

MASSES— 11th to 18th June 23



Sun	11	9.30am	Felipe DaCosta (RIP)
		11.30am	Daberechukwu Ignacy Kamebi (7th B'day)
Mon	12	12.00noon	Fr. Jimmy (Spl int)
Tues	13	9.30am	People of the parish
Wed	14	9.30am	People of the parish
Thurs	15	9.30am	People of the parish
Fri	16	9.30am	Laetitia & family (Spl int),
Sat	17	9.30am	People of the parish
Sun	18	9.30am	Jean Lobo (B'day)
		11.30am	Kenneth & Attracta Kamebi (12th Wed Anni) Esteban Galban (6th Anni)

Lectors

11/06/2023

18/06/2023

9.30am	Cosmos, Filomena (R)	Emmanuella, Elena (R)
11.30am	Precious, Elena (R)	Blessing, Karen (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

04/06/2023

11/06/2023

9.30am	Betty O. (E)	Cath Slatter (E)
11.30am	Lilian (E)	Florence K. (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 Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

Anniversaries during the week: Mary Elizabeth Hand, Maureen Jones, Jack Dunne, Michael John Skelly, Michael Joseph Connors, John Tolan, Katie McHugh.

Pope's intention for June: For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Reflect on...

Many years ago, at a hospital, there was a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. He hesitated for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, 'Yes I'll do it if it will save her.' As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as all did, seeing the colour returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked in fear, 'Will I start to die right away'. Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. He said No child. You have saved and gave a new life to your sister.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – Corpus Christi — 11th to 18th June 2023

THIS IS THE ONLY SACRAMENT THAT PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE:



From the beginning of Christianity the followers of Jesus were persecuted, although they had done nothing wrong. As a matter of fact, Christians were the most submissive and respectful people towards the emperor. They believed that the authority exercised by political leaders namely the emperor and his governors, was given by God himself. Therefore, to obey them was a sign of obedience to God. But as a matter of fact, there is no group of people that were consistently persecuted like the Christians. We know that from the year 64AD to the year 317AD, Christians were persecuted throughout the Roman Empire for one reason or the other. No single reason united their persecutors than what we celebrate today the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The early Christians went to the temple and continued to observe some Mosaic traditions, however, they used to assemble in their private houses for the breaking of bread in obedience to Jesus who commanded them to do it in memory of him. At such assemblies, bread was blessed, broken and shared by all present. A cup with the fruit of the vine was blessed too, and shared by all present. By doing so, they were participating in the Lords supper. They were “eating and drinking the blood of the Lord”, who at the Last Supper, had decreed that the bread had become his body, and the wine had become his blood.

The ignorance of the pagans concerning the meaning and interpretation of Christian celebrations, led them to accuse them of introducing cannibalism. ‘We know that this group of people go to the temple like all other Jews, but later, they gather in their private homes to eat the body and to drink the blood of someone called Jesus’. This accusation united the whole empire in earnest persecution of Christians including their sympathisers. This is what ignorance does!

In our own time, it is not difficult to find Christians who are ignorant of what the Eucharist is. For some, it is a little piece of bread, for others it is something we receive because others are receiving! Yet for others, it has no meaning at all! There is yet another grave ignorance: that some Christians have no longing for it or others receive it even though they know that they are in a mortal sin. This is very dangerous not only to the persons receiving it but to the community of believers as well. St. Paul reminded the Christians of Corinth to recollect themselves before participating in the Lords supper because anyone who ate the body and drank the blood of the Lord unworthily would be eating and drinking his own condemnation (1Cor.11:27-29).

On this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus, let us deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and our love of it. This is the only sacrament that carries a promise with it: “whoever eats my body and drinks my blood, will have life and I will raise him up on the last day” (Jn 6:53-58). **I wish you all a blessed feast.**

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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

SO (May) : £ Gift Aid : 230.40 £ Non-Gift Aid: £ 523.58 Total: £ 753.98 Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Deut. 8:2-3,14-16; 1Cor. 10:16-17; Jn. 6:51-58

2nd collection : 18th June - Day for Life

Bonus Ball: No. 50— Tony Smith

Mass Attendance : 408

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri— 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday— 10.10–11.00am.

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

Gospel Reflection

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special Feast is held in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in his memory. The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us that we as Christians possess an immense treasure. Jesus himself, through the Eucharist, grants to us the most powerful experience of intimacy possible within our earthly existence. In his teaching Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." With these words Jesus offered his own life for the sins of the humanity. Every Eucharist is a unique celebration. When the celebrant takes a little piece of unleavened bread and repeats the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, "This is my body", and when he takes a small of amount of wine in a chalice and says, "This is my blood", the bread is no longer bread and the wine is no longer wine. At every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we participate in a marvelous miracle, the miracle called Transubstantiation. This is truly God's gift to us. Thus Eucharist is a gift, not just to be adored and revered, but also to be consumed, digested and lived by every Christian.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE



Month of Sacred Heart: As we enter the month of June we are reminded that this is the month devoted to the sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us place our trust in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Corpus Christi procession, : starting at St Anne's Church in Coventry at 3pm on Sunday 18th June, processing to Corpus Christi Church. First Holy Communion children are particularly invited - and they are asked to wear their Holy Communion attire and lead the procession for us. It would help if a teacher or two could come with the children. This is the first time since COVID that we are trying a deanery Corpus Christi procession, which was part of our Coventry tradition until then, so please help us make it a good restart.

Baptism preparation session : will be on 24th June at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. Parents with children to be baptised are welcome to attend the session.

DEANERY VOCATIONS MASS: This will be celebrated at St Thomas More, Coventry, at 7pm on Tues 13th June. You are welcome to come and pray for Vocations to priestly and religious life in the Church.

Evening Mass at St. Osburgh's: There will now be a Sunday evening Mass at St Osburgh's at 6.00pm. This is a Mass to serve the whole Deanery, as there has not been a Sunday evening Mass in Coventry for the last couple of years. We hope that this will be a helpful option for people. All welcome

Coventry University has entered into lease agreement with St. Mary's Parish and the archdiocese of Birmingham to lease partition the parish carpark for some years, to do its business there. A palisade fence will be erected by the University across the car park.

An evening with More: The History and Archives Commission for the Archdiocese are hosting an evening event at St Thomas More Church on Saturday 17th June at 6.00pm. The evening will include a talk entitled, 'Thomas More and English Catholics' given by Professor Bill Sheils from the University of York, and will conclude with a short concert of readings by St Thomas More and music by composers of that time. Light refreshments will also be served during the evening. Tickets priced at £12. It is important to book in advance for this event, by phoning 024 7641 1900 or emailing stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk. Please see the poster for more information.

Achieving our Vision Together: Archbishop Bernard Longley has released a video inviting you, in our parishes, clusters and deaneries to reflect together on our great gift of faith, and as with the Synodal pathway, to meet and look to our future. Archbishop Bernard asks us to look, within our parishes, clusters and deaneries, at how we can share our resources and to look at what we are called to do within: Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and worship, Social outreach. He asks us how we can more effectively follow that pattern with the mandate given to us by the Lord Himself to be the church in any given place.

Day for Life 2023: Next Sunday 18 June. This year's theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

Feasts during the week: 13th June— St. Anthony of Padua; 16th June— Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 17th June— Immaculate Heart of Mary