

**MASSES— 13th Aug to 20th Aug.2023**

Sun	13	9.30am	Frank Healy (R.I.P) Una (thanksgiving )
		11.30am	Mama Veronica Atanya (R.I.P)
Mon	14	930am	
Tues	15	9.30am	Rita Rose—(Birthday Remembrance\0
		7.00pm	John Castello — (R.I.P)
Wed	16	9.30am	Caitano Joacquim (R.I.P) Shahbaz Anjum & Monica (Thanks giving)
Thurs	17	9.30am	Kathleen Baker— (Get well )
Fri	18	9.30am	Letitia & family (Spl. Intention)
Sat	19	9.30am	
Sun	20	9.30am	Winifred Busby - (R.I.P)
		11.30am	

**Lectors**

**13/08/2023**

**20/08/2023**

9.30am James M., Marij (R)

Naomi M. Emmanuela

11.30am Rosaline Karen ((R)

Blessing, Valerie

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**13/08/2023**

**20/08/2023**

**9.30am** Sophie (E)

Betty O.

**11.30am** Lilian (E)

Frank K

**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 :** Mary Foley, Patrick Vincent Cosgrove, Elizabeth Joan Caren, Thomas Whelan, Bridget O'Loughlin. Mathew Nugent, Jenny Connors Dorothy Dewhurst,

Mary McGrath, Winifred Ivy Busby, Anthony Francis O'Doherty, Albert Hunt, Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Josephine Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson,

***To Reflect on...***

*When God looks at you, He sees His perfect expression manifested in you.*

*He has no need to see your past, or imagine your future, that which is perfect*

*Simply is, and will always be.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter –19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—13th –20th August 2023**

**FEAR SHOULD REMIND US OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

Science has not invented the techniques how to control the forces of nature. Hurricanes tornados, earthquakes, volcanos, tsunamis, droughts, fires; the list goes on, have destroyed lives just as we look on. Man's technology is nothing before these forces.

In Sacred Scriptures these forces natural as they are, also symbolise the turmoil that goes on in our relationship with God and with one another. In the first reading, Elijah had successfully proved that the God of Israel Yahweh, was the only living God. But his relationship with him seem to have gone bad. He felt so afraid. The terrifying events were meant not to destroy him but to make him realise that God was in the whole picture of what was going on.

All of us, like Elijah will have storms of life, they come to us in different forms; it might be sickness, or poverty, difficult relationships or any unresolved issues in life, yes we have these storms. Like Elijah we must remain calm when we are in such situation because when we do not let ourselves be taken away, we soon realise that God is not in evil things that threaten us. Had Elijah not first endured a mighty wind, an earthquake and fire, he may not have recognised the presence of the Lord in the gentle breeze.

In the gospel, the disciples are battling a heavy sea, confuse Jesus for a ghost, and watch Peter sinking as he tried to walk across the water. Most importantly they saw Peter stretching out his hands to Jesus as his only saviour. Jesus held him and the wind dropped.

The church of Christ will always sail in the midst of storms, there will be persecutions from within or from without, there will be divisions among believers, there will be scandals, yes, there will always be storms in the Church. Fear should remind us of God's presence. Without the storm, we do not appreciate the provider of calm. Like St. Peter we must cry to Jesus; Lord save us. When Jesus is not with us in our personal lives, in our family, in our communities or in the Church, we are bound to have storms.

The second reading calls on us be zealous for he salvation of others just as we are mindful of our own. St. Paul a Jew was so bothered that his fellow Jews had rejected Jesus Christ. This caused him mental anguish to remind us that the salvation of other people depends also on our zeal to catechise them or by giving them good example.

As you return home today, remember that we shall have difficulties of one kind or the other, but Jesus is at work watching over us. He tells us "It is I, do not be afraid" This is the assuring message of today that Jesus is with us even in the midst of our troubles.

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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 (Aug.) : £ Gift Aid :125.60 Dona: £148.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 387.60 Total: £ 661.20**

**Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you all.**

**Readings: 1Kings: 19:9, 11-3 Rom. 9:1-5; Mt. 14: 22-33**

**2nd collection :**

**Bonus Ball :**

**Mass Attendance : 333**

**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**

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:**

(18th—26th August)

O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic Barberi to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal, and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

Amen

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God—pray for us

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Job opportunity at Father Hudson's Care** for Schools and Parish Engagement Officer. You will be working as part of our Fundraising, Communication and Marketing team in developing our work with Schools and Parishes within the northern half of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Closing date: Wednesday 23 August 2023.

**Parish Family Thanksgiving Day:** will be celebrated on Sunday 17th Sept. 2023 . Holy Mass will begin at 11:00am followed by get together with our families in the parish gardens. I request you to start preparing for this moment of togetherness and thanksgiving. I ask group leaders and communities to organise as they have generously done in the past.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion Catechism classes:** Parents with children, studying in non Catholic schools, the Catechism classes will begin in September. Please enrol your child's name with Sr. Leena so that we can plan the programme.

**Annual diocesan Novena** for the canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi will begin on Friday 18 August 2023 and conclude on Saturday 26 August, which is his feast day. Let us place before the Lord this intention.

**Volunteers needed:** Ms. Faye Ng, a PhD student at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relation - Coventry University, is looking for Roman Catholic participants to take part in her study which aims to examine the impact of heart-centred contemplation on mental, physical, cognitive, and social well-being. Participants will be randomly allocated to a Christian contemplation group or a waitlist group. They will be required to take part in an 8-week Christian contemplation course using a mobile app. For details please send her an email at [nge97@uni.coventry.ac.uk](mailto:nge97@uni.coventry.ac.uk) or on 07598137034.

**The Solemnity of the Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15 August allows us to see the fulfilment of our vocation to sanctity. Mary's vocation was a unique expression of the divine intimacy we are all to share with God. Listening to Him, responding in faith and trust, and allowing ourselves to 'magnify the Lord'. Ultimately, like Mary, we too are to be with God body and soul in heaven. May the words of Elizabeth to Mary be applied to each of us, 'blessed are we who believe'. It is a Day of Obligation.

**Second Collection:** in recognition of the work done by the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in the Archdiocese, the Archbishop has permitted them to make two collections every year in the parishes they serve to support the training of their future priests. There will be second collection on the weekend of 2nd/3rd September 2023. Please support us in this noble cause of training future missionary priests. Thank you for being part of our family.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention:** "Let us pray that Catholics may place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration which transforms human relationships profoundly and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

**The Catholic Women's Association Cameroon** will have their first Coventry Branch dedication ceremony on Saturday 19th August 2023 starting with the Holy Mass at 12noon All parishioners are invited to join them to celebrate this milestone of their rededication as Catholic women.

**Date for the diary:** Altar Servers and their families are invited to join this year's annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of St Stephen. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Saturday 7 October at 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral, followed by refreshments. The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation of Altar Servers founded in England in 1904 by Father Hamilton McDonald when he formed a Society of Altar Servers at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in London.