

MASSES— 10th to 17th Apr 22

Sun	10	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	11	10.00am	Requiem Mass - Maisie Evelyn Burke
Tues	12	9.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Good health) Mapuranga family (Thanksgiving)
Wed	13	9.00am	Clare McAndrew (Spl int), Dale Kenney (Spl int)
Thurs	14	7.00pm	Lord's Supper
Fri	15	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of Lord's Passion
Sat	16	8.30pm	People of the parish
Sun	17	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

10/04/2022

9.30am Godfrey, Filomena (R)

11.30am Emmanuel, Clare (R)

17/04/2022

Preethika , Cath Slater (R)

Clare, Maame (R)

Lectors for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday : Sharon , Preethi

Good Friday : Honorine, Elizabeth H. (Passion of the Lord)

Easter Vigil: Patricia K., Perpetua Sam, Alister, Helena A., Anthonia A..

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Benny & Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McCaffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi

Anniversaries during the week: Mr & Mrs Shaughnessy, Mr & Mrs Strevens, Winifred Mooney, John Anthony Whiting (baby) Anne Crawley, Cormac Doyle, Mary Hogan, Jack Connors, Eddie McEleney, C. Glennon, Michael Murphy, Celia Masterson , Tom & Eileen Fitzsimons, Annie Sheehan, Theresa Jackie Sheehan, Catherine Hearty, Neil Furey, Reginald Maggs, Georgina Martin, Jeremiah Hoban, Grace Maguire , Sheila Mary Guinness, Feichin Patrick Fagan .

Palm Sunday

'It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matters which waste away and delight the eye only for a few hours. No, we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace...'for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.' St. Andrew of Crete.

Father, purify our hearts and minds as we celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son. May we enter more deeply into the mystery of your great love for us and be drawn closer to you and to one another.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter— Palm Sunday—10th to 17th Apr 2022

"WE HAVE NO SECRETS"

Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa to India where he had spent 21 years fighting for the rights of the Indian people. In 1915, when he arrived in India, he noticed that what he was fighting against in South Africa was exactly what was taking place at home. On the first Congress he was called upon to address, it was attended by the oppressor and by the oppressed. His first words were: *"WE HAVE NO SECRETS"* meaning that whatever he was going to say was the plain truth, there was no hidden agenda, malicious intention or search for personal gain.



As we enter Holy Week, the Christian people who celebrate these days do exactly what Mahatma Gandhi said *"we have no secrets"*. The Christians tell their story about Jesus Christ in the next two weeks not with the intention to blackmail anyone or to make their position about him sound more acceptable. The first Christians had no plan to convert anyone. All that they presented is what had happened to the man they had loved and who many of them had thought was their only hope (Lk. 24:21).

Christianity speaks about the victory of Jesus but in equal measure it does not hide the weaknesses and failures of those who could have been hailed as reliable friends. In the first place while Jesus agonised in the garden of Gethsemane, his disciples were fully asleep. Once he was arrested all of them run away in fear. Two of them followed him until the High priest compound only to discover that the man who had vowed to lay down his life defending him, was so timid to the degree of denying him three times! Throughout that night there was no communication between the disciples and their master. They did not re-group to fight back to free him. He was left to his fate.

The trial of Jesus produced no supporting witnesses or evidence instead it sounded as if every person was fed up with him. It seemed as if those who had welcomed him as the liberating son of David into Jerusalem were the same people that filled the Roman Governor's compound demanding the freedom of the brigand Barabbas in the place of Jesus. That is what fear creates in us that we fail to stand for the truth even when we know it.

Jesus carried the cross alone through the streets of the city. As a condemned man any passer-by could treat him the way he wished; for example he would spit on him, slap him, beat him or mock him. This is what happened. An immigrant Simon from Cyrene and a woman named Veronica were the only help he received. When you decide to do something good, don't fear what others will say.

At the place of crucifixion Jesus body on the cross is raised in full view of every one. Do you remember the reason for the serpent Moses raised in the desert? It was to bring healing to those beaten by the serpents. The Cross of Jesus does the same thing it brings healing to everyone who believes in the crucified and risen Lord, the cross is not our scandal but our victory. We have no secrets. As you return home today, reflect on the cross Jesus has shared with you in this life, go and take it up and follow him it is in that cross that God has placed your victory and glory.



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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 : £ 152.00 SO (Mar) : £2258.56 Non-Gift Aid: 521.08 Total: £2931.64

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

Readings: Is. 50:4-7; Phi. 2:6-11; Lk. 22:14-23:56

2nd Collection : Good Friday—Holy places

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance :

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10 –11.00am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAMME - April -2022

Mon	11th	9.30am	Mass
Tue	12th	9.30am	Mass
Wed	13th	9.00am	Mass
Thur	14th	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	15th	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		3.30pm	Celebration of the Passion of our Lord.
Sat	16th	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	17th	9.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Mon	18th	10.00am	Easter Monday Mass- St. Osburgs
Sun	24th	2:00pm	Divine Mercy prayers.
		3.45pm	Holy Mass

Good Friday collections will be sent to the Holy places

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Confessions: I'm glad for the number of people who have sought the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time. Easter is the only mandatory time that the Catholic Catechism urges us to go to Confession and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Throughout the Deanery Confessions have been taking place. Please try to inquire which parish has not had its service yet and go there. Confession reveals the holiness of the person. Please don't miss it.

Palm Sunday is celebrated today April 10, 2022. In the Christian tradition, the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our liturgy will begin in the car park with a blessing of palms, and process to the church commemorating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday-observed in commemoration of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Our service will begin at 7.00pm with the celebration of the Holy Mass. Eucharistic ministers will renew their ministry at that Mass.

Good Friday- liturgy recalls the last three hours of Jesus. It consists of the reading of the Gospel Passion narrative, the adoration of the cross, and Communion. We begin our service 3.00pm with the Way of the cross. There is a mandatory collection which is sent to the Holy Land to support the dwindling number of Christians who still live there under very difficult circumstances. The Archbishop has written to parish priests reminding them of this. Let us support our fellow Christians in the Holy Places who have no means of making a living except from fellow Christians in other parts of the world.

Easter celebration:

Coventry Pioneer Association: There will be a meeting on Monday 11th April at 2pm in the Meeting Room at Christ the King . Pioneers are asked to attend.

Hednesford Pilgrimage Returns in July. On Sunday 3 July, for the first time since 2019, we are able to invite people from all over the Archdiocese to join us for the Annual Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, hosted at the Diocesan shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford near Cannock in Staffordshire. Join the pilgrimage for Confessions, Private Devotions in the Grotto and Mass with Anointing. A barbecue and refreshments will also be available. We are delighted to have Bishop David Evans as the main celebrant for the first time. Come and join us!

Pru Porretta (Lady Godiva) will have a special service of thanksgiving to celebrate 40 years of service as Coventry's official Lady Godiva and the work that has grown since 1982. The service will take place at Coventry Cathedral on Tuesday April 26th 2022 at 3:00 pm, with everyone seated by 2:45 please. She is delighted to invite everyone to join together now restrictions have eased and very much look forward to seeing you if you can attend.

Death announcements: I regret to announce the death of Catherine Mary Muldoon who lived on Northfield Road who died on 29th March 2022. She was a very devout woman who never missed Sunday Mass, whichever the circumstances. Cath's funeral Mass will take place on 20th April at 10.00am at St. Mary's Church Coventry.

A Grotto of our Lady has been set up behind the presbytery sponsored by Benny Almeida and family. It can be seen through the sacristy window or through the presbytery. I thank Mr. Tony Smith who donated the statue of Our Lady and the parish Sisters who executed the idea.

We wish you all a Blessed Holy Week

