grey area in their life. They were committed to forgiveness and reconciliation with others. It was unchristian to hold grudges and it still is. They forgave their enemies and withheld retaliation against opponents

From the earliest time Christians were renowned for their hospitality; they cared for the sick and dying, regardless of ethnicity, race or religion. They loved children and believed in the sanctity of life to an extent that orphaned children or the strayed were taken in and treated as their own.

Christians were committed to a single marriage and did not commit adultery or fornication because their bodies were temples where God dwelt in the spirit. They did not participate in war and considered it as an evil exercise that goes against the teaching of Christ. They lived a simple life and shunned every form of violence.

Christians were inclusive, there were no distinctions among Jews or Gentiles, male or female, rich or poor, citizens or aliens, we are all people of God created in his image. Their inclusive attitude led them to love their enemies and to treat them with kindness! They separated themselves from a society they considered immoral and pagan, and shared their resources with those in need. This <u>Way</u> of living went contrary to the practices of the people around them. The driving force behind this was their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, they did not do these things for personal gain, but for the love of Jesus in this life and in their hope that one day they will share in his glory.

When you look at such ethics, you notice that Christians operate from a losing side, behaving in a way that the pagan world would consider naïve. True indeed, if whatever we are doing, or whichever service we render is intended to attract attention or to make us appear great in this world, or if it is for earthily reward instead of taking Jesus Christ as our inheritance, then we are the most unfortunate of all the people. Christianity has no bed-fellowship with worldliness. Its radicle nature is based on Jesus Christ who gives us the example for us to follow.

St. Paul looking at the struggles and sacrifices that the Christians of his day were going through because of their faith and love of Jesus Christ, he encouraged them to be fully convinced that they were not labouring in vain. Following Jesus does not bring us convenience. We must go beyond human calculations to realise that we are called to greater reward which might be beyond our contemplation. However if our hope in Christ is for this life only, then we are the most unfortunate of all people, because there is so much to give away and to give up in order to follow Jesus Christ.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.

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Contact the parish office for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

#### The Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Lutwama AJ. fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk Deacons: Rev Mike Skidmore 024 76384406 Rev Phil Bracken 07355 535666 Presentation Sisters: Sr Therese, Sr Jacinta & Sr Helen 024 76350615 Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807 St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

#### FINANCE: Second Collection: 16th Feb Racial Justice

Parish Finances week beginning 9/2/24

Many COLLECTION: £926.90 of which Gift Aid £296.15 **FABRIC FUND:** £386.46 of which Gift Aid: £213.30 Thanks!

FEB Tap & Go: £356.00 of which Gift Aid: £192.00

FEBRUARY STANDING ORDER: £1417.67

To DONATE

Sunday 8/9 February Mass attendance 644

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon - Feb 24th Meditation 7:30pm

4-5pm Holy Communion class Tue - Feb 25th

Tue - Feb 25th 7:30pm RCIA

Seniors after Mass—Peter Ormond will give a presentation Tue - Feb 18th

on 'Ecuador and the Galapagos, everyone is welcome.

Wed - Feb 26th Bible Class after Mass Wed - Feb 26th Bible Study 7:30pm

Wed - Feb 19th Coffee morning after Mass

Fri - Feb 21st Craft Group 12:30-2:30pm

#### **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:**

#### **Formation of Our Parish Pastoral Council:**

#### Members by Office are:

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, Fr. John O'Brien (retired), Deacon Michael, Deacon Phil. Sr. Jacinta.

Members by appointment are Mr. Kevin Goodyear, Mrs. Patricia Rudkins, Mrs. Rosemary Owen, Mr. Danny Murphy, Mrs Helen Hawley, Mrs Sarah Tempra, Mrs. Lianne Pape, Mrs Christine Scullion, Mrs. Alison Turnbull, Mrs. Jacinta Sequeira, Mr. Pauly Palamatton and Mr. Philip Skariah Kuttivil. Thank you for trusting this group with the work of pastoral planning for the parish. I ask them to prepare themselves to rise to the occasion.

Deacon Pat Flanagan RIP It is with great sadness to announce the death of Deacon Patrick Flanagan of Christ the King Parish who passed away peacefully on 4th February surrounded by his wife Kathleen and his family. We remember his 25 years of dedicated service to the parish of Christ the King and the wider Deanery. May he rest in peace.

Second Collection Today is for Racial Justice.

The Jubilee Year Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway' Pope Francis said, "It is precisely the path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a pilgrim of hope making this synodal journey and what significance the current Jubilee Year has in deepening our understanding of the working of the Holy Spirit at this time in our history. This faith exploration will take place over four Monday evening sessions at St Osburg's Parish Hall in Coventry on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025. Sessions will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please register your interest in these sessions, by contacting one of the following: Barbara McGowan – 07528644617 Paschal Somers – 07403625292. The deadline for registration is Monday 24th February 2025

Funeral announcement is made of Mr. Joseph Sabec 'Joe' of Aldersgate, Rose Lane, Nuneaton, which occurred on Thursday 6th February 2025 aged 96 years. Funeral will take place on Monday 24th February 2025 at Our Lady Of The Angels Roman Catholic Church at 2:00PM followed by cremation at 3:30pm.

### Letters from Cuba and from Sudan concerning Masses for Holy Souls:

Fr. Peter Warui Gachoka delegate Superior of Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in Cuba and Fr. John Loboka Morris Regional Superior of Sudan have written to me letters which are on the noticeboard acknowledging receiving your requests to Holy Masses to be offered for the souls of your families you gave to me. From Cuba, Fr. Peter wrote: "Dear Fr. Jimmy, I wish to confirm that I have received your letter dated 29th/01/2025 requesting the members of the Apostles of Jesus serving in Cuba to celebrate Masses for Holy Souls. We pledge to celebrate the Masses for these persons or for their families as stipulated in your letter. Once they are completed we shall inform you.. The Masses are distributed as follows......"

Letter from Sudan: Fr. John Loboka Morris Regional Superior of Sudan wrote:

"Dear Fr. Jimmy, I would like to acknowledge receipt of £400.00 which your Delegation sent to us as Mass intentions for the souls of the faithful departed listed below. The celebration of the Masses has been entrusted to the members of the Apostles of Jesus working in this Region.

Other missionaries will send their own information. Please look at the noticeboard to see which priest will celebrate the Mass for the souls of your family departed friends and in which part of the world they are doing primary evangelization. Thank you for supporting the missionary work of the Church.