

## MASSES 6th to 13th June 2021

Sun	06	9.30am	Jarek , Sandra Mapuranga (B' day) D. Almeida (Thanksgiving), Lucyna Skrabucha (RIP)
		11.30am	Sr. Umilde Italia (RIP), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP)
Mon	07	9.30am	Ellen Hull , Sr. Stella Paulraj (RIP)
Tues	08	9.30am	Caolan Conconon (Spl int), Jim& Phil Dunleavy (RIP)
Wed	09	9.30am	Bob Skelly (B' day remembrance )
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Martin Maddock (RIP), SSA
		10.15am	Funeral service - Francis John O'Toole
Fri	11	9.30am	Nursing Students (Thanksgiving), Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)
Sat	12	9.30am	Sr. Jascinta Putti (RIP), Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)
Sun	13	9.30am	Vincent Rodrigues (RIP),
		11.30am	Kathleen Spalding (Anni), Lolo Josephine Onye (RIP) Terry Kimani & family (Thanksgiving) Ekobe Maurice Charles (RIP)

### Lectors

06/06/2021

9.30am Helena, Creshel (R)  
11.30am Perpetua, Julie (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.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Bridget Bernadette Murphy, John Peter Dunnion, Danny Dorrian, Alec John Garner , John Crone , John Flanagan, Andrew Mooney, Theresa & Andrew Meehan, Doreen Meehan, Mary Moron,.

**Dates for your Diary:** Confirmation on 30th June at 6.00pm and First Holy Communion on 10th July at 10.30am at St. Mary and Benedict's church.

**Feasts during the week:** 9th June—Memorial of St. Columba, Abbot, was one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland'; 11th June— Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 12th June— Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary..

### **Thought for the week:**

*Watch your thoughts, For they become words.  
Watch your words , for they become actions.  
Watch your actions, for they become habits.  
watch your habits, for they become your character.*



**Popes intention for the month of June:** *The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray ofr young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

## **Parish Newsletter Corpus Christi Sunday - 6th to 13th June 2021**

### PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY

I am delighted to welcome you back to church, as the pandemic restrictions are easing, if you have recently returned. With all the hardships we have endured over the last year, we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other.

Even though our church buildings haven't been fully open, the communal life of our Church has continued. I have seen wonderful work from so many people across the Archdiocese. People have continued to witness - stepping forward to support foodbanks, or to make PPE, helping to keep our churches open by becoming stewards or simply checking their neighbours' wellbeing. In such difficult times you have risen to the challenge, sacrificing your time and energy to serve others.

We are now making a fresh beginning in a very different setting. Following Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we build-up the Body of Christ. The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role our churches play in society. We now have a fresh opportunity to make sure the Gospel is heard and seen through the example of our daily Christian lives.

I invite you today to reflect on what we have learned about our faith during this time. For my part, I have very much missed being able to visit you in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. At the same time, it has been a blessing to spend the whole liturgical year as part of the Cathedral community at St Chad's and to keep in touch through the live-streaming service.

I wonder what you may have learned about yourself and your faith in the past year? What has fanned the flames of your faith? What will you do differently in future?

The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese – being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God. How are we to unfold God's plan for our Church?

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

Pope Francis has recently announced that every diocese will be asked to consult the People of God in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. That consultation is due to begin in October this year. Over the coming weeks, we want to begin a dialogue with you about how we fulfil our diocesan vision, and how each one of us can use the charisms given to us through baptism to play our part.

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

**Evangelisation** – Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

**Formation** - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

**Liturgy and Worship** - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

**Social Outreach** - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

We have all had to review our plans because of the pandemic, and now I am inviting you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our diocesan mission. Where is the mustard seed that the Lord is asking us to plant for him? Can it take root and flourish in one of these four areas of growth?

These are the actions that I shall be taking: *Continued to page 3*

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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 :123.00 SO (Apr) : £ Non-Gift Aid: 247.75 Total : 370.75**

*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:

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**Confessions:** By appointment only

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing.**

**I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins.. I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body and mind, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing in all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.**



### 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

**Pastoral Letter Continued.....:** I will ensure that priests, deacons, Religious and parishioners are supported to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God.

I will put the structures of the archdiocese at the service of our mission. This will begin with a re-arrangement of our deaneries, enabling us to begin a dialogue about how our parish structures can change so as to create or enhance vibrant parish communities.

I will put young people and families at the centre of our diocesan planning. Working with and through our wonderful Catholic schools, we will listen to them and actively encourage and support them to use their talents in the life of the Church and thus build even stronger relationships between our schools and parishes.

In two weeks' time some leaflets will be distributed at Mass and you will be able to find a new dedicated space on our diocesan website about the vision, together with more details of the diocesan plan to deliver it. In July I will be inviting parishes to participate in a summer event, supported by the Archdiocese's Evangelisation group, to extend a hand of welcome to their local communities.

Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

I will be praying about all that lies before us as we continue this pilgrimage of faith. I invite you to pray the vision prayer with me and to make a pledge: to pray for our Archdiocese, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to make our faith fruitful in good works."

**Today we celebrate** the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.



At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church.

**The Month of June** is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

**New Chair of Safeguarding Agency:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have appointed the former Chief Crown Prosecutor in the Rochdale grooming gang cases as the Chair of their new safeguarding agency. The appointment of Nazir Afzal as the Chair of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) was formally announced at an online press conference on the morning of Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

**Community Sponsorship event:** the government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14 June at 6:00pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider. Find out how you can get involved and hear from refugees and parishes about its transformative impact. To register visit: [www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events](http://www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events)

The **Global Rosary Relay for Priests** begins at the stroke of midnight on June 11, 2021, when we encircle the world in prayer once again, in this its eleventh year, with more prayer locations than ever taking part in what is now recognised as a truly significant and powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognise and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. Let us pray for all the priests of our Diocese, to be a witness to the love of Christ.