			MASSES— 10th to 17th Sept .2023
Sun	10	9.30am	Clarence Harrison (RIP), Anthonia & Sam (Thanksgivng)
			Eucharia Ukaeru (Spl int)
		11.30am	Leo Dunnion (Ann.) Mama Helen Forbia (RIP)
Mon	11	12.00noon	Felipe DaCosta & deceased members (RIP), James Hogan (RIP)
Tues	12	9.30am	Sisters of St. Ann (Thanksgiving)
Wed	13	9.30am	William Anderson (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.30am	Sr. Daria Lewis (RIP)
Fri	15	9.30am	Sr. Pulcheria Toppo (RIP)
Sat	16	9.30am	Roman Szurala (RIP)
Sun	17	9.00am	Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day)
	Ĺ	11.00am	Mary Morgan (Thanksgivng), Mama Helen Forbia (RIP)
			<u>Lectors</u>
		<u>10/09/20</u>	<u>17/09/2023</u>
9.30a	am	Cosmos, (Crashel (R) Sr. Leera, Desma (R)
11.30a	am	Emmanuel	la, Attracta (R Kenneth, Honorine A. (R)
			Eucharistic Ministers
		10 <u>/09/2</u>	<u>17/09/2023</u>
9.30a	am	Felix (1	E) Sophie (E)
11.30	am	Patricia	(E) Serso (E)

<u>The sick of the Parish:</u> Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

<u>Anniversaries during the week</u> Winifred Kathleen Ward, Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O'Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Catherine Bradley, Patrick Joseph Treacy, Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly,

<u>**Pope's intention for September:**</u> (For people living on the margin) we pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked and never considered of lesser importance.

Contact at new parish: Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, Our Lady of Angels Parish, Coton Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 5UA. Tel 02476382139, Mobile 07906124756.

To Reflect of	n		
God	hears what i	is not spoken	
and ı	ınderstands	what is not explained,	
for H	lis Love does	sn't work on the lips	
or in	the mind bu	it in the Heart.	
Не	Sees	US	
Не	Loves	US	
Не	Hears	us	



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Parish Newsletter -23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th to 17th Sept 2023

HOLY MASS TAKES PLACE BETWEEN '(

As we look forward to receive a new parish priest, I'm sure that you are tuned to carry on the good work you are doing, and the services you are rendering, especially during this time. You have been under strict training for the last 16 years. As your trainer, I can certify that, with or without a resident priest, you can function as a parish until a new one comes. Please pray for this intention.

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Allow me to say something about those two punctuation mark symbols; they are called brackets. They are used to set apart certain words or sentences, to insert explanation, correction, clarification or comments in a written document. They indicate added extra information in the text that was not in the original story. They make the story clearer, by showing the connection between things. They are used in pairs (), one opens, the other closes. A single bracket has no meaning.

The events that take place in our life throughout the week, make our life story. The time we spend together for the Sunday Mass, takes place between two brackets. The opening bracket starts with the assembled faithful making the Sign of the Cross to start the Mass. The closing bracket is the Sign of the Cross imparted by the priest in form of the final blessing. Whatever is done between these two brackets, is done in the name of God, for the worship of God, in thanksgiving to God and for the sanctification of our lives. It is important to be present at the opening bracket and at the closing bracket of this action.

There are some parishioners who are perpetually outside the brackets. They never come to Holy Mass as the bracket opens, yet they report to work early. Beside, they will never leave until their time to sign out comes! Just as one bracket has no meaning, so is some-one who makes it a habit to go to Holy Mass when it has already started. If someone goes to Mass when the first bracket has opened, does he know the intention for which the Mass is offered? Has he joined with others to ask for God's mercy in the *Kyrie eleison*? Has he praised God with others in the Glory to God in the highest? Has he listened to God's message in the readings or professed the faith with us in the *I believe in God...*? One bracket, is not good.

Jesus spoke about the danger of reporting late, in the parable of 10 bridesmaids who went to meet the bridegroom (Matt.25:1-12) Putting aside all other events that surround the story: (delayed bridegroom, falling drowsy, lamps going out), the bridegroom did not admit five of them because they were late! "*I do not know where you come from....*" he said. Make it a habit to be punctual in everything that you do. Become more fervent in your commitment to the faith, in your love for your family, and the parish. In the present situation, as we wait for the new parish priest to be named, keep on doing your duty fervently. In my parish program and in training you, I never had lessons that encouraged you to work outside the two brackets. Never make your Sunday worship to be punctuated by one bracket. Holy Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross and it concludes with the Sign of the Cross in form of a blessing. Do your best to be inside those two brackets.

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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

 10/09/23: Gift Aid : 318.10 Dona: £200.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 548.67 Total: £ 1066.77

 SO (Aug.) : £ 1856 . May God bless you all.

 Apostles of Jesus— £566.77

 Readings:
 Ezekiel: 33:7-9 Rom. 1:8-10 Mt. 18: 15-20

 2nd collection :
 10/09/23 - Thanksgiving day

 Bonus Ball:
 Mass Attendance :
 332

 Choir practice :
 Fri- 7.30pm
 Confessions:
 Saturday- 10.10-11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

14th September—Exaltation of the cross

In union with the whole Church we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The cross is central to our faith as followers of Jesus. It is through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that that we are saved and forgiven. It is through his suffering, death and on the cross and his rising to new life that we ourselves are given the gift and promise of everlasting life. There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday; there is no Resurrection without Jesus dying on the cross. This wonderful feast is not meant to glorify or celebrate suffering or pain. However, at that the heart cross is the positive, a fullness of life and love so profound that no darkness can overcome or defeat it.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Education Sunday: Education Sunday is marked this year today 10th September - just few days after the new academic year started. The theme for 2023 is "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." Matthew 18:20. Please remember the children in our schools and their teachers in your prayers. Make the teachers' work easy by encouraging your children to love education.

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day: is on Sunday 17th Sept. 2023. The change of Mass times for the day are : <u>9.00am and 11.00am</u>. The main Holy Mass will be at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish hall & gardens. Please come with your family to share a meal of thanksgiving to God. The final meeting in preparation for the day will be on 10th Sept. soon after the 11.30am Mass.

If you have items to be delivered for thanksgiving day at the church please do so. Please contact calling 02476258901

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

<u>The Diocesan Education Service</u> wants to recruit a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service *www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies* and the Archdiocese *www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk* websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

<u>The Coventry Catholic Young Adults Group</u> (18-35 years of age) meet every month to enjoy a social time, a discussion, and short time of prayer. You are invited! For further details please visit: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3c2chsc7</u>. We meet 7-9pm in the priests house, next door to Christ the King Church, CV6 2AA. To find out more call or send a WhatsApp message to Fr Benedict: 07475741434, Or send him an email: fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk

<u>Baptisms</u>: Parents with children to be baptised are requested to enrol their names for Baptism classes. Please contact Sr. Leera for more information.

<u>Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes</u>: Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes have begun. Please attend the classes without fail.

<u>Monday club</u> resumes tomorrow on 11th September with Eucharistic celebration at 12.00noon.

<u>RCIA</u>: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the first initial meeting will be on Friday 15th September at 5.00pm at St. Osburgh Church. If you are an adult from 10 years and above who has not been baptised or who was baptised in other churches but you would like to be received into the catholic church, you are warmly welcome. For more information contact the sisters.

<u>Feasts during the week:</u> 12th Sept - The name of the Most Blessed Mary; 13th Sept. - St. John Chrysostom; 14th Sept. - Exhaltation of the Cross; Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us ask for their intercession.