			MASSES— 12th to 19th Feb 23	
Sun	12	9.30am	People of the parish	
		11.30am	People of the parish	
Mon	13	12.00noon	Bridie Obrien (RIP)	
Tues	14	9.30am	Eda Wood family (Spl int)	
Wed	15	9.30am	Sr. Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving)	
Thurs	16	9.30am	Frank Healy (B'day remembrance), Catherine Lutwama (RIP)	
Fri	17	9.30am	Holy souls	
Sat	18	9.30am	George Dunnion, Donna Boyle (Anni)	
			William Edwards (Thanksgiving)	
Sun	19	9.30am	Wlliam & Anna Mara (Anni)	
		11.30am	People of the parish	
			<u>Lectors</u>	

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9.30am	Cath Slater, Cosmos (R)	Anthonia A., Naomi (R)	
11.30am	Angela N., Maame (R)	Chidekke, Mary (R)	

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

10/02/2022

11.30am Frank, Patricia (E) **9.30am** Betty O. (E)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulroney, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week: Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan.

Saint of the week: Cyril and Methodius were two brothers and Byzantine Christian theologians and missionaries. For their work evangelizing the Slavs, they are known as the " Apostles to the Slavs". They are credited with devising the Glagolitic alphabet, the first alphabet used to transcribe Old Church Slavonic. After their deaths, their pupils continued their missionary work among other Slavs.

# Life is ...

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfil it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for

#### Mother Teresa









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Parish Newsletter -6th Sunday in ordinary time — 12th to 19th Feb 2023

#### COME TO TERMS WITH YOUR OPPONENT IN GOOD TIME:

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the law and commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments. The laws that we have to govern our society are not meant to take away our freedom, but to empower us to do the right thing for ourselves and for others. By keeping the commandments of God and of the Church, we are literally choosing life, but when we disobey, we are likened to someone choosing death. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that he has come to fulfil the law, not to abolish it.

Today's gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mountain, in which Jesus like the Moses of old, gives the new Law. He does not get rid of the Mosaic Law, but to complete it by giving it, its full meaning. We have heard Jesus saying time and again: "you have learnt how it was said... but I say this to you" meaning that he is giving us the full meaning of that law.

Let us reflect on a short phrase that comes from the gospel: "Come to terms with your opponent in good time." Jesus is telling us to use common sense by judging situations, because when we remain stubborn we can cause a lot of harm to ourselves and to others. Think of all the wars that have taken place, the loss of life, the destruction and sufferings they cause! How would the world be if leaders settled their disputes with negotiations instead of fighting first and then negotiate? Could we not have been in a better situation if the President of Russia had pursued peace with Ukraine instead of starting with war? How much suffering would be avoided if we were to come to terms with our opponents whether at work, in our neighbourhood or in our families instead of first starting with harsh words! There are things which we do only to regret them later, and to wish that had we done it differently, life would have been better. So, "come to terms with your opponent in good time."

Last Sunday, Jesus reminded us that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We are chosen and sent to become light for others to enable them to follow Jesus. We are ambassadors of Christ. What the world taught us to consider as values, may not necessarily be values anymore now that we are Christians. That is why Jesus tells us: "you have learned how it was said ....but I say to you". He tells us to behave appropriately: 'your virtue must go deeper than simple religiosity.'

As you return home today, let us go and live as a new people. There is no harm in walking a different or opposite direction as long as it does not cause harm to others. Let us use common sense and build bridges of peace, reconciliation and justice in good time. Yes, "Come to terms with your opponent in good time"

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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 (Jan): £ 2034.00 Gift Aid: £183.55 Non-Gift Aid: £381.63 Total: £ 565.18

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Eccl: 15: 15-20; 1Cor: 2:6-10; Mt.: 5:17-37

2nd Collection :

Bonus Ball:

Mass Attendance : 433

**Pious Devotions** 

<u>Choir practice : Fri</u> 7.30pm <u>Church cleaning</u>: 7.30am

Confessions: Saturday- 10.10

–11.00am.

<u>Divine mercy prayers</u>: Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm followed by Mass.at 7.00pm

## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament. Jesus teaches that, 'if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement and if you say, "you fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire'. For Jesus, anger is the root of murder. Angry feelings, if they're nursed and not dealt with, become hatred.

Therefore, whenever we're angry, we must acknowledge our anger, then let go if it by calling on the Lord's grace. The Holy Spirit will give us the power to fulfil his commandment to live as he did.

Lord of all grace, You came and not only taught us about the heights of holiness, but You also lived it and have bestowed upon us all we need to imitate Your every virtue. Please fill me with Your mercy and strength so that I may live a new right-eousness of the fullness of love.

**DONA CONTACTLESS:** You can now give your Sunday collection, donation, buy articles of piety etc. using your credit or debit card.

### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Ash Wednesday will be on 22nd February to start the season of Lent. It is a time of repentance penance and almsgiving. Repent and believe in the Gospel, will be the call. Ease prepare yourselves for this moment of grace.

There will be two Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when everyone over the age of 14 should abstain from meat and those between 18-60 should also fast. Church also asks to fast on Fridays during Lent. Let us come together during Lent on every Friday at 6.30pm for Stations of the Cross to reflect & meditate on the Passion & death of our Lord followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

**First Holy Communion:** the children who will receive their First Holy Communion in May are requested to meet at St. Mary's Primary School on Sunday 12th March 2023 with their parents to prepare for the Sacrament. The meeting will start at 6:00pm.

<u>Sunday School:</u> starts today at both Masses requested by some parents to help their children to learn and to understand our Catholic worship. I ask parents with little children to support this effort by taking them to the Lady's Chapel as soon as they come to Church.

Religious Christian Instruction of Adults (RCIA): sessions will take place on every Sunday after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel. If you would like to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, you are requested to let the Parish Priest know so that you can be enrolled into the program that prepares you to become a member of the Catholic Church.

<u>Baptismal preparation next</u> session will be on <u>Wednesday 15th February</u> at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. Parents with babies to be baptised are invited to attend these sessions.

<u>Divine Mercy prayers:</u> will be on Thursday 23rd of February at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel followed by Mass at 7.00pm. Please come to experience the Mercy of God.

Credo - the Maryvale Sessions Maryvale academics on radio Maria England. Tune into Radio Maria England on Mondays between 4pm and 5pm during February and March 2023. During each episode of Credo, speakers share topics of "Giving our heart to Jesus". This may be through prayer, through service or through mission. Speakers come from a variety of vocations and share how they live out the Creed through their lives. Monday 13 February's show focuses on Suffering and Forgiveness, with Dcn Dr Harry Schnitker. Radio Maria England is a Christian voice in your home, broadcasting Christian music, prayer and teaching, on digital radio (in Cambridge and London) and online.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. Led by Mgr Daniel McHugh. £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 on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Saturday 27 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023. If you would like to travel or would be interested in travelling, then please contact Kath White via email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or by phone: 0121 230 6288. If a parishioner with disability wishes to make this pilgrimage, please talk to the Parish priest Fr. Jimmy.