

**MASSES 20th to 27th June 2021**

Sun	20	9.30am	Bertossi family (Good health), Estelizio Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am	Cath Mulrooney (Spl int), Esteban Galban (RIP) Tichaona Francis Kachingwe (RIP) Celine Perpetua Kingnyuy (Anni) Margaret (Sosho) (Thanksgiving)
Mon	21	9.30am	John Joe Mathew & K.J. Joseph (RIP), Theresa Anatuanya (1st Anni)
Tues	22	9.30am	Joseph Chaco (RIP)
Wed	23	9.30am	Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	24	9.30am	Brendan Hyland (Get well)
Fri	25	9.30am	Emmanuel Osagie (B'day)
Sat	26	9.30am	Silvy Joseph (Wedding), SSA
Sun	27	9.30am	Caetano Joaquim Menezes (RIP)
		11.30am	Cecilia Gatechi (Thanksgiving)

**Lectors**

**20/06/2021**

9.30am Nicholas, Anthonia O. (R)  
11.30am Julie, Emmanuel (R)

**27/06/2021**

Noah, Naomi M. (R)  
Florence K., Angela K. (R)

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

**Anniversaries during the week :** Bridget Meehan, William Maggs, Daniel Murphy, Martin Ward, Minnie Byrne, Timothy O'Driscoll, Baby Cara Whelan, Patrick Francis Hallinan, Maura Donnelly, Teresa McManus, Anthony Hegarty, Patrick Mullaney, Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen Leslie.

**Prayer for retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham:**

*Rev. Fr. John Allen Bell, Rev. Fr. David Bazen, Rev. Fr. Christopher Bester, Rev. Fr. Peter Blundell, Rev. Fr. Alexander Brown*



*Lord Jesus, High Priest, we pray for the retired priests of our Archdiocese who still have a very important mission in the church, the mission of prayer and intercession. The mission of experience and wisdom. The mission of faithfulness and love. We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another, ever mindful of their unity in you. We ask you to bless them for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to your people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham, that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement, continuing to hold close the love of your Sacred Heart. Amen. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter 12th Sunday in ordinary Time-20th to 27th June 2021**

**HOW CAN IT BE CALM AGAIN UNLESS WE CALL OUT**

I'm sure this Sunday's gospel carries a question that Jesus has asked each one of us at one time or the other: *How is it that you have no faith?* Jesus must have asked this question to Popes of all times, to bishops, priests and indeed to every baptised *How is it that you have no faith?* Life is a journey of relationship with God and with others. It is packed with winding roads, steep valleys, high mountains and stormy seas.

In the gospel, Jesus seems to have been the centre of attraction as crowds came to him. The apostles must have felt thrilled to be associated with him but as we have heard, he left the crowds behind, and he was alone in the boat with the disciples. Jesus was not tired but exhausted, finding a place in a corner he put his head on a cushion and fell asleep. A dangerous storm came, every person was struggling to save his life and the life of others except Jesus who was fully asleep! What do they say to him: *"Master do you not care"*?

The reaction of the disciples has a lesson for us. It is easy to say that we believe in God when things are going our way but much easier to think that God is not concerned about us during difficult time. You know that life is easy when you are up on the mountain. Every person sees you and you can see everyone down in the valley. But things change when you are down in the valley, down there you feel really alone, where is God we wonder! When things were ok the disciples felt confident in Jesus but when the storm came, they did not feel his presence. Covid 19 has taught us to ask: "where is God in all this"? But let us remember that the God in the mountains is still the God in the valley when things go wrong, have faith he will make them right. For the God of the good time is still the God in the bad time, the God in the day is the God in the night.

The storms will be there always but we are not left on our own even when God seems not to be interested, all he asks of us is to have faith and trust in him. Brothers and sisters, children of God assembled here today as you return home, go and take courage, don't give up so soon, do your best to steer the ship, to stabilize the boat as the disciples did. But also don't forget to call on Jesus for help; that is what we call prayer. Call on him as an individual, call on him as a family and let us call on him as a church. When we call on God in prayer, he listens, he answers it and there is calm and peace in our life.

## St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 02476258901, 07906124756

Parish email: [stmaryandbenedictch@yahoo.com](mailto:stmaryandbenedictch@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk](http://www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk)

Web cam: [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv)

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/EHEpr5IMocc>

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

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama, AJ

E-mail : [lutwajim@yahoo.com](mailto:lutwajim@yahoo.com)

Parish Sisters: Srs. of St. Ann of Providence

Leena, and Leera 02477045457

Safeguarding Rep: Perpetua Sam & Asipita Iroko

Parish School: St Mary & St Benedict's, Leigh Street CV1 5HG

Tel: 02476 229486 Head teacher - Mrs Pauline McDonald

*The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216*

**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 :** 147.00.00 **SO (May) : £ Non-Gift Aid:** 324.38 **Total :** 471.38

*Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.*

**Bonus Ball :** No. **2nd Collection :**

**Mass Attendance :** 130

### **Pious Devotions**

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

Church Cleaning:

**Confessions:** By appointment only

### **Gospel Reflection:**

*Notice that the "prayer" of the Apostles is similar to how we may pray at times. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" So often we turn to God saying, "Lord, where are You? Why are You not helping?" But we should know that God is often silent as a way of calling us to Himself so that we turn to Him in trust and confidence. Jesus took their prayer and responded. He rebuked the storm and said, "Quiet! Be still!"*

*Reflect, today, on what frightens you the most each day. What is it that shakes your faith? Turn to Jesus in the midst of that and know He is there ready to bring peace and calm.*

### **Mass Intentions**

Please 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 with minimum £5 for each Mass or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

## **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**New Vocations Director:** We are pleased to announce that Fr Craig Szmidt has been appointed by Archbishop Bernard Longley as the new Vocations Director for the Archdiocese. Fr Craig will take over during the summer as Fr Michael Dolman moves to take up his position as Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

**Day of Life:** The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth.

Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families. As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to 'stay home and save lives.'

However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a 'false compassion' and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient 'suffering with' the vulnerable, sick and dying. A 'true compassion', he says, is 'the just response to the immense value of the sick person.' This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family. We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

This pandemic has shown us just how much we value life as a society. Please help us to build on this and fight against the legalisation of assisted suicide by donating to Day for Life. Your donations will support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death.

**Marriage bans:** Mr. Henry Chukwudi Osadebe of 2 David Spencer Drive, Coventry, son of Mr. Felix Osadebe and Opeme of Ossomala, Anambra, Nigeria, would like to get married to Miss Chinwe Judith Ndulue of 2 David Spencer Drive, Coventry, daughter of Mr. Benson Ndulue and Nnadilinwa of Orsu-Ihiteukwa, Imo, Nigeria. If anybody knows why they should not be married to each other please inform the parish priest.

**Baptism Course:** families with children to be baptised are asked to attend series of preparation talks. The first session starts on Monday 5th July at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

**Confirmation:** St. Mary & Benedict School Children (17) who will be confirmed, have their rehearsal on Monday 29th June soon after 9.30am Mass in the Church. Let us keep them in our prayers.

**Feasts during the week:** 21st June– Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga; 22nd June– Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More both gave up their lives in testimony to the unity of the church and to the indissolubility of marriage.; 24th June– Birth of St. John the Baptist.