

MASSES— 10th to 17th Sept .2023

Sun 10 9.30am Clarence Harrison (RIP), Anthonia & Sam (Thanksgiving)
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)
11.00am Mary Morgan (Thanksgiving), Mama Helen Forbia (RIP)

Lectors

10/09/2023

17/09/2023

9.30am Cosmos, Crashel (R) Sr. Leera, Desma (R)
11.30am Emmanuela, Attracta (R) Kenneth, Honorine A. (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

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9.30am Felix (E) Sophie (E)
11.30am Patricia (E) Serso (E)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, 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.

Anniversaries during the week 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,

Pope's intention for September: (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.

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To Reflect on...

***God hears what is not spoken
and understands what is not explained,
for His Love doesn't work on the lips
or in the mind but in the Heart.***

***He Sees us
He Loves us
He Hears us***



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

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.

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 someone 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.

