

MASSES 11th to 18th Oct 2020

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| Sun | 11 | 9.30am | Neil McHugh (RIP) Graham Sparks (RIP) Stancy, Dylan, Adora family (Good health) |
| | | 11.30am | Mama Magdalene Akenji , Mama Victoria Nwakaeme (RIP) Taylor Florez family (Thanksgiving) |
| Mon | 12 | 9.30am | Jane Mbugua & family (Thanksgiving for God's care) Camila & family (Thanksgiving– Feast of our Lady of the Conception Aparecida) |
| Tues | 13 | 9.30am | Judie Bagnnon (RIP) |
| Wed | 14 | 9.30am | Michael Joseph Bannon (RIP) |
| Thurs | 15 | 9.30am | Michael Ritchie (RIP) |
| Fri | 16 | 9.30am | Departed members of Dylan & Stancy Family |
| Sat | 17 | 10.00am | First Holy Communion (Polish & Parish children) |
| Sun | 18 | 9.30am | Neil McHugh (RIP) Jimmy & Cissie FitzGerald (RIP) Roque Xavier Almeida & Esperance D'Costa (Anni) |
| | | 11.30am | People of the parish |

Lectors

11/10/2020

9.30am Anthonia, Filomena (R)
11.30am Florence K., Maame (R)

18/10/2020

Neetha, Philomena (R)
Perpetua, Florence E. (R)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek , Benny MacAndrew, Patsy Lesley .

Anniversaries during the week : 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 , Eve Jones .

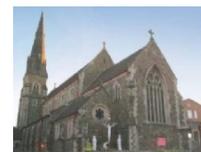
Feasts during the week : **12th Oct** - St. Wilfred, Bishop; **13th Oct**—St. Edward the Confessor; **14th Oct** - St. Callistus I, known for his mercy and understanding of sinners who repented their sins; **15th Oct** - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church , she entered the Carmelite Order and undertook the reform of the Order she contributed to the renewal of the Church and wrote outstanding works of mysticism and asceticism. Her spiritual teachings are a guide to a life of union with God. ; **16th Oct** - St. Hedwig, Religious, renowned for her care of the sick; **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of Jesuit confessor, spread this devotion throughout the world. **17th Oct** - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, he was the successor to St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch. In his letters, he expressed his great love for the Lord and His ardent desire for martyrdom.



Rediscover the beauty of the Rosary: Pope Francis invites Catholics to rediscover the beauty of the rosary prayer this month of October which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries, encouraging people to carry a rosary with them in their pockets.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter—28th Sunday in ordinary time 11th to 18th Oct 2020

THE WEDDING GARMENT:

The gospel as well as the first reading have spoken to us about the Messianic banquet God has prepared for those who love him. What a wonderful promise we are given in the first reading! *God will wipe away all tears in our eyes and take away his peoples' shame everywhere on earth.* Christians like all good people, live in a hostile world. The we have today sometimes comes from our close friends, some of them members of our families who are absolutely not interested in God or with anything to do with God. Some of us might have heard people say, 'do not bring your Christian religion to my house! Anything to do with God or with the church is enough to ruin friendship.

Jesus is calling us today to enter into a heavenly communion with him. Whenever he says the kingdom of heaven is compare to a king, is compared to a householder, is compared to a landowner; 'King', 'Householder', 'Landowner' refer to God himself. The Father has called us to Jesus the Son at his heavenly banquet. Everything is ready come but as we know many people are not interested. God, Jesus Christ, salvation, the cross sound like invented myths.

The invited guests were not interested. How many opportunities does God give to his people and they are not interested! Oh I'm taking my children to play football, you see this is the only free time I have in a week to do my own things, I'm going to work, I wake up late. The excuses people make when God calls them to the Sunday Eucharist, might not be so different from the excuses that Jesus talks about in the gospel today. However people's refusal to come to God does not take away his invitation. When the invitation is declined God gives it to other people. Go to the streets and crossroads and bring in anyone you can find. Never let the opportunity given to you be passed to someone else! Take it, make use of it and make your life better by it.

What can we say about the man who was found without a wedding garment and what is that wedding garment? It is the state of grace, God's life within us. True we are blessed to have this earthly life but it is not enough we need God in our life. It is true we have earthly food but Jesus tells us to work for the bread that gives us eternal life. The wedding garment, God's life in us, cannot be exchanged or replaced by something else other than God. **We** are not here by chance; **God** put **us** here. If we take care of that garment, God's very life in us, we shall not be turned away. There is no short cut to God, there is only ne way and that is Jesus Christ.

As you return home, I ask you to take back with you the message from the first reading. In your trials and tears remember that promise: "the Lord will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek, he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth for the Lord has said so"

Go home and think about your baptism, it made you a child of God and a member of the church, it gave you the promise of eternal life. What other dignity is greater than that? Let us move forward with our wedding garments on as we wait for the final invitation to the Lord's heavenly banquet.

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.

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The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid : £142.50 SO : £1580.90 (Sept) Non-Gift Aid: £ 288.11 Total :£2011.51

Thank you for your generous contribution during this pandemic. I'm particularly thankful to those who have set up Standing Orders with your banks which has enabled your parish church to continue receiving your support. May God Bless you.

Hall Hire: **Bonus Ball** : No. 53 Julia Hunt

Counters :

Mass Attendance for the week : 210 **2nd Collection** : 18th Oct: World Mission Sunday

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests

Divine mercy prayers

Rosa Mystica

Parish Rosary group

Choir practice

Church cleaning:

RCIA Sessions:

Catechism for FHC :

Church Cleaning:

Dates for your diary:

Confessions: by appointment only

Mass Intentions

Please 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 with minimum £5 for each Mass or request by calling Tel. 07547242375. The Masses you request will be celebrated on the day or as much close to the day as possible.

The greatest disease in the world today is not TB or leprosy but it is being unwanted, unloved or uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, hopelessness is Love. There are many in the world dying for a piece of bread, but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the world is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality.- there is a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God – **Mother Teresa**

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Test and Trace Covid 19 Poster: it is now required by Law for premises like ours where people congregate to display an NHS QR CODE POSTER to help the NHS to fight the disease. So when you come, check in by scanning the code with your mobile telephone instead of providing your contacts details manually. This will help the NHS to fight the disease. The NHS QR Code is now available at every entry point of this church. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will be celebrated on live stream Mass from Birmingham Cathedral on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), and would like to be listed in the Mass booklet please email Lianne Pap before October 18th Marriage & Family Life Co-ordinator Lianne Pap lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marked 'Marriage Mass' Celebrant Bishop David Evans.

During the Mass married couples will be invited to make the Renewal of Commitment at home. I am also encouraging couples to email wedding photos (as well as a recent photo) to compile a promotional slideshow that will be on the diocesan and Cathedral websites as well as being shared on various social media platforms. For more information please contact Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator Lianne Pap Tel **0121 360 8118 ex 166** Mobile **07814 736564** lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org

Faithful Stewardship: session is planned on Saturday 24/10/2020 from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Marys Parish Hall. It will open your eyes. Please contact Laeticia on 07971496220. Learn something new today for your money.

World Mission Sunday: Next Sunday we celebrate Mission Sunday- World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominately impoverished and remote areas overseas. The support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow. World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world.

First Holy Communion for children of the parish who attend school in non catholic schools will take place on two different dates. Polish children will receive their FHC on Saturday 17th of October at 10.00am & children from non-Catholic schools will receive on 24th Oct at 9.30am Mass. Parents please keep time as this day going to be a memorable day in the lives of your children.

Diocesan levies increased: The Archdiocese has increased the levy to be taken from St. Mary and Benedict parish by 48%. Levy are charged on the Sunday collection offered by the parishioners. In 2020 the parish paid £13,697.74, in the coming tax year 2021 the parish will be charged £20, 295.08.

Why is receiving the host at Mass called “Communion”? Catholics used the term communion when speaking about the action of receiving the Eucharistic host at Mass. But, the word is used so frequently that the real meaning is sometimes forgotten. Communion is the union with God when we receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The entire Mass is directed toward this primary goal of uniting us with God. To receive communion is to be united with God in a mysterious way that is difficult for us to fully understand in this life. Children of the parish and from the school are having their First Holy Communion during this time, please remember to pray for them.

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday** 14th November 2020 at 9:30am and 11:30am