

## MASSES 11th to 18th July 2021

Sun	11	9.30am	Anna Krawczyk (RIP), James Byrne (8th Anni)
		11.30am	Mama Magdaline Akenji (RIP) Papa Kwesi Sam (11th B'day)
Mon	12	9.30am	Sam Aikhionbare (B'day)
Tues	13	9.30am	Sr. Amata Giurdanella (RIP)
Wed	14	9.30am	Sr. Lucia Maria Summo (RIP)
Thurs	15	9.30am	Filepe DaCosta (RIP)
Fri	16	9.30am	Sara DaCosta (Good health), Agnes Haffernan (Spl int)
Sat	17	9.30am	Catherine Maddox (RIP), Sara DaCosta (Spl int)
Sun	18	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

### Lectors

11/07/2021

9.30am Creshel, Alex (R)

11.30am

18/07/2021

Feliciya, Stephney (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Brian, Donald Brennan, Francis Casey, Robert Butler, Sam Murphy, Kitty Denny, Cissie Allen, Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid, Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Call.

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

**Rev. Fr. Frederick Sheldon, Rev. Fr. Stephen Squires, Rev. Fr. Michael Stack, Very Rev. Canon Edward Stewart, Rev. Fr. Also Tapparo.**

*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.*



**Pope's intention for July:** *Social friendship– We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## Parish Newsletter 15th Sunday in ordinary Time- 11th to 18th July 2021

### WHEN THE VISION IS LOST, THE MEANS EMPLOYED ARE USELESS

Today's Sunday readings evoke within us the invitation to realise that we have been chosen by God to live a holy life in this world. The second reading taken from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is an ancient Christian hymn, let us call it a poem which was recited by the Christians to emphasise their special position in the pagan world. God had chosen them to know his hidden purpose fulfilled in the crucified Christ. When you know that you have been chosen, you take every opportunity to fulfil the purpose for which you are chosen.

In the first reading the prophet Amos was denounced by the priest of Bethel which was the royal sanctuary. Amos was not a known prophet at the palace, he did not even belong to any of the groups of the prophets, he was a poor farmer in the countryside owning few sycamore trees and sheep. God chose him to prophesy to Israel, this awareness could not make him be silenced by his critics.

These days people's actions are controlled and often manipulated by public opinion. What others say, can be a reason either to carry on or to give up. Good actions are omitted because public opinion does not like them. In the response that Amos gave to his critics, "It is Yahweh who said: Go prophesy to my people Israel" he teaches us that what God commands of us to do we must do.

It is not unusual to hear people say: "I don't want to hear your religion or I don't want to hear your preaching. Don't mind or give up, the prophet Amos was told exactly the same, who are you then to expect welcome words to the faith you profess or to the gospel you preach?"

The Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus has called you by name and he has given you a mission to do: cure the sick, cleanse lepers, cast out devils. He told his disciples to move about almost empty handed except they had to have a stick in hand, no bread, no haversack no money or spare clothing. Why? When we place too much attention on material possessions, we can easily be distracted. It was also to emphasize the point that the church has the duty to meet the material needs of those the Lord sends to them.

I wish to thank those Christians who meet the material needs of their priests, some provide food, others clothing, some give their time or money itself. These provisions make the work of the priests easier since all they worry about is the preaching of the word.

As you return home today, I give you some homework. First, go and behave like Amos. Don't give up the mission God has given you in this life.

Second: always be conscious that God has chosen you to be a Christian in this world practice your faith by following Jesus always.

Third, Jesus has given you his authority over evil just as he gave to his apostles. Do not be afraid. We must never lose the vision of who we are and the mission that God has given us to do. If you want to be a Christian, you must constantly be conscious of being one.

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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 : 83.00 SO (June) : £ 1712.36 Non-Gift Aid: (SO)£538.09 + £192.73

Total : 2526.18

*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 :** 134

### Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

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**Confessions:** By appointment

only

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. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

### Mass Intentions

### Prayer for the vision of the Archdiocese

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the spirit of joy, to lift me, the spirit of hope to inspire me, the spirit of love to surround me and the spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

**Baptism Course:** families with children to be baptised are asked to attend series of preparation talks. The first session starts on Monday 12th July at 6:00pm in the parish hall. If you intend to attend these sessions, you must keep to the time: (six is six not five past six). Late comers will have the booking of baptism deferred.

**FHC & Confirmation preparation classes:** This announcement goes to the parents whose children studying in non-Catholic schools and have reached the age of receiving FHC and Confirmation please contact me or the sisters so that we can arrange catechism classes for them.

**Courses offered by Maryvale Institute.** It is exciting to be able to launch its first 'summer school' programme, which will run during the last two weeks of July! The four courses are – Introduction to Latin and Evangelisation & Family Vocation (Week 1), with Introduction to Ancient Greek and Environment Matters! (Week 2). To fit with busy schedules, each course lasts a week but is based around a 2 hour morning lecture and interactive session, followed by work throughout the day with a specifically designed workbook in students' own time and at their own pace.

The workbook will contain a variety of activities, reading, further practice in the language skills, reflection, and prayer opportunities and will lead into a further 1 ½ hour tutorial and Q&A session, with a chance to chat to fellow at students, later in the afternoon/early evening. Details of each course can be found at <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/summer-school-21.html> Each week-long course (together with all lectures, tutorials, workbook, and other materials) costs only £99. Students who complete the workbook and submit this for marking/review will be provided with a Certificate of Completion from Maryvale.

**Feast of St. Benedict**– Patron St. of our Parish. St. Benedict was a religious reformer who lived in Italy in the late 400s and early 500s. He is known as the “father of Western monasticism,” having established a Rule that would become the norm for innumerable Christian monks and nuns. He died of fever on 21st March 547 AD. He is the patron saint of Europe.



**Prayer of St. Benedict** - Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

**First Holy Communion:** I wish to congratulate the children of our parish community who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. It was a great day indeed for them and for their families. Make your home in Jesus Christ as he has made his in you.

**Act now to stop abortion** up to birth being introduced to England and Wales on Monday. An extreme amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will introduce **abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion)** to England and Wales on Monday tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP. Sex-selective abortion predominantly impacts baby girls, fundamentally undermining all steps that have been taken to ensure equality between both sexes. To ensure that women are treated as being of equal value to men in the UK, it is not good to permit sex-selective abortion to take place up to birth in any part of the UK. The proposed law change is radically out of step with the opinions of women on abortion, 91% of women agree that gender-selective abortion should be explicitly banned by the law. Please contact your MP not to vote in favour of that bill if you can.