

MASSES 10th to 17th Oct 2021

Sun	10	9.30am	Nora Healy (RIP), All departed souls
		11.30am	Nathalie (B'day), Alwin Wamala (Spl int)
Mon	11	12.00noon	Peter Walsh (RIP)
Tues	12	9.30am	Kaylen D'Souza (1st B'day)
Wed	13	9.30am	Leena Lobo (B'day)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Sr. Clotilde (RIP)
Fri	15	9.30am	Holy souls
Sat	16	9.30am	E. Fernandes (Thanksgiving), Alex D'Costa (RIP)
Sun	17	9.30am	Almeida family (Thanksgiving), Peter Miranda (RIP) Jimmy, Cissie, Fitzgerald (Anni), Roque Xavier & Espenanca Ameida (RIP)
		11.30am	Mass for a deceased person, Taylor family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors

10/10/2021

9.30am Filomena. Anthonia O. (R)
11.30am Scalet, Kissanet (R)

17/10/2021

Desma, Clinton (R)
Mary, Valarie (R)

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

Anniversaries during the week : Seamus Gannon, Maureen Bridget Delargy, Margaret Flek, Nora Edwards, David Doran, Elizabeth Villiers, Catherine McKeon, Michael McKeon, Roger Kockelberg, Christopher Doyle, Victor Pickett, James Delaney, Jim Hogan, Patrick Benson, Nicki Cherry, Hanorah Royal, John Doyle, Eileen Teynan, James Crawford, Dolly Rixon, James Flynn, Agnes Kathleen Molloy

Sacrament of Confirmation : Children of St. Mary & Benedict's School and Parish will be confirmed by Bishop William Kenney on 9th November 2021 at 6.00pm in our church.

To Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter- 28th Sunday in ordinary time - 10th to 17th October 2021

BEWARE OF BEING POSSESSED BY WHAT YOU OWN.

No matter how many times I read this gospel, I feel sorry for the rich young man, he meant well his only trouble was that his money meant much more to him than anything else. He is the only person in the gospels who refused to follow Christ. His refusal is understandable. If you or I had such amount of wealth we would possibly find it hard to give it up too. Mark tells us that this was a very good young man who wants to follow Jesus and who has been deeply faithful to the teachings of God in his Jewish faith. He is a living saint. Jesus too appreciated his effort. But he had one problem, namely what he owned, his wealth, possessed him. When Jesus told him to give up all his wealth and follow him, he went away.

The teaching for us is deep, riches can become true obstacles in our Christian life when we use them or pursue them no matter what! Look around how many millionaires do we have at our Sunday Mass? But we have so many baptised millionaires in our city. I understand that if someone works on Sunday or on Christmas, Good Friday or Easter, the wages are much higher than ordinary days, but these are also the most important days in our Christian calendar. It can be a real temptation to target those days instead of planning to go to church. You see the lure of the good pay on those days takes someone away from God.

The first reading has talked about wisdom. As you know, wisdom is one of the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, cleverness or intelligence are not. The difference is that while people have used their intelligence to do horrible things, a wise person will choose to do something because that is what ought to be done even if he does not have personal benefit. To choose Christ above everything else reveals one's wisdom since there is nothing that we can compare with him, sceptres, thrones gold or silver.

We may have little or nothing in this world, but if we have Christ we have all we need because in him we have life that cannot be taken away from us. In Christ we have life that cannot be provided by any material wealth.

There are important lessons to learn from today's readings. First, we might have a weak spot unknown to us. Only the wisdom of God can help us illuminate this. Second, at times, it seems to us that we have done "all things well." Unfortunately, pride and love of this world makes it difficult for us to see the true reality of our lives. Third, we must not allow material wealth to become an obstacle between us and eternal life. Today, Christ teaches us that attachment to wealth is the easiest way to forsake God. This is because, attachment to wealth and this world, over burdens and alienates one's soul. It makes our spiritual journey very heavy, difficult, and almost impossible. Finally, to be truly wise in our dealings with the wealth of this world, we must seek the wisdom and understanding that comes from God. With the psalmist, let us humbly say to God, the true wisdom: "Fill us with your love, that we may rejoice.

As you return home today I ask you to go and think about how hard it can be to get to heaven unless we really try our best to squeeze through. Jesus has compared it to the camel passing through the eye of the needle. To make us know that it is not simple or easy to follow Christ.

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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 () : £ Non-Gift Aid: 275.80 Total: £398.80

Thank you for your generous contribution May God Bless you.

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball : No.

Mass Attendance : 315

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice : Fri- 7.30pm

Church cleaning:

Confessions: By appointment only

Catechetical bottom line:

Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God who became man.

What is the Incarnation?

The Incarnation means that the Son of God became man.

What is the Redemption?

The Redemption means that Jesus Christ offered his sufferings and death as a sacrifice to make up for the sins of all humanity.

What is the Immaculate Conception? What does it mean?

The Immaculate Conception was the special privilege granted by God to the Blessed Virgin Mary whereby she was free from original sin from the first moment of her life.

What is the Assumption?

The Assumption is the taking up into heaven of the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass Intentions

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.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

The Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) Course: The 2 year Certificate in Relationship Counselling course will start in Spring 2022 and will be delivered via a programme of face to face and online training weekends. This training opportunity has been made possible in thanks to the generous support of the Diocese of Westminster Cardinal's Lenten Appeal Fund and the voluntary commitment of Marriage Care's training team and Centre members. Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the course itself, if selected there is a non-refundable deposit of £150 to secure your place and we invite trainees to set up a monthly donation (suggested amount of £40) for the first 12 months - towards costs of accommodation and meals at training weekends.

For more information visit our webpage: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

Annual intercultural Mass and social gathering will take place on Saturday 16th October 12.30pm St Osburgs church to celebrate Coventry as a City of Culture.

Put on mask when you come to church: although the government has changed the law concerning the wearing of masks, I wish to say that fighting this disease will need our Christian attitude

Catechism for FHC- Children studying in non Catholic schools and are preparing to receive First Holy Communion the preparation classes will be on every Saturday at 12.00noon & Confirmation classes on every Friday at 5.00pm in the parish hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions will take place on every second Tuesday at 6.00pm in the parish hall.

Marriage preparation: meeting is on Tuesday 12th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. If you are planning to get married you are welcome.

Pope Francis on environment: met alongside other religious leaders and scientists from around the world in the Vatican on Monday, to take a common stand for the protection of the environment, ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference scheduled for 1 – 12 November in Glasgow, Scotland.

Prisons Week will be marked from Sunday 10th – 16 October 2021 to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime. Let us join together to pray for all people that are affected or concerned in this ministry.

Death announcement: I regret to announce the death of Peggy Hyland a member of our parish who was called to her eternal reward in the early hours of Thursday 7th October. She will be remembered as a woman who did not miss daily Mass and as one who polished the sacred vessels and mounted the flower vases over the years.

October a month of Mary and month of the Rosary please do not forget to say your rosary as a family.

'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' is due its Second Reading in the House of Lords with full debate on Friday 22 October. Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for its defeat. The letter encourages Catholics and people who have respect for the right to life to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly to explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. Please pray that this bill is defeated.