

### **MASSES 12th to 19th Jan 2020**

Sun	12	9.30am	Mary Mulrooney (Spl int), Griffith family (Thanksgiving) Aisosa Osagie (B'day)
		11.30am	Rose Trill (Spl int), Bridie & Eddie McGerty (RIP)
Mon	13	12.00noon	Rywhuk Mary, Jerrard McDermott (RIP)
Tues	14	9.30am	Winnie, Terry & Pat Maloney (RIP), Roddy Lumsden (Get well)
Wed	15	9.30am	Victoria Uche (B'day)
Thurs	16	9.30am	Tom Nolan & Michael Walsh (RIP)
Fri	17	9.30am	Fr. Paul Sami (Spl int)
Sat	18	9.30am	Rose & Mick (Spl int)
Sun	19	9.30am	Sandra(Spl int), Margaret Groogan (RIP) Omono Iriannan (B'day)
		11.30am	Frances Clarkson (RIP), Patrick Tanner (Thanksgiving)

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **12/01/2020**

9.30am Julia H., Antonia A.(R)  
Elizabeth P. (E)

11.30am Ashley, Florence E. (R)  
Marcel, Frank (E)

#### **19/01/2020**

Nicholas, Veronica C. (R)  
Ann M. (E)

Patricia, Vera (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Tony Groogan, Mary Mulrooney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Thi Tran, Christopher Browne.

**Anniversaries during the week :** Peter McCabe, Kathleen Kooghan, Isabel Carson, Thomas Shaughnessy, Margaret Cooke, Ethna Veronica Bannon, Isabel Read, Bridget Christine Barnes, Neil Ferry, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Daniel Lanigan, Baby Vanessa Ferkova, Linval George Morant, Thomas Michael Murtagh, Florence Maggs, William Williamson Stewart, Robert John Stevenson, Mary Jane Bohan, Angela Dun-ion.

**The sick and housebound:** I would like to ask you to help the priests to locate the sick and housebound members of this parish especially those who might need a visit from a priest. Please let us make sure that they are never left out.

**Thought for the week:** *The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire, the size of your dream and how you handle disappointment along the way.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### **Baptism of the Lord—Year A Parish Newsletter: 12th to 19th Jan 2020**

#### **THE HIDDEN LIFE OF JESUS:**

After Mary and Joseph had presented Jesus in the Temple and had him circumcised, they made a haste journey to Egypt to save his life from Herod who wanted to do away with him. We do not know exactly what happened to him there. All we know is that Jesus, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity lived in Africa. Africa not only offered him a place of safety after his birth, she was also to help him to carry his cross in the person of Simon of Cyrene (Matt. 27:32).

The Gospels do not tell us what happened to the Holy Family once they were in Egypt. Did Jesus go to school there? Did Joseph continue with his carpentry trade or he lived on benefits? How many years did the family live in Egypt before they returned to Nazareth? Well, Jesus seems to have gone lost into oblivion until when he appeared in the Jerusalem Temple listening to the teachers of the Law and asking them questions (Lk. 2: 46). It is reported that Mary his mother was not amused (Lk.2:48).

Once a child is born, s/he grows without the parents efforts to determine body size and shape but a child does not grow spiritually, intellectually or emotionally without the parents' intervention. They need to put sustained investment in these areas of their child's growth if at all they are to feel happy with them in later life. Jesus grew up following the normal process of all human beings. But there is an area in the gospels which indicate that his parents did not leave him to the Social Services of the time to bring him up. Mary and Joseph took charge of their child and brought him up in every kind of good skills for living a good life.

**He grew up in Wisdom:** Wisdom is a knowledge developed over the years applied to life in an intelligent way. People who go through life with a teachable heart will learn valuable skills for making wise decisions. Jesus had practical knowledge; for example he knew that sending the people away hungry could be catastrophic. He fed them first. The decision to live in submission to his parents gave him significant advantage to acquire wisdom.

**He grew in Favour with God and people:** We have no testimony of how Mary and Joseph brought up Jesus but their devout life must have left a deep impression on his life, later on he would even be known as the 'Son of the Carpenter.' The best way to influence a child is by giving an example, something that a child will need to observe during the course of each day. The other day while I was walking from the market I overheard some people bitterly fed up with each other that they wanted to have their children taken care of by other people (social care) due to lack of parental care! What would have become of the child Jesus if his parents Mary and Joseph took that root?

**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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**Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** 384.54 **Non-Gift Aid:** 358.53 **Total :** £743.07

**SO : Weekly/Monthly : £175.92** **Hall Hire:**

**Counters :** Vera & Phil

**Mass Attendance : 515**

**Bonus Ball :** No 32 Veronica Dunnion

**Pious Devotions**

**Prayer for priests** every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm followed by Mass

**Divine mercy prayers** every last Thursday of the month from 6 -7pm followed by Mass

**Rosa Mystica** on 13<sup>th</sup> of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

**Parish Rosary group** every Friday at 6.00pm

**Choir practice** every Friday at 7.30pm /Saturday at 3.00pm

**Church cleaning:** Saturday 8.00am to 9.30am

**Confessions :** Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

**RCIA Sessions:** Every Monday at 6.00pm

**Catechism for FHC :** Every Saturday at 11.00am

**Church Cleaning: This week Group A** Thank you for your co-operation.

**Gift Aid :** Thank you all for the contributions made through Gift Aid. As I explained in earlier Newsletters the bank takes a fee for counting the money taken to it. The Diocesan treasurer advised all Catholics in Gift Aid to pay Sunday collection through Bank Standing Order. Therefore I request the tax payers to make Standing Order instead of paying through weekly envelopes for the coming tax year 2020. For further information please contact Sr. Leera today.

**Monday club** will commence on Monday 13th January.

**Matters of Importance**

**Octave Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally observed from the 18th - 25th January. It will be kept on Sunday January 19th at 2.00pm in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral. The Service will be based on the theme of 'Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28:2), chosen by the Christians of Malta. The Sermon will be given by Revd Neil Le Tissier, Regional Baptist Minister.

**Pope Francis has appointed** Canon David Oakley as the new Bishop of Northampton. He served for 40 years as a priest of the Archdiocese including his Seven Years at Oscott College where he was Rector. Please remember him in your prayers.

**Meal for the Homeless and elderly members of the city:** on Saturday 25th January 2020, the Homeless people of our city will be offered Christmas meal in the parish hall from 12:00noon. On Sunday 26th January 2020 the elderly of our city will have a Christmas party in the hall at 1:00pm.

**From Diocesan Marriage office : You are my chosen** today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

**Catechism classes for children** who go to non catholic schools and are preparing for First Holy communion have resumed after the Christmas holidays. Kindly send your children regularly for these classes.

**Catholic Students of Coventry University:** Holy Mass on every Tuesday in the Faith and Spirituality Centre will resume from 14th January 2020 at 1:10pm.

**Sister Sabina the former Head at Corpus Christi Primary School** for many years has died. She went on to found the "Fireside Centre" for the homeless in Birmingham. Her Requiem will be in Selly Park Convent next week. Fr David Gnosill has arranged a Mass at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm.

**Canon Gerald (Gerry) Patrick Breen** who was Parish Priest of our Cathedral died on Sunday, 22nd December 2019 at Good Hope Hospital Fortified by the Rites of Holy Mother Church. Reception of his Body and Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU On Wednesday, 22nd January 2020 at 7.00pm The Funeral Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral, at 12 noon. Rest In Peace.

**Church Gallery:** I wish to remind you that children are not allowed to go to the gallery, more so are families with babies. Yes it offers a good view of the church, but it is not the best place to be found if there is an immergence to leave the church. The only people authorised to attend Mass from the gallery are the choir members. Take this directive very seriously.

**A little help:** If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, please don't automatically throw them away or just keep them without a – in November we shall be making use of them for our annual Christmas bazaar. Donate them to the priest for future use.